



Scottish Motor  
Racing Club

# CLASSIC SPORTS & SALOON CHAMPIONSHIP

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

## Begin your racing journey in 5 easy steps.

### STEP 1

Become a Racing Member of the Scottish Motor Racing Club at [smrc.co.uk/membership](http://smrc.co.uk/membership)

### STEP 2

Pass your ARDS test & get your competition licence. Order your starter pack from Knockhill at [knockhill.com/experiences/competition-licence](http://knockhill.com/experiences/competition-licence)

### STEP 3

Build / Purchase / Hire your car. Speak with our championship representative to decide which option is best suited to you.

### STEP 4

Purchase your race wear

### STEP 5

Go Racing!

## COACHING

As in all sports, coaching is extremely important to support driver's development and enjoyment of their motor racing activities whether you're a seasoned campaigner or a complete beginner.

As a club we offer a coaching service for newcomers and experienced drivers alike. Contact our head coach, Malcolm McNab, for more details: [malcolm.mcnab@smrc.co.uk](mailto:malcolm.mcnab@smrc.co.uk)

## CONTACTS

Check out the Classics Sports and Saloons Championship section of our website to find the championship regulations and further information.

Email [classics@smrc.co.uk](mailto:classics@smrc.co.uk) (Championship Representative) for specific Classics information

Or [admin@smrc.co.uk](mailto:admin@smrc.co.uk) for broader club enquiries

Alternatively, you can contact Steve Burns, SMRC Competitions Director on [07907 293 098](tel:07907293098)

[WWW.SMRC.CO.UK](http://WWW.SMRC.CO.UK)



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# Always a crowd pleaser, the Scottish Classic Sports and Saloon Championship brings some nostalgia to the Scottish Championship.

In many cases this championship offers drivers the opportunity to race the cars that they grew up watching and envying, but it also provides an avenue for anyone - who enjoys a passion for classic cars - to get out on track and enjoy the sheer pleasure of hustling iconic cars of yesteryear around the undulating Knockhill racing circuit.

Both mass production-based cars and limited production cars can take part. The championship boasts 8 different classes (outlined below) which are mainly for cars manufactured up until the 31st December 1985. However, Class F are for cars manufactured from the 1st January 1985 to the 31st December 1990.

Class A - cars up to 1500cc engines.

Class B - cars with 1501cc to 2500cc engines

Class C - this is an invitational class for cars complying with the championship technical regulations. This may include but is not limited to Classic Rally Cars

Class D - cars with 2501cc to 3600cc engines

Class E - cars with engines over 3601cc

Class F / Future Classics - mass production Sports and Saloon Cars - up to 3600cc - manufactured between January 1st 1985 and December 31st 1990.

Class G - cars that are limited production sports and saloons, this can be specials and recreations with normally aspirated engines and two-wheel drive only

Class H / Ford Fiesta XR2 - this is Scotland's only one make classic class which gives the popular Fiesta XR2 series - which has been part of the SMRC race meetings for over 20 years - a new lease of life.

Classic and historic racing has grown in popularity throughout the UK and further a field in recent years; perhaps a sign of drivers searching for a more genuine racing experience without the intrusion of electronics and driver aids, found in more contemporary racing machinery. The SMRC Classic Sports and Saloons Championship represents the ideal first step into the classic motorsport scene, where you will find a friendly community of drivers and close but fair racing.

Due to the wide variety of cars that are eligible for this championship, it is difficult to provide a meaningful projection on costs for a season. However, as a guide, we have outlined a basic costing for purchasing and running a Mazda MX5 mk1 which is eligible for Class F (Future Classics). If you are interested in taking part in this championship, we would recommend you speak with our championship representative for guidance and information ([classics@smrc.co.uk](mailto:classics@smrc.co.uk))

The costing below, is based on purchasing a car and running it yourself. However, if you don't want to commit to investing in and/or running your own car there are some teams who offer **arrive and drive options**. This allows you to hire a car and leave the prepping, cleaning and technical stuff to someone else!

## 1. ARDS / RACE LICENCE / MEDICAL

In order to get out racing on track, you need to obtain a National B Race Licence from the governing body for motorsport in the UK; Motorsport UK. To gain a race licence you are required to pass an ARDS (Association of Racing Drivers School) test, to help prepare you for your motor racing adventures. Knockhill is Scotland's only ARDS School and tests can be booked through them; the test, starter pack and licence costs £325. Your medical (details of which will be in your licence application pack) should be obtained from your Doctor.

**FROM £375** (dependant on medical costs)

## 3. RACE WEAR

To help keep you safe and comfortable on track, the following approved race wear and equipment is required: Helmet with HANS posts, HANS Device, Racing Suit, boots and gloves. We have negotiated a special discounted entry level package through our partners at McGill Motorsport [www.mcgillmotorsport.com](http://www.mcgillmotorsport.com) Contact them and quote 'SMRC Entry Pack' to select your race kit package.

**FROM £819 PLUS VAT**

## 5. MAZDA MX5 MK1

You can either purchase an existing race car or build one yourself. If you're looking to buy a ready-made car, it's worth keeping an eye on the classified section of the SMRC website and [racecarsdirect.com](http://racecarsdirect.com)

**FROM £3500**

## 2. BECOME AN SMRC RACING MEMBER & ENTER RACES

An SMRC racing membership (£50) will enable you to enter the race meetings and will also provide you with exclusive membership benefits as well as an invitation to the end of year awards dinner. You will also want to register for the championship (£100). Entry fees for our race meetings are £300. To offer competitors some variety, we aim to include an away round in the calendar. This is typically to circuits such as Anglesey, Croft or Kirkiston. Any away rounds will have an additional cost which will be specified at the start of the season.

**£1950** (based on 6 Knockhill race meetings)

## 4. RUNNING COSTS

Running costs will vary but as a guide you will need 1 set of Yokohama tyres (£400), 1 set of brake pads (£100), 150 litres of fuel (circa £180) and allow £500 for sundries (oil, brake fluid etc).

**APPROX. £1200**

**The total cost for one season of adrenaline filled racing (including buying a car) is estimated to be no more than £7,875**

