

THERE'S A MOTORSPORT FOR EVERYONE

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

We've detailed the need-to-know information for each type of four-wheel motorsport you can enter in the UK. We've also included a shortlist of events taking place this summer where you can check out the action for yourself. Don't worry if you can't see an event listed in this guide that works for you. There are 4000 motorsport events taking place every year and we can't fit them all in the guide. [Click here to visit Motorsport UK's event finder](#) which details all permitted events taking place.

LOOK OUT FOR THE STREETCAR LOGO!



Throughout this guide, keep an eye out for the StreetCar logo. When you see it, it means that particular motorsport discipline is part of Motorsport UK's StreetCar programme — the easiest and most accessible way to get started in motorsport.

StreetCar is designed to make grassroots motorsport available to everyone. If an event carries the StreetCar logo, you can usually take part in the same car you drive every day, without needing a dedicated competition car, expensive modifications or specialist equipment.

Better still, many StreetCar events can be entered with a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman competition licence, making it one of the most affordable ways to experience competitive motorsport for yourself. For most StreetCar activities, you won't need a helmet, race suit or other specialist safety gear to get started. Instead, the focus is on fun, friendly competition in a safe and supportive environment, organised by local motorsport clubs across the UK.

Whether you're testing your precision in an AutoSOLO, tackling challenging terrain in a Car Trial or exploring the world of road rallying, StreetCar is your invitation to discover motorsport this summer - using the car already on your driveway.



THERE'S A MOTORSPORT FOR EVERYONE

Motorsport UK is the national membership organisation and governing body for four-wheel motorsport in the UK, representing competitors, volunteers, clubs and fans. Based in the heart of motorsport valley, we work to ensure the sport remains safe, fair, and fun.

Did you know there are 14 different forms of four-wheel motorsport in the UK? To keep things straightforward, we've broken these down into five groups:



Don't worry if you're not sure what some of these are yet, we'll explain it all over the next few pages.

THE BASICS

- If you want to compete in motorsport you need a competition licence issued by Motorsport UK – more on this later.
- Motorsport UK set the National Competition Rules (NCR) for four-wheel motorsport, designed to keep the sport safe, fair and fun for all. These are available online and on our app.
- All motorsport events in the UK are organised by motor clubs. There are 600 all over the country! You will need to join a club to compete in the sport.
- The sport wouldn't take place without the thousands of volunteer marshals and officials. Learn more about their roles and how to get involved later in this issue.
- Motorsport is unique in that everyone can compete on a level-playing field regardless of gender, background, or disability

By competing in regulated Motorsport UK competitions, you're covered by our gold standard public liability insurance, have access to safeguarding support, and have peace of mind that events you enter are staffed by trained volunteers and held at venues that meet safety standards.

[READ THE NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES HERE](#)

[GET STARTED IN VOLUNTEERING](#)

[FIND A CLUB](#)



CIRCUIT RACING

WHAT?

Wheel-to-wheel racing around a circuit.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

Race Club

HOW MUCH?

There is an initial outlay of £1,500 to get kitted out and pass your race licence test. Once you have the gear, you can expect to pay around £500 for a race entry depending on the championship and venue. Endurance racing is a cheaper way to get seat time as you're sharing the car with multiple other people.

From 24hr 2CV endurance racing, to five tonne trucks taking on the British Truck Racing Championship and half a million-pound machines in the British GT Championship, circuit racing in the UK is as diverse as it is brilliant. Whether you have a limited budget or thousands to spare, there truly is something for everyone.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

You can enter junior racing championships from age 15. For more information, check out our under 18s motorsport guide at the back of this guide.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not need to hold a road driving licence to compete in circuit racing, but you will not be able to compete if you hold a licence but have been disqualified from driving.

DO I NEED TO BUY A RACE CAR?

No, most race series and championships will have teams offering arrive-and-drive packages. These are a great option if you're starting out and remove the hassle of car prep, maintenance and transport. As the name suggests, you simply arrive at the circuit and drive, while a team of mechanics are on hand to run the car for you.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost will vary depending on the championship or series you choose to compete in and whether you purchase a competition car or select an arrive-and-drive package. It will cost between £1000 and £1,500 to complete your licence test and purchase a helmet, race suit, gloves, balaclava, shoes and frontal head restraint. Once you have these items, race entries start at around £500. Don't forget to budget for tyres, fuel, food and accommodation for your race weekend.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

The minimum licence you need to compete in circuit racing is a Motorsport UK Race Club licence. This costs £119 and is valid for the calendar year January – December. To apply for your first race licence you need to purchase a Motorsport UK First Licence Pack for £119. The pack includes the cost of your first licence and contains

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HISTORIC RACING

HSCC Legends of Brands Hatch Super Prix
11 – 12 July 2026
Brands Hatch Circuit, Kent, TN15 6FS

TOP-LEVEL NATIONAL RACING

British Touring Car Championship
25 – 26 July 2026
Thruxton, Hampshire, SP11 8PN

TRUCK RACING

British Truck Racing Championship
08 – 09 August 2026
Donington Park Circuit, Derbyshire, DE74 2RP

CLUB RACING

750 Motor Club Championship
15 – 16 August 2026
Silverstone Circuit, Northamptonshire, NN12 8TN

Classic 2CV Racing Club 24hrs (Endurance)
21 – 23 August 2026
Snetterton Circuit, Norfolk, NR16 2JU

BARC Race Meeting
12 – 13 September 2026
Snetterton Circuit, Norfolk, NR16 2JU

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Purchase your Motorsport UK First Licence Pack
2. Get your eye-in with an instructed track day
3. Book your Race Licence Test & return your forms
4. Get your equipment
5. Choose your championship

KARTING

WHAT

Close, competitive, wheel-to-wheel racing.

