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Nik Iruwan wins Rotax crown

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NIK Iruwan Nik Izani drove a smart final race to bag the overall Rotax Max Senior championship in the final round of the Rotax Max Challenge Malaysian Championship at the Morac Speedzone Elite circuit in USJ, Subang Jaya yesterday.

The overall title gives Nik Iruwan and Shafiq Ali, who was crowned the new Junior Max champion yesterday, their tickets to the Rotax Max World Grand Finals in Cairo, Egypt on Jan 17.

Although the Senior Max final was won by Mohamed Amir Ariss, Nik Iruwan's second place, ahead of fellow-championship contender Ng Wai Leong, was enough to give hand him the title with 425 points.

Final results - Cadets (15 laps): 1 Calvin Wong 13:17.01s, 2 Jazeman Firhan Jaafar 13:17.42s, 3 Vittorio Salvador 13:31.80s, 4 Mitchell Gilbert 13:40.01s, 5 Muhammad Nabil 13:42.86s; Junior Max (20 laps): 1 Shafiq Ali 16:35.20s, 2 Devin Cunningham 16:35.58s, 3 Imran Zaharias 16:46.59s, 4 Kenneth Sim 16:46.86s, 5 Nasri Naufal 16:47.46s; Veteran Max (15 laps): 1 Astern Tan 12:24.86s, 2 James Leong 12:25.62s, 3 Winston Wong 12:32.05s, 4 Thia Yoke Kian 12:32.12s, 5 S. Ratnaraj 12:43.14s; Senior Max (25 laps): 1 Mohamed Amir Ariss 18:40.25s, 2 Nik Iruwan Nik Izani 18:40.65s, 3 Ng Wai Leong 18:41.17s, 4 Charlie Charles 18:59.03s, 5 Raja Razman Idris 2 laps behind.

Standings - Cadet: 1 Jazeman 46 points, 2 Wong 28, 3 Salvador 16; Junior: 1 Shafiq 431, 2 Imran 409, 3 Leo Mahr 390; Veteran: 1 Thia 39, 2 Leong 25, 3 Laurie Smith 13; Masters: 1 Ray Kong 326, 2 Mahathir Ngau 321, 3 Martin Druhan 316; Senior: 1 Nik Iruwan 425, 2 Ng 410, 3 Amir 405.