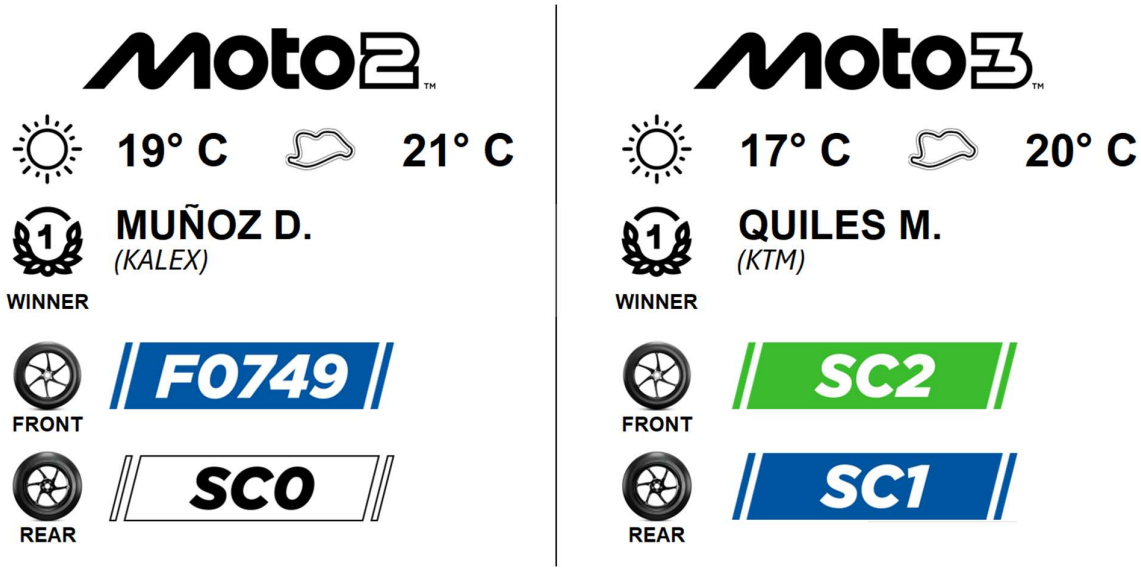
2026 Grand Prix of Portugal - Races

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PRESS RELEASE

Muñoz and Quiles win shortened, action-packed races in Portugal

Moto2™ is decided in just seven laps, with Muñoz claiming victory using Pirelli's new F0749 soft front tyre; Moto3™ is declared a wet race and shortened to 12 laps



- **Maiden Moto2™ victory for Muñoz.** The **Moto2™** race at the **2026 Portuguese Grand Prix** was red-flagged on lap eight following an incident involving Zonta van den Goorbergh, championship leader Manuel Gonzalez and Filip Salač, with the latter two unable to take part in the restart. The race was restarted for just seven laps. Lining up on pole for the restart, **Daniel Muñoz (Kalex)** claimed his first win in the class ahead of Alonso Lopez and Senna Agius, who completed an all-Kalex podium. **All riders used the standard soft SC0 rear tyre**, while **front tyre choices were split between the F0749 development specification**, used by Muñoz, and the **standard soft SC1**, chosen by the other two podium finishers. Finishing seventh, Izan Guevara reduced Gonzalez's championship lead to 4.5 points, keeping the world title battle alive ahead of the season finale in Valencia.

- **Quiles wins on slicks in a race declared wet.** Persistent overnight rain and high humidity prevented the track from drying in time for the **Moto3™** race, which started at 10:00 local time. Race Direction declared it a wet race and shortened it to 12 laps, but almost all riders still opted for slick tyres. The sole exception was Ryusei Yamanaka (KTM), who started on wet tyres front and rear. Among those on slicks, **11 riders chose the soft SC1 front and 14 the medium SC2; at the rear, 18 opted for the soft SC1 and seven the medium SC2**. **Máximo Quiles (KTM)**, who won from seventh on the grid, and runner-up Rico Salmela (KTM) both used the medium SC2 front and the soft SC1 at the rear. Third-placed Adrián Fernández (Honda), meanwhile, opted for soft SC1 tyres front and rear.

- **Shorter races, strong pace.** The seven-lap **Moto2™** race was completed in **11m 53.692s**, while the 12-lap **Moto3™** race, held on a wet track, took **22m 12.187s**.



Short but thrilling races, with slick tyres performing strongly even in the wet

"For different reasons, the Moto2™ and Moto3™ races were both significantly shorter than scheduled, yet each delivered close, exciting racing. In Moto2™, the red flag on lap eight following an incident involving Gonzalez led to a restart for just seven laps. All riders chose the soft SC0 at the rear, while both front options proved competitive: Muñoz won using the F0749 development specification, whereas the other two podium finishers opted for the standard soft SC1.
The Moto3™ race started an hour earlier than usual, at 10:00, and was shortened to 12 laps after being declared wet, with the track still very damp following rain that continued into the early hours. In these conditions, it is particularly significant that almost every rider chose slick tyres, which remained competitive throughout a fiercely contested race that went right down to the final corner. That choice underlines the wide operating window and impressive versatility of our tyres, which can deliver strong performance even on a track that is still damp.
What we saw in Moto3™ offers further evidence of our tyres' ability to adapt to very different conditions, while in Moto2™ both front tyre options proved effective and competitive.
We now head to Valencia for the final Grand Prix of the season, where the Moto2™ world title will also be decided between Gonzalez and Guevara."