WHERE

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

Kart Club

HOW MUCH

You can get started in indoor arrive-and-drive karting from around £40 per session. If you wanted to compete in owner-driver karting, expect an initial outlay of around £1,500-£3000 for equipment, licence tests and a standard kart package. Race entries can start from £80 depending on the championship and venue.

Karting is where many of the world's best racing drivers first discovered their passion for motorsport — but it's not just for future Formula 1 stars. From indoor arrive-and-drive sessions with friends to highly competitive national championships, karting is one of the most accessible, exciting and affordable ways to get involved in motorsport.

With classes for children and adults, owner-driver or arrive-and-drive, there's a route into karting for everyone.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Children can start karting from age 6 in Bambino karting. There are classes available for all ages as competitors progress through the sport. For more information, check out our under 18s motorsport guide at the back of this publication.

CAN ADULTS START KARTING?

Absolutely. Many circuits offer age specific classes with arrive-and-drive sessions and championships where no previous experience or equipment is needed.

DO I NEED TO BUY A KART?

No, many kart circuits and teams offer arrive-and-drive packages where the kart, fuel, tyres and mechanical support are provided for you. This is a great way to get started before deciding whether to purchase your own kart and equipment. As the name suggests, you simply arrive at the circuit and drive.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of karting varies depending on whether you choose indoor karting, arrive-and-drive championships or owner-driver competition. Indoor arrive-and-drive sessions can start from around £40, while owner-driver karting will require additional costs such as a

kart, trailer, tools, tyres and racewear. To purchase your own equipment and complete your licence tests, expect to spend from around £1500. Once you have these, race entries typically start from around £80-£150, with additional costs for tyres, fuel, maintenance, travel and accommodation.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

The licence you need will depend on the type of karting you want to do. Many indoor karting venues, including TeamSport, offer their own indoor karting licences. TeamSport's Indoor Karting Licence costs £34.99 per year and allows competitors to enter championships such as the British Indoor Kart Championships.

Some club-level arrive-and-drive championships may not require a licence at all, while others — including Club100 — require a free Motorsport UK KX licence to compete.

If you want to compete in Motorsport UK-sanctioned owner-driver kart racing, you'll need to complete a Kart Licence Test. To apply for your first licence, you'll need to purchase a Motorsport UK Karting Starter Pack costing £78. This includes your first year's licence and the information needed to begin your competitive karting journey.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

INDOOR KARTING

Girls Kart Academy Taster Day
14 July 2026
TeamSport Karting – Bristol, Coventry, Crawley, Dundee, Farnborough, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester Trafford, Mitcham, Newcastle, Nottingham, Preston, Southampton and Warrington

ARRIVE-AND-DRIVE KARTING

Daniel Ricciardo Series Round 5
19 July 2026
Clay Pigeon Raceway, Wardon Hill, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9PW

CLUB KARTING

Hunts Kart Racing Club Championship
8 – 9 August 2026
Kimbolton Race Circuit, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 0LF

BRITISH KART CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rotax Event 4
7 - 9 August 2026
Whilton Mill, Whilton Locks, Whilton, Daventry NN11 2NH

Honda Event 3
14 – 16 August 2026
PF International, Stragglethorpe Lane, Brandon, Grantham NG32 2AY

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Spectate at your local karting track
2. Book an arrive-and-drive karting session
3. Complete your Motorsport UK licence training if you want to race competitively
4. Get your racewear and safety equipment
5. Choose a championship, club or karting format that suits your budget and goals

ESPORTS

WHAT

Competitive racing in a virtual environment.

WHERE

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

None

HOW MUCH

You can get started in esports racing from as little as £100 using a games console and controller, with many beginner-friendly competitions available online. More advanced simulator set-ups with steering wheels, pedals and racing rigs can range from around £500 to several thousand pounds depending on how immersive you want your experience to be.

Esports is one of the fastest-growing forms of motorsport, allowing competitors to race wheel-to-wheel from home against drivers from across the UK and around the world. Whether you want to race casually with friends, compete in organised championships or develop skills that transfer into real-world motorsport, esports offers an accessible and exciting way to get involved.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

The minimum age will depend on the platform, game and championship organiser. Many esports competitions are open to young competitors, although some events may have age restrictions or require parental permission for under 18s.

DO I NEED EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO GET STARTED?

No. Many people begin esports racing using a standard games console or PC with a controller. While steering wheels, pedals and simulator rigs can improve the experience and realism, they are not essential when starting out.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Many grassroots esports competitions do not require a competition licence. Some organised championships and Motorsport UK-affiliated esports competitions may require registration or membership depending on the organiser and platform being used.

CAN ESPORTS HELP ME GET INTO REAL-WORLD MOTORSPORT?

Yes. Esports can help drivers develop racecraft, consistency, awareness and circuit knowledge. Several professional drivers and teams actively use simulators for training, and some competitors have progressed from esports into real-world racing through driver development programmes and esports competitions.

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JOIN THE MOTORSPORT UK DISCORD

The official community server for sim racing and esports.

