



Scottish Motor
Racing Club

R53 MINI COOPER S 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

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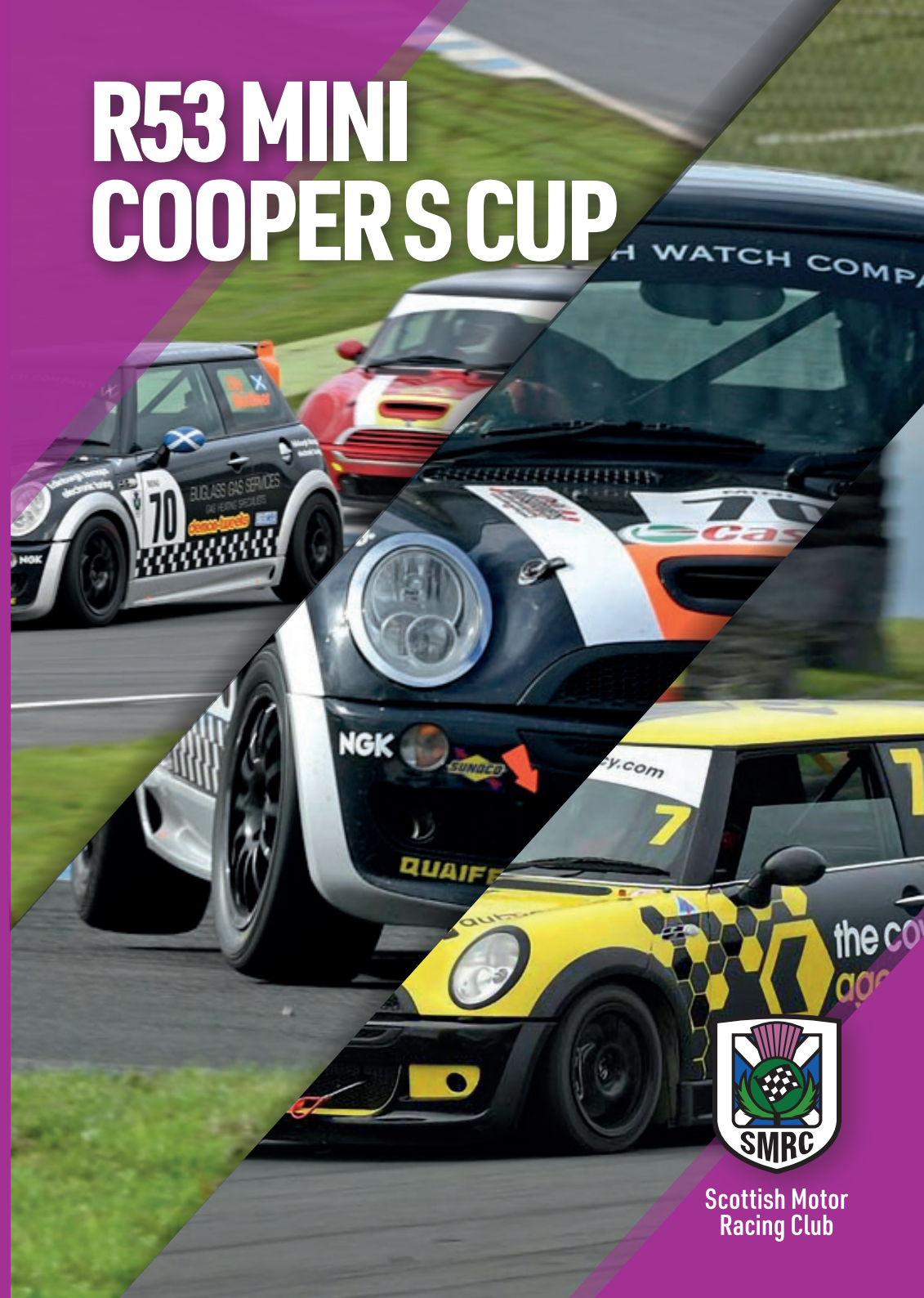
CONTACTS

Check out the R53 Mini Cooper S section of our website to find the championship regulations and further information.

Email r53@smrc.co.uk
(Championship Representative) for specific Mini Cooper S information

Or admin@smrc.co.uk
for broader club enquiries

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



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The R53 Mini Cooper S Cup is the fastest single make saloon car class at Scottish Championship race meetings.

Full slick and wet tyre options, a 1.6 litre super charged power unit and three way adjustable suspension provides drivers with a touring car experience, at a fraction of the budget.

The class launched in 2017 and has quickly gathered momentum with former Scottish and British Champions returning to race these cars around the undulating Knockhill Racing Circuit.

The speed and handling characteristics of these cars favour slightly more experienced drivers but with some coaching, an eager newcomer could also enjoy this championship. The ability to choose between slick and wet tyres - to suit the weather conditions - plus the choice of suspension settings provides mechanics and drivers with more of a set up challenge than the other Scottish single make series. This adds another dimension to this championship which rewards well rounded drivers.

The ethos around this series is to help develop any aspiring touring car driver, who wants to progress his/her skills further in what is a very quick and capable racing car. The ability to run this spec car at other race circuits and series around the UK - such as British Mini Challenge - provides drivers with the chance to easily compete in other series and learn new circuits as well.

The Cooper S class enjoys a qualifying session and two races at each race meeting. This provides drivers with a real challenge on how to set their cars up for qualifying and requires them to master the skill of looking after the super quick, slick tyres through the two races.

A seasons racing for £5,750. 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 S 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 racecarsdirect.com. If you are mechanically minded then you may want to build your own car; for help and guidance on this contact our championship representative (r53@smrc.co.uk). New comers and novices to the series will be welcomed to race even if their cars are in a lower specification in relation to some of the performance regulation parts. This will allow new comers time to develop their cars but still take part in race days and gain vital track time and experience. This spreads the cost and time to build cars to the full series specification.

FROM £7500

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 6 Slick Yokohama tyres (£150 per tyre) and 4 Wet Yokohama tyres (£150 per tyre); a maximum of 2 new tyres per round is permitted to keep costs down. 3 sets of brake pads (£132 per set), 180 litres of fuel (circa £220) and £500 for sundries (oils, brake fluid etc).

APPROX. £2600

The total cost for one season of adrenaline filled racing (including buying a car) is estimated to be no more than £13,245

