

ABU DHABI AUTONOMOUS RACING LEAGUE SIM SPRINT – YAS MARINA FULL GP 2026

Race 1 – Qualifying Report – Sporting Bulletin 2026/03 (Rev. 1)

Subject: Race 1 Qualifying – Official Session Report (Revised)

This bulletin supersedes Sporting Bulletin 2026/03. It incorporates corrections to the lap time classification for Constructor Racing (#8) and the DNQ determination for Fly Eagle (#66) following a full post-session transcript and data review by the Stewards. All other findings are unchanged.

The following report summarises the conduct and outcome of the A2RL Sim Sprint Race 1 Qualifying sessions held on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at Yas Marina Full GP. Qualifying was conducted across two server groups in accordance with Sporting Bulletin 2026/02. All times are in Gulf Standard Time (GST).

1. Server Group 1 – Session Overview

- **Session period:** 12:00–14:30 GST (inclusive of free practice). Qualifying runs commenced at 13:15 GST following a platform reset and a 15-minute extension to the free practice window.
- **Platform note:** A server disruption occurred mid-session caused by multiple rapid connect–disconnect cycles from Car #00 MBZUAI during the free practice phase. The server was reset at approximately 13:18 GST. From this point forward, teams connected one at a time for their respective qualifying slots. This procedure was maintained for all subsequent sessions in both server groups.
- **TGM Grand Prix (#53):** Did not participate. Team reported hardware difficulties preventing connection to the SIM server. Race Control requested a written technical report. The matter was referred to the Stewards.
- **MBZUAI (#00):** Did not complete a qualifying run. Team advised Race Control that their software stack was configured for YMC North (short configuration) and was incompatible with the Yas Marina Full GP circuit. No run was possible.
- **Fly Eagle (#66):** Completed three laps. All three laps were invalidated by track limit infringements. Lap 1 was deleted following violations at Turns 3–4 and Turn 15–16. Lap 2 was deleted following a further infringement at Turn 15–16. Race Control confirmed during the session: “previous two laps have been deleted in terms of lap time”. On Lap 3, the car came to a stop on track before completing the lap. No valid lap time was recorded across the session. The system-recorded time of 1:52.379 does not constitute a valid classified time as the full lap was not completed within track limits. Fly Eagle is classified as Did Not Qualify.
- **TII Racing (#17):** Completed five clean laps. No track limit infringements observed by Race Control or the Steward across any lap. Best lap time of 1:47.006 set on the final lap. Session conducted without incident.
- **Kinetiz AI (#3):** Completed five clean laps. No track limit infringements observed. Best lap time of 1:42.767 set on Lap 5. Confirmed clean by Race Control and Steward Maurizio Bartolomei. This sets the benchmark lap time for Race 1.
- **Unimore Racing (#6):** Completed four flying laps plus one additional lap granted at the team’s request to investigate a suspected simulator-side issue on the out-lap. Lap 2

(1:46.191) was deleted following a track limits infringement at Turn 7, confirmed by Race Control and the Steward. Laps 1, 3, and 4 were clean. The additional lap (1:46.067) did not improve on the established best. The Stewards reviewed the out-lap incident and confirmed the issue was not platform-side. Official best lap: 1:45.987 (Lap 4).

2. Server Group 2 – Session Overview

- **Session period:** 14:30–17:30 GST (inclusive of free practice and delays). Qualifying runs commenced at 16:12 GST following two server restarts and rescheduling of the running order.
- **Platform note:** Server Group 2 experienced two restarts prior to the commencement of qualifying. Teams were notified and the running schedule was adjusted. Rapson AI was moved to the final slot due to an ongoing stack issue. See Sporting Bulletin 2026/07 for details.
- **Rapson AI (#14):** Did not complete a qualifying run due to a persistent ROS message issue on the official server. Stack received no sensor topics despite multiple restart attempts. Classified as DNQ. Supplementary session to be determined.
- **PolIMOVE (#5):** Completed four flying laps. Track limit infringements were noted on the out-lap at Turns 5 and 9 by Race Control. These infringements occurred on the out-lap only and did not affect timed laps. All four flying laps confirmed clean. Best lap time of 1:44.812 set on Lap 4.
- **DARC (#10):** Team operating as DARC (Dubai Autonomous Racing Club), formerly listed as Dubai Future Labs. Completed five laps. Turn 15 was noted as “on the limit” by Race Control but was not confirmed as a track limits violation and no deletion was issued. Best lap time of 1:48.402 set on Lap 4. This time falls outside the 105% qualifying threshold of 1:47.905. DARC is eligible for the Grand Final only.
- **Constructor Racing (#8) – CORRECTED:** Completed four flying laps. Laps 1 (1:45.137) and 2 (1:45.022) were confirmed clean by Race Control. Lap 3 (raw time 1:44.871) was deleted due to a track limits infringement at Turn 15 exit, confirmed by both Race Control and the Steward. Lap 4 (1:44.934) was also deleted. Race Control confirmed on record: “Lap one and lap two are counted”, and subsequently confirmed the official best lap as 1:45.022. The previously published best lap of 1:44.872 is hereby corrected. Official best lap: 1:45.022 (Lap 2).
- **TUM Autonomous Motorsport (#33):** Completed five flying laps. An out-lap track limits excursion at Turn 16 was noted and reviewed; this is addressed in Sporting Bulletin 2026/05. Lap 1 (1:45.185) was confirmed clean. Lap 2 (1:44.986) confirmed clean. A potential infringement during Lap 3 at Turn 16 exit was flagged for review by Race Control. Following post-session review, the Lap 3 time of 1:44.892 is confirmed as the official best lap. No deletion was confirmed in the session transcript or by the Stewards.
- **Code 19 Racing (#19):** Completed one flying lap (2:22.771). The session was ended prematurely following an inadvertent pit-in flag from Race Control. A supplementary qualifying run will be organised. See Sporting Bulletin 2026/07.

3. General Notes

- **Track limits – out-lap clarification:** Race Control confirmed during the session that track limit infringements on the out-lap do not automatically result in deletion of the subsequent

flying lap, unless a measurable advantage is carried onto the timed lap. An official clarification is published in Sporting Bulletin 2026/05.

- **Simulator version:** All sessions conducted on platform version 33.1. Changes were cosmetic only (livery updates, spectator stream capped at 30 FPS). No performance impact.
- **Session IDs:** Some teams reported incorrect session type IDs during free practice. Autonoma acknowledged and noted for resolution.