PORSCHE ESPORTS SPRINT CHALLENGE GB

The Porsche Esports Sprint Challenge GB is a multi-class five-round championship on iRacing at UK circuits, with two classes PRO & AM.

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Choose a racing game or simulator platform
2. Start getting your laps in racing online or at your local esports venue
3. Upgrade your equipment as your confidence grows and budget allows
4. Join an online racing community or league
5. Enter your first esports competition or championship

STAGE RALLY

WHAT?

A driver and co-driver work together competing against the clock while driving on either tarmac or gravel stages.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub (Stage Rally)

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in stage rallying from around £1,200 using an arrive-and-drive package. If you want to compete in your own car, expect an initial outlay from around £3,000–£6,000 for safety equipment, licence tests and a basic rally car package. Event entries can start from around £300–£600 depending on the type of rally and venue.

Stage rallying is one of the most exciting and challenging forms of motorsport. Competing on closed roads, forest tracks, airfields and purpose-built stages, crews race against the clock across a variety of surfaces and conditions. Unlike circuit racing, rally crews set off individually, with the fastest combined time across all stages deciding the winner.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior stage rallying events allow competitors to start from age 14 in specially regulated vehicles. Most adult stage rally events require competitors to hold a full road driving licence.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

Drivers competing in most adult stage rally events will need a full UK driving licence. Co-drivers do not need a road driving licence to compete.

WHAT DOES A CO-DRIVER DO?

The co-driver plays a vital role in rallying. They read pace notes and route information to the driver, manage timing controls and help keep the crew on schedule throughout the event. Rallying is one of the few forms of motorsport where teamwork inside the car is essential to success.

DO I NEED TO BUY A RALLY CAR?

No. Many competitors begin with arrive-and-drive experiences or hire rally cars through specialist teams and rally schools. These packages can include the car, transport, tyres, fuel and mechanical support, allowing you to focus on learning the sport before investing in your own vehicle.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Drivers wanting to compete in stage rallying will need to purchase a Motorsport UK Rallying Starter Pack and complete the Rally Licence Test before applying for their competition licence. The Motorsport UK Rallying Starter Pack costs £119 and includes your first-year licence along with the information needed to get started in rallying.

Co-drivers can apply for an Inter Club competition licence without completing the Rally Licence Test, making co-driving one of the most accessible ways to get involved in rallying.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grampian Forest Rally
7 – 8 August 2026
Aberdeen, Scotland

BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rali Ceredigion
4 – 6 September 2026
Aberystwyth, Wales

BRITISH HISTORIC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rally Yorkshire
25 – 26 September 2026
Filey, North Yorkshire

SCOTTISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Argyll Rally
19 – 20 June 2026
Dunoon, Scotland

WELSH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nicky Grist Stages Rally
11 July 2026
Epynt Military Ranges, Brecon, Powys, LD3 8UH

SINGLE-VENUE RALLY

Dennis Turner Memorial Stages Rally
2 August 2026
Fulbeck Airfield, Lincolnshire, NG32 3JE

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a rally event and get amongst the action
2. Decide if driving or co-driving is for you
3. Purchase your Motorsport UK Rally Starter Pack
4. Complete your BARS assessment or apply for your co-driver licence
5. Start with a single-venue rally or arrive-and-drive experience

ROAD RALLY

WHAT

A driver and co-driver working together competing to navigate their way from start to finish at an average speed.

WHERE

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Clubman

HOW MUCH

You can get started in grassroots road rallying from as little as £30–£100 per event using your everyday road car. Most beginner events require very little specialist equipment, making road rallying one of the most affordable ways to get involved in motorsport.

Road rallying is all about precision, teamwork and adventure. Unlike stage rallying, competitors are not racing flat-out on closed roads. Instead, crews follow a carefully planned route using maps, clues, timing controls and navigation instructions while staying within normal road traffic laws.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

Drivers will normally need a full UK driving licence as events take place on public roads. Co-drivers and navigators do not need a driving licence to compete.

WHAT DOES A CO-DRIVER DO?

The co-driver, or navigator, is responsible for reading maps and route instructions, managing timing and helping guide the crew around the course. In many forms of road rallying, strong teamwork between driver and navigator is the key to success.

DO I NEED A SPECIAL CAR?

No. Many forms of road rallying can be completed in a standard road-legal car. Some events may have basic safety or eligibility requirements, but you do not need a purpose-built competition car to get started.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Many grassroots road rally events can be entered with a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence. More advanced road rallies and navigational events may require an Inter Club licence depending on the event regulations.

The Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence is free to apply for and is a great way to begin your motorsport journey.

CAN I DO ROAD RALLYING AS A BEGINNER?

Absolutely. Road rallying is one of the most welcoming and beginner-friendly forms of motorsport. Many local motor clubs run introductory events designed specifically for newcomers, and experienced competitors are often happy to help new crews learn the basics.

WHAT TYPES OF ROAD RALLYING ARE THERE?

Road rallying includes a wide range of event formats suitable for different experience levels and interests:

- **TOURING ASSEMBLIES – NON-COMPETITIVE** social events following a scenic route.
- **NAVIGATIONAL SCATTER EVENTS – CREWS VISIT** checkpoints in any order using maps and clues.
- **TREASURE HUNTS – BEGINNER-FRIENDLY** events using clues and navigation challenges.
- **12-CAR RALLIES – ENTRY-LEVEL NAVIGATIONAL** rallies often run by local motor clubs on quiet roads.
- **TARGA RALLIES – MULTI-TEST EVENTS** combining navigation with timed driving tests on private land or closed venues.

