



Scottish Motor
Racing Club

SCOTTISH MINI COOPER CUP

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

STEP 2

Pass your ARDS test & get your competition licence. Order your starter pack from Knockhill at 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.mcnaab@smrc.co.uk

WWW.SMRC.CO.UK

CONTACTS

Check out the Mini Cooper Cup section of our website to find the championship regulations and further information.

Email minis@smrc.co.uk

(Championship Representative) for specific Mini information

Or admin@smrc.co.uk

for broader club enquiries

Alternatively, you can contact Steve Burns, SMRC Competitions Director on **07907 293 098**



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The Scottish Mini Cooper Cup is recognised as one of the best single-make racing series in the UK.

It has been a proving ground for many top drivers including British Touring Car Championship stars Rory Butcher, Aiden Moffat and Chris Smiley.

Close, hard and competitive racing is guaranteed in this championship, which provides an ideal stepping stone for drivers looking to move up the motorsport ladder. Indeed, the championship takes its inspiration from the British Touring Car Championship in the way the races are formatted. Race 1's grid is set by qualifying position while Race 2 is decided by the result of Race 1 and Race 3 is the wildcard – drawn by ballot with anywhere between the top 5 and 8 cars reversed. This format has proven to be highly effective in creating action packed and unpredictable races.

Only the 1.6 Mini Cooper model built between 2001-2006 are eligible. The championship regulations are designed to ensure that cars are built to the same specification; the cars use identical Yokohama tyres and run the same Superchips ECU. This puts more emphasis on a driver's skill by keeping the cars performance as equal as possible.

As well as the overall Championship, there is also a Newcomers Championship.



FOR FULL DETAILS ON ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, VISIT US AT WWW.SMRC.CO.UK

A seasons racing for £6,050. Let us show you how....

The costing below, is based on purchasing a car and running it yourself. However, if you don't want to commit to investing in your own car there are a number of 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. Contact them and quote 'SMRC Entry Pack' to select your race kit package.

FROM £819 PLUS VAT

5. MINI COOPER CUP CAR

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 the racecarsdirect.com website. If you are mechanically minded, then you may want to build your own car; for help and guidance on this contact our championship representative (minis@smrc.co.uk)

FROM £4500

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 £315. To offer competitors some variety, we aim to include two away rounds in the calendar. This is typically to circuits such as Anglesey, Croft or Kirkistown. Any away rounds will have an additional cost which will be specified at the start of the season.

£2040 (based on 6 Knockhill race meetings)

4. RUNNING COSTS

Running costs will vary but as a guide you will need 16 Yokohama tyres (£1600), 2 sets of brake pads (from £320), 300 litres of fuel and allow £500 for sundries

APPROX. £2800

The total cost for one season of adrenaline filled racing (including buying a car) is estimated to be no more than £10,550

Please note the above is an approximate costing; budgets will vary depending on whether you choose to buy or rent a car, whether you run the car yourself or run with a team and how much practice you choose to do. Of course, trips to the gravel trap can also have an effect on your budget!