



Grand Prix of Spain 2026 – Qualifying

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PRESS RELEASE

In Moto2™, a new record-breaking Pirelli supersoft option. Veijer takes pole on standard SCX

**Agius sets a new all-time lap record in Practice on Pirelli's new rear tyre.
Veijer on pole with the standard SCX. In Moto3™, first pole of the season for Quiles**

23° C **34° C**

VEIJER C.
(KALEX)
POLEMAN 1'39.101

SC1
FRONT

SCX
REAR

21° C **29° C**

QUILES M.
(KTM)
POLEMAN 1'44.070

SC2
FRONT

SC2
REAR

• **Collin Veijer (Kalex)** secured pole position for the **Moto2™** race at the **2026 Grand Prix of Spain** with a time of **1'39.101**, almost half a second faster than the lap record set by Deniz Öncü in 2025, but not enough to beat the **new all-time lap record set yesterday in Practice by Senna Agius (Kalex), in 1'38.973**. To claim pole, the Dutchman used the standard supersoft SCX rear tyre, while the Australian's record was set on the new supersoft rear tyre with the F0192 specification. Behind Veijer, Álex Escrig (Forward) landed second place, and Manuel Gonzalez (Kalex) third to complete the front row, both using the range SCX rear tyre.

• Spaniard **Máximo Quiles** on KTM was the quickest in all sessions and took his first pole of the year in **Moto3™** with a time of 1'44.070, using **medium-compound SC2 tyres on both axles**. David Muñoz qualified second and Álvaro Carpe third, making it an all-KTM front row. Unlike the poleman, Muñoz and Carpe used soft-compound SC1 rear tyres.

• **Changing weather conditions and track evolution.** The first two days were marked by unstable weather conditions. On Friday, the sky remained mostly overcast, with air temperatures between 16 and 20°C and track temperatures between 18 and 20°C, higher in the afternoon than during the morning's FP1. The rain that fell until the early hours of Saturday reset the track evolution, forcing riders in both classes to use wet tyres in FP2. Qualifying, however, took place in dry conditions and has so far been the warmest session, with partly cloudy skies and a track temperature around 30 °C.



Both supersoft rear options proved very competitive in Moto2™

"During this GP, we provided Moto2™ riders with a new supersoft rear solution - the F0192 specification - which immediately showed a very positive behaviour. In Friday morning's FP1, it was compared with the range supersoft SCX and most riders preferred it. With this new tyre, Baltus in FP1 first, and then Agius in the afternoon Practice, improved the outright lap record, set last year by Deniz Öncü.

In qualifying, despite going quicker than the 2025 reference, it was not possible to improve the time set by Agius in Practice: the rain that fell until mid-morning washed the rubber laid down on Friday off the track surface, resetting the track evolution. For the same reason, Moto3™ riders, with the track still partly damp, were also unable to improve on Friday's times.

Looking ahead to tomorrow's races, we expect most Moto2™ riders to choose the front soft SC1 paired with the new rear supersoft F0192. However, both supersoft rear options proved equally competitive, so some riders opted for the SCX range, making the head-to-head comparison in the race between the two solutions especially interesting.

Just like last year, in Moto3™, most riders are expected to opt for medium-compound SC2 tyres on both axles, a configuration better suited to the Jerez circuit features."