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TARGA RALLY

Northern Dales Targa Rally
5 July 2026
Eastgate EcoPark, Bishop Auckland,
DL13 2LG

The Dengie 100 Targa Rally

6 September 2026
Bradwell-on-Sea Airfield,
Bradwell-on-Sea, Southminster,
Essex, CM0 7QF

NAVIGATIONAL SCATTER

Berwick and District Motor Club
25 July 2026
JS45 Motor Garage, Unit 4d East
Ord Industrial Estate, TD15 2XF

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Join your local motor club
2. Enter a beginner-friendly touring assembly or treasure hunt
3. Apply for your free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence
4. Learn basic navigation skills and map reading
5. Enter your first navigational or targa rally with a friend or family member

AUTOCROSS

WHAT?

Held in a grass or stubble field on a short course marked out with cones. The aim is to compete against the clock to set the best possible time.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in autocross from around £100–£200 per event, with many competitors beginning in affordable grassroots classes. You can compete in a road car, however 'arrive-and-drive' is also an option, you can expect an initial outlay from around £500–£2500 depending on the class and specification.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can start competing in autocross from age 14 in Junior Autocross categories.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not need a road driving licence to compete in autocross, although you cannot compete if you hold a licence but are disqualified from driving.

DO I NEED TO BUY A COMPETITION CAR?

Not always. Some competitors and teams offer arrive-and-drive opportunities for newcomers.

WHAT TYPES OF VEHICLES COMPETE IN AUTOCROSS?

Autocross includes a wide variety of vehicles, from modified saloon cars to highly specialised single-seat buggies. Different classes cater for different engine sizes and experience levels.

DO I NEED A SPECIAL CAR?

No. Many forms of road rallying can be completed in a standard road-legal car. Some events may have basic safety or eligibility requirements, but you do not need a purpose-built competition car to get started.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Most autocross events require a Motorsport UK RS Clubman or Inter Club licence depending on the level of competition. The free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence is suitable for many grassroots events and is a great way to get started in the sport.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUTOCROSS AND RALLYCROSS?

Autocross usually takes place on temporary grass or dirt circuits with natural terrain and jumps, while rallycross is held on permanent mixed-surface circuits featuring both tarmac and gravel sections.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Summer Autocross

11 – 12 July 2026

Sugworthy, Devon, EX19 8TE

Sand Race

14 – 15 August 2026

Vazon Bay, Vazon Coast Road, Castel, Guernsey, GY5 7BF

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit an autocross event and explore the paddock
2. Apply for your Motorsport UK licence
3. Decide whether to buy, build or hire a competition car
4. Get your safety equipment and racewear
5. Enter your first grassroots autocross event or championship

DRAG RACING

WHAT

Driving as fast as you can down a quarter-mile strip from a standing start, competing in knockout style, head-to-head races.

WHERE

Santa Pod Raceway, Wellingborough.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub

HOW MUCH

You can get started in drag racing from around £100–£200 using your own road car at a ‘Run What Ya Brung’ event. More competitive classes and purpose-built drag cars will require a larger budget, with race-ready vehicles ranging from a few thousand pounds to professional-level machines producing thousands of horsepower.

FAQS

WHAT’S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

From age 8, young people can get involved in junior drag racing and experience the thrill of motorsport in a safe, supportive environment. It’s an exciting way to develop driving skills, build confidence and become part of a welcoming racing community.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You need to hold a full, valid driving licence to compete in Run What Ya Brung events at Santa Pod.

CAN I USE MY EVERYDAY ROAD CAR?

Yes. Many people begin drag racing in standard or lightly modified road cars at beginner-friendly events. As competitors progress, vehicles often become more specialised and purpose-built for competition.

WHAT’S A ‘RUN WHAT YA BRUNG’ EVENT?

‘Run What Ya Brung’ events are beginner-friendly drag racing days where competitors can bring almost any road-legal car to experience racing in a safe and controlled environment. They are one of the most popular ways to get started in drag racing.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

You don’t need a Motorsport UK competition licence to enter a ‘Run What Ya Brung’ event but you will need a licence if you compete in Junior Dragster or if you progress into drag racing. For more information on licences, head to page 34.

IS DRAG RACING ONLY ABOUT POWER?

While powerful cars are important in some classes, driver reactions, consistency, traction and vehicle set-up all play a huge role in achieving fast and competitive runs.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Summer Nationals
10 – 12 July 2026
Santa Pod, Airfield Road,
Wellingborough, NN29 7XA

Euro Finals
10 – 13 September 2026
Santa Pod, Airfield Road,
Wellingborough, NN29 7XA

National Finals
25 – 27 September 2026
Santa Pod, Airfield Road,
Wellingborough, NN29 7XA



5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a drag racing event and explore the paddock
2. Enter a beginner-friendly ‘Run What Ya Brung’ event
3. Check your vehicle meets the event regulations
4. Get the required safety equipment for your class
5. Progress into competitive drag racing championships if you want to race regularly

 TAP TO LEARN MORE

HILL CLIMB

WHAT?

Competing one at a time against the clock to set the fastest time up a short uphill course.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in hill climbing from around £150–£300 per event using a road car. Many competitors begin with the car they already own before progressing into more specialised machinery. Safety equipment including a helmet, racewear and gloves can cost from around £1000–£1500. Additional costs may include tyres, fuel, maintenance and travel.



