



Scottish Motor  
Racing Club

# SCOTTISH FIESTA & HOT HATCH 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.mcnaab@smrc.co.uk](mailto:malcolm.mcnaab@smrc.co.uk)

## CONTACTS

Check out the Scottish Fiesta & Hot Hatch Championship section of our website to find the championship regulations and further information.

Email [fiestas@smrc.co.uk](mailto:fiestas@smrc.co.uk) (Championship Representative) for specific Fiesta 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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## The championship of choice for lovers of close racing and the blue oval!

Fiesta racing has been a mainstay of Scottish Motor Racing for over 20 years, initially with the XR2 model - which is still raced in our Classics Sports and Saloons Championship - and more recently with the Fiesta ST model.

The championship continues to offer incredibly close and hard racing at an affordable price point. The Fiesta ST race cars are powered by the standard but punchy 2 litre Duratec power unit which is found in the road going car. They run on the super grippy Yokohama A048R tyre and are equipped with ABS brakes and 3-way adjustable dampers. This makes for a responsive but forgiving driving experience that inspires confidence in the driver to push further and further towards the limit.

For this reason, the championship attracts both seasoned veterans and newcomers alike. In the past, the Fiesta class has helped to launch the careers of some of Scotland's top racing drivers (notably triple British Touring Car Champion, Gordon Shedden, started his motor racing career in the Fiesta championship) and today the championship still offers drivers a great apprenticeship in race craft and car control.

There are two categories for the Fiesta Championship: Fiesta ST Cup & Fiesta ST Challenge. In performance terms, whilst the Cup cars are slightly quicker, the two categories are very similar in pace terms. However, the Challenge Class has slightly different regulations - such as mandating bolt in roll cages over welded cages - to lower the build cost of cars, offering people a more accessible route into this championship.

The Fiesta Championship enjoys a qualifying session and two races at each race meeting alongside the Hot Hatch Championship. The Hot Hatch Championship is designed to be an accessible entry point for track day participants to make the step into racing. The class structure works as follows:

### HOT HATCH CLASSES

Class A - Cars with a Power to Weight ratio of between 211 and 265 bhp/tonne

Class B - Cars with a Power to Weight ratio of between 166 and 210 bhp/tonne

Class C - Cars with a Power to Weight ratio of between 131 and 165 bhp/tonne

Class D - Cars with a Power to Weight ratio of up to 130 bhp/tonne

## A seasons racing for £4,600. 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](http://www.mcgillmotorsport.com) Contact them and quote 'SMRC Entry Pack' to select your race kit package.

**FROM £819 PLUS VAT**

### 5. FIESTA ST 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](http://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 ([fiestas@smrc.co.uk](mailto:fiestas@smrc.co.uk)).

**FROM £5000**

### 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 a minimum of 6x Yokohama tyres (£100 each), 2x sets of brake pads (£135 each) and 180 litres of fuel (circa £220) and £400 for sundries (oils, brake fluid etc).

**APPROX. £1500**

**The total cost for one season of adrenaline filled racing (including buying a car) is estimated to be no more than £9600**