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FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can begin hill climbing from age 14 in approved junior categories.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You don't need a driving licence to hold an RS Interclub Licence, but you will be unable to take out a competition licence if you are disqualified from driving.

CAN I USE MY EVERYDAY ROAD CAR?

Yes. Many competitors start hill climbing in standard or lightly modified road cars. Production classes are designed to make the sport more accessible for newcomers using everyday vehicles.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Most hill climb events require a Motorsport UK RS Clubman or Inter Club licence depending on the level of competition. The free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence allows competitors to get started in many grassroots events.

WHAT ADAPTATIONS DO I NEED TO MAKE TO MY ROAD CAR?

Many production road car classes require very few changes, allowing competitors to use relatively standard vehicles. Common additions can include a timing strut, towing point markings and basic safety equipment. As competitors progress into modified classes, cars may feature upgraded suspension, tyres, brakes, roll cages and other performance modifications.

WHAT DOES DOUBLE-DRIVING MEAN?

Double-driving is when two competitors share the same car during an event, each taking their own timed runs. It's a popular way to reduce costs, gain experience and enjoy the sport with friends or family members.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HILL CLIMBING AND SPRINTING?

Hill climbs take place on uphill courses featuring elevation changes and natural terrain, while sprint events are usually held on flatter circuits, airfields or closed-road venues. Both disciplines involve drivers competing individually against the clock.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

BRITISH HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Harewood
4 – 5 July 2026
Harewood Ave, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LA

Wiscombe Park
25 – 26 July 2026
Wiscombe Hill Climb, Devon, EX24 6JE

Shelsley Walsh
8 – 9 August 2026
Shelsley Walsh, Worcester WR6 6RP

Prescott
19 – 20 September 2026
The Bugatti Trust, Cheltenham GL52 9RE

OTHER EVENTS

Prescott International
18 – 19 July 2026
Prescott Hill Climb, GL52 9RD

Gurston Hill Climb
1 – 2 August 2026
Gurston Down, Wiltshire, SP5 5HR

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a hill climb event and speak to competitors
2. Apply for your Motorsport UK licence
3. Check whether your road car is eligible for a production class
4. Get your safety equipment and racewear
5. Enter your first hill climb event or championship

RALLYCROSS

WHAT?

The best parts of circuit racing and rallying combined in short wheel-to-wheel racing action.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in grassroots rallycross from around £150–£300 per event using an arrive-and-drive package or entry-level competition car. Arrive-and-drive, starting from around £500–£1000 per event, are a great way to experience the sport for the first time, with the car preparation, maintenance and support handled for you.

If you want to purchase your own rallycross car, expect an initial outlay from around £4000 upwards depending on the class and specification. Additional costs may include safety equipment, tyres, fuel, maintenance, transportation and repairs

FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can start rallycross from age 13 in Junior Rallycross categories.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not need a road driving licence to compete in rallycross, although you cannot compete if you hold a licence but are disqualified from driving.

DO I NEED TO BUY A COMPETITION CAR?

Not always. Some teams and competitors offer arrive-and-drive packages, allowing newcomers to experience rallycross before investing in their own car.

WHAT TYPES OF VEHICLES COMPETE IN RALLYCROSS?

Rallycross includes a wide variety of vehicles, from production-based hatchbacks through to highly modified supercars and specialist rallycross machines. Different classes cater for varying budgets, experience levels and vehicle specifications.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Most rallycross events require a Motorsport UK Inter Club licence or above depending on the level of competition. Junior competitors will require the relevant junior competition licence for their category.

WHAT IS THE JOKER LAP?

The joker lap is an alternative route on the circuit that drivers must take during a race. It is usually slightly longer than the standard lap and adds a strategic element to rallycross, as competitors decide when best to use it during the race.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RALLYCROSS AND AUTOCROSS?

Rallycross takes place on permanent mixed-surface circuits combining tarmac and gravel, while autocross is usually held on temporary grass or dirt courses featuring natural terrain and jumps.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

British Trial and Rally Drivers Association

Clubman's Rallycross

28 June 2026

Blyton Park, Old Blyton Airfield, Kirton Road,
Blyton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 3PE

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a rallycross event and explore the paddock
2. Apply for your Motorsport UK competition licence
3. Decide whether to buy, build or hire a rallycross car
4. Get your safety equipment and racewear
5. Enter your first grassroots rallycross event or championship

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SPRINT

WHAT?

Driving as fast as you can around a circuit or on a point-to-point course, the quickest time in each class is the winner.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Interclub

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in sprinting from around £120–£250 per event using your everyday road car in a production class. Many competitors begin with a standard or lightly modified car before progressing into more specialised machinery.



 **TAP TO LEARN MORE**

FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can begin sprinting from age 14 in approved junior categories.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not need a road driving licence to compete in sprinting, although you cannot compete if you hold a licence but are disqualified from driving.

CAN I USE MY EVERYDAY ROAD CAR?

Many sprint competitors begin using standard or lightly modified road cars in production classes designed specifically for grassroots competitors.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Most sprint events require a Motorsport UK RS Clubman or Inter Club licence depending on the level of competition.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Most rallycross events require a Motorsport UK Inter Club licence or above depending on the level of competition. Junior competitors will require the relevant junior competition licence for their category.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPRINTING AND HILL CLIMBING?

Sprints are usually held on flatter venues such as circuits, airfields and closed-road courses, while hill climbs take place on uphill routes featuring elevation changes and natural terrain. Both disciplines involve drivers competing individually against the clock.

WHAT ADAPTATIONS DO I NEED TO MAKE TO MY ROAD CAR?

The modifications needed will depend on the event and class you enter. Many production classes require very few changes, allowing competitors to use relatively standard vehicles. Common requirements can include timing struts, towing point markings and basic safety checks.

WHAT DOES DOUBLE-DRIVING MEAN?

Double-driving is when two competitors share the same car during an event, each taking their own timed runs. It's a popular way to reduce costs, gain experience and enjoy the sport with friends or family members.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Mallory Park National Sprint Weekend
20 – 21 June 2026
Mallory Park Circuit, Kirkby Mallory,
Leicester, Leicestershire, LE9 7QE

The Ray Heal Memorial Sprint
11 July 2026
Lydden Hill Race Circuit, Wootton,
Canterbury, Kent, CT4 6ET

Snetterton '100' Sprint
22 – 23 August 2026
Snetterton Circuit, Harling Road, Snetterton,
Norwich, Norfolk, NR16 2JU

Aintree Autumn Sprint
5 September 2026
Aintree Motor Racing Circuit, Liverpool,
Merseyside, L10 8LF

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a sprint event and speak to competitors
2. Apply for your Motorsport UK licence
3. Check whether your road car is eligible for a production class
4. Get your safety equipment and racewear
5. Enter your first sprint event or championship

CROSS COUNTRY

WHAT?

Navigating a twisty course marked by cones or pylons, competing for the quickest time and avoid getting penalties by hitting cones or missing sections.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Clubman

HOW MUCH?

You can compete in some trials in your everyday 4x4 road car for as little as £15, plus your annual club membership fee.

If you wish to compete in a competition safari - think single venue rallying in a modified off-road vehicle - entry fees are around £150 per event.



 **TAP TO LEARN MORE**

FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

You can drive on forms of cross country trials from the age of 13 and passenger much younger.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

For many cross country events, drivers will need a full UK driving licence, particularly where events involve public roads or road-legal vehicles. Co-drivers and navigators may not require a driving licence depending on the event format.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TIMED AND UNTIMED CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS?

Untimed events focus on completing the course, navigation and vehicle capability challenges without racing against the clock. Timed cross country events are competitive and involve crews completing stages or sections as quickly as possible while maintaining control and reliability over difficult terrain.

DO I NEED A SPECIALIST OFF-ROAD VEHICLE?

Not always. Many untimed and beginner-friendly events can be entered using a standard or lightly modified 4x4 vehicle - look out for TYRO events, which stands for Try Your Rover Out!. More competitive timed events often require additional safety equipment and purpose-built competition vehicles.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Many untimed grassroots events can be entered with a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence, while competitive timed events may require an Inter Club licence or above depending on the regulations.

DO I NEED A CO-DRIVER OR NAVIGATOR?

Many cross country events involve a driver and navigator working together, particularly in navigational and endurance-style competitions. The navigator helps guide the route, manage timing and assist the crew throughout the event.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

TYRO TRIAL

June Trial
7 June
Hatton Park, CV35 7UB

Trial at Park Farm
6 September
Park Farm, Ettington,
Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7PHU

CROSS COUNTRY VEHICLE TRIAL - MODIFIED CARS

South Elkington CCV Trial
11 - 12 July
South Elkington Wood (A631),
Lincolnshire, Louth, LN11 0SB

SAFARI

Southern Counties Off Road Club
31 August
Bilsington Priory, Priory Road,
Bilsington, Ashford, TN25 7AU

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a cross country event and speak to competitors
2. Decide whether you want to try timed or untimed events
3. Apply for your Motorsport UK licence
4. Join a motor club that organises the type of events you want to do
5. Enter a beginner-friendly cross country event with a friend or navigator

AUTOTEST

WHAT?

Navigating a twisty course marked by cones or pylons, competing for the quickest time and avoid getting penalties by hitting cones or missing sections.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Clubman

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in autotest from around £30–£80 per event using your everyday road car. Most grassroots events require very little specialist equipment, making autotest one of the most affordable and accessible ways to get involved in motorsport.



FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can begin competing in certain autotest categories from age 14.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not need a full road driving licence to compete in junior categories. Adult competitors may require a valid driving licence depending on the event type and regulations.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUTOTEST AND AUTOSOLO?

Both disciplines involve completing timed manoeuvring tests around cones, but there are some key differences:

- Autotest courses often include handbrake turns, reversing manoeuvres and tighter technical sections. Cars may be specially prepared for competition, and tests can be more physically demanding.
- Autosolo is designed to be more accessible for everyday road cars, with no reversing or handbrake turns required. Courses are generally smoother and easier for beginners, making autosolo a popular first step into motorsport.

Both disciplines focus on precision, skill and consistency rather than outright speed.

CAN I USE MY EVERYDAY ROAD CAR?

Most newcomers begin in a standard road car, particularly in autosolo events where production vehicles are encouraged.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Many grassroots autotest and autosolo events can be entered using a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence. This makes it one of the easiest and most accessible ways to begin competing in motorsport.

DO I NEED A SPECIALLY MODIFIED CAR?

Many competitors take part in completely standard road cars, particularly in beginner-friendly autosolo events. More experienced competitors may choose to modify their vehicles for improved agility and performance.

IS AUTOTEST SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS?

Absolutely. Autotest and autosolo are widely regarded as some of the best entry points into motorsport due to their affordability, welcoming atmosphere and focus on driver skill development.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Witney Evening Grass Autotest
8 July

Woodlands Farm, Bicester, OX27 7LU

Autotest Drumbreg
26 July

Drumbreg, Dumfries, DG1 4JN

Garrison AutoSOLO
13 September 2026

Martinique Parade Ground,
Bordon, GU35 0NF

Blackburn AutoSOLO
12 July

Blackburn with Darwen Services,
M65 Motorway Services J4, BB3 0DB

Late Summer Autotest
8 August

Oakwood Autotest Arena,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS16 0ET

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit an autotest or autosolo event at your local motor club
2. Apply for your free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence
3. Use your everyday road car to enter a beginner-friendly event
4. Learn the course layout and driving techniques
5. Enter your first autotest or autosolo competition

 **TAP TO LEARN MORE**

TRIALS

WHAT?

Drive your vehicle as far as you can up a steep uphill course. Avoid hitting the marker posts or you'll obtain a penalty.

WHERE?

Nationwide.

WHAT LICENCE?

RS Clubman

HOW MUCH?

You can get started in trials from around £25–£50 per event using a standard or lightly modified vehicle. Many competitors begin with older production-based cars or affordable off-road vehicles, making trials one of the most accessible forms of off-road motorsport.



 TAP TO LEARN MORE

FAQS

WHAT'S THE MINIMUM AGE I CAN START COMPETING?

Junior competitors can begin trials in certain categories from age 14 depending on the vehicle type and event regulations.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENCE?

You do not always need a road driving licence to compete in trials, although some events and vehicle classes may require one depending on the regulations and venue.

WHAT'S THE AIM OF A TRIALS EVENT?

Unlike racing disciplines focused on speed, trials competitors aim to successfully complete off-road sections while avoiding penalties. Drivers are judged on control, accuracy and their ability to navigate difficult terrain.

DO I NEED A SPECIALIST VEHICLE?

No. Many newcomers begin in standard or lightly modified production-based vehicles. More experienced competitors may use purpose-built trials cars designed specifically for climbing steep and challenging terrain.

WHAT LICENCE DO I NEED?

Many grassroots trials events can be entered using a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence. More advanced events may require an Inter Club licence depending on the event regulations.

DO I NEED A PASSENGER?

Some forms of trials involve a passenger, often called a "bouncer," who helps balance the car and improve traction over difficult terrain. Other events can be competed in solo depending on the regulations and vehicle type.

IS TRIALS SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS?

Absolutely. Trials is well known for its friendly and supportive community, making it a fantastic entry point into off-road motorsport. The focus on skill and control over outright speed also makes it less intimidating for newcomers.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Summer Evening Car Trial
26 June
Winsdon Farm, Launceston, PL15 8NX

Gerry P Evans Memorial Cymru Trial
1 August
Hendre Llwyn Y Maen Farm, Clwyd, LL22 8TE

Summer Trial
26 August
North Down Farm, Crewkerne, TA18 7PL

NEED THREE MORE PLEASE

5 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Visit a local trials event and speak to competitors
2. Apply for your free Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence
3. Decide whether to use a standard or modified vehicle
4. Learn the basics of off-road vehicle control and observation
5. Enter a beginner-friendly trials event with your local motor club

MOTORSPORT FOR UNDER 18s

Think you need a driving licence before you can get involved in motorsport? Think again.

Motorsport is one of the few sports where young people can get behind the wheel and start competing long before they are old enough to drive on the road. From karting from the age of 6, to Junior Drag Racing from age 8, and grassroots disciplines such as AutoSOLOs and Autotests from age 14, there are opportunities for young people across the UK to begin their motorsport journey.

Many grassroots disciplines are designed specifically to help young drivers build confidence, learn vehicle control and gain experience behind the wheel. Motorsport can also teach valuable life skills including concentration, decision-making, responsibility and teamwork.

NOT READY TO DRIVE? YOU CAN STILL GET INVOLVED

You don't need to be behind the wheel to be part of motorsport. Young people can get involved from an early age through Motorsport UK's Cadet Marshal Programme, with opportunities available from 11 years old. Working alongside experienced marshals, Cadet Marshals learn about event safety, teamwork and communication while gaining a unique behind-the-scenes insight into how motorsport events operate.

Many young people also start by volunteering at events, helping local clubs or supporting media teams. These roles provide valuable experience, a chance to meet like-minded people and an opportunity to become part of the motorsport community long before getting behind the wheel.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A CADET MARSHAL

Classic Trials Cross Country Trials Road and Stage Rallies Safaris and Hill Rallies	17 YEARS OLD	Navigate on Stage Rallies
Single Seaters	15 YEARS OLD	Autotest Cross Country TYRO
Autotest Cross Country TYRO Esports	13 YEARS OLD	Car Trial Junior Autocross Junior Rallycross Junior Sprint & HC Junior Rally Champ Junior Race
Navigate on Road Rallies <i>Sit front passenger on:</i> Autotests Car Trials Cross Country TYRO	12 YEARS OLD	Cadet Marshal
Bambino Karting	6 YEARS OLD	Drag Racing Karting
		<i>Rear passenger on:</i> Cross Country TYRO Car Trial Road Rally

DRIVE PASSENGER / NAVIGATE



WHICH COMPETITION LICENCE DO I NEED?

A Motorsport UK competition licence is your passport to competing in motorsport. Licences run from January to December each year and give you access to thousands of events across the UK, from grassroots StreetCar competitions to national championships. Your licence also provides insurance while competing at Motorsport UK-permitted events and gives you access to a range of member benefits.

The licence you need depends on the type of motorsport you want to take part in and the level at which you wish to compete.

RS CLUBMAN LICENCE

PERFECT FOR: Anyone trying motorsport for the first time.

COST: Free

The RS Clubman Licence is the easiest way to get started in motorsport. It is completely free and can be obtained online in just a few minutes.

With an RS Clubman Licence, you can compete in many grassroots and StreetCar disciplines, including:

- AutoSOLOs
- Production Car Autotests
- Trials
- Cross Country events
- Road Rallies
- Navigational Rallies

You'll also be able to join Motorsport UK-affiliated clubs. An optional upgrade is available for £24.99 which adds on personal accident insurance cover while competing, plus a physical licence card and access to member benefits.

RS INTER CLUB LICENCE

PERFECT FOR: Competitors looking to take the next step after StreetCar or club-level events.

COST: From £85

If you want to progress beyond grassroots competition, an RS Inter Club Licence opens the door to a wider range of events, including many sprint, hill climb, rally and cross-country competitions. In most cases, you can apply directly without taking a driving test, although some disciplines may require additional training or assessments.

RS NATIONAL LICENCE

PERFECT FOR: Experienced competitors aiming to progress through the sport.

COST: From £184

The RS National Licence allows competitors to enter higher-level national events across a range of disciplines. It is often the next stage for drivers who have gained experience at Inter Club level and want to compete in larger championships and national competitions.

RACE CLUB LICENCE



PERFECT FOR: Drivers wanting to start circuit racing.

COST: From £119 (plus ARDS test)

If circuit racing is your goal, you'll need a Race Club Licence. To obtain one, first-time competitors must complete the Motorsport UK Go Racing process, including an ARDS (Association of Racing Drivers Schools) novice driver assessment. This licence allows you to compete in Motorsport UK-sanctioned circuit racing events.

KART CLUBMAN LICENCE

PERFECT FOR: Young drivers and anyone beginning their karting journey.

COST: From £51

Karting has its own licence pathway. The Kart Clubman Licence allows competitors to take part in many entry-level karting events and championships.

NOT SURE WHICH LICENCE YOU NEED?

Don't worry if you're unsure where to start. For most newcomers, the free RS Clubman Licence is all that's needed to experience their first motorsport event. If you're unsure, contact our Member Services Team on **01753 765000** who will be happy to help. Alternatively email us at memberservices@motorsportuk.org.

VOLUNTEERING IN MOTORSPORT

Volunteering is at the heart of motorsport.

Every event, from local club competitions to international championships, relies on dedicated volunteers to help make it happen.

Whether you're looking to share your passion for motorsport, meet like-minded people, develop new skills or simply get closer to the action, volunteering is a rewarding way to become part of the sport. And with a wide variety of roles available, there's something to suit everyone – whether you can spare a few weekends a year or are looking to get involved on a regular basis.

VOLUNTEERS IN MOTORSPORT GENERALLY FALL INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES:

MARSHALS

OFFICIALS

CLUB VOLUNTEERS

MARSHALS

Marshals are often the most recognisable volunteers in motorsport. As the friendly faces in orange, they're usually positioned trackside, stage-side or around the course, helping events run safely and smoothly while supporting competitors and spectators.

There are a variety of marshalling roles available depending on your interests, skills and the type of motorsport event you want to be involved in. From circuit racing and rallying to hill climbs and autotests, marshals play a vital role in keeping events safe and enjoyable for everyone involved.

One of the best things about marshalling is how accessible it is. Young people can begin their volunteering journey as a Cadet Marshal from the age of 11, making it a fantastic way to get involved in motorsport before you're old enough to compete.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MARSHALLING

OFFICIALS

Officials are licensed volunteers who take on key responsibilities in the organisation and running of motorsport events. These roles include:

- Scrutineers
- Clerks of the Course
- Stewards
- Timekeepers
- Rescue and Recovery personnel

Officials help ensure events are run safely, fairly and in accordance with Motorsport UK regulations.

Because these roles carry greater responsibility, additional training is required before becoming licensed.

The good news is that Motorsport UK's training programme is free of charge and combines online learning with practical, in-person training and mentoring. This structured pathway allows volunteers to develop their knowledge and progress within the sport at their own pace.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Not every volunteering role takes place at an event. Behind every successful motor club is a team of volunteers helping to organise activities, support members and keep the club running smoothly. Club Volunteers fulfil a wide range of important roles, including:

- Event Secretary
- Safeguarding Officer
- Club Treasurer
- Press Officer
- Social Media Volunteer
- Membership Secretary

These roles are currently unlicensed by Motorsport UK but are just as vital to the success of grassroots motorsport. Volunteering with your local motor club can be a great opportunity to gain new experience, develop existing skills or put your professional expertise to good use in a rewarding environment.

Whether your background is in finance, marketing, administration, communications or event management, there's likely a role where you can make a real difference.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CLUB VOLUNTEERING

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering is one of the best ways to experience motorsport from the inside. You'll become part of a welcoming community, gain valuable life skills, access training opportunities and play a direct role in helping events happen.

WHATEVER YOUR AGE, EXPERIENCE OR AVAILABILITY, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN MOTORSPORT VOLUNTEERING.