



Lotus Cup UK Speed Championship

Back to our roots

The Lotus on Track Racing Drivers Club was formed from the track day club from which it takes its name, however, the Lotus on Track Elise Trophy was not the first motor sport event organised by its founders. Many of the drivers taking part in the first season in 2007 cut their competitive teeth in sprinting.

The Lotus Cup UK Speed Championship was inaugurated in 2014, consolidating the two main sprint series for Lotus enthusiasts.

Sprinting is the perfect stepping stone for drivers ready to take their first steps in competition, with drivers alone on the track and without the distraction of other cars, or the fear of contact, able to concentrate on their technique and speed. It appeals to both track day drivers, who are able to use their skills in a competitive environment, and complete novices, who can instantly compare their performances to the frontrunners.

Sprinting is also an accessible form of motorsport. Road going cars are eligible to participate, and the vast majority of competitors will not need to fit a roll cage, fire extinguisher or harness to take part. Events take place over just a single day, avoiding the need to book accommodation.

The Lotus Cup UK Speed Championship operates

similar technical rules to Lotus Cup Europe, with two separate Championships for normally-aspirated Production cars and faster SuperSport cars. Drivers can easily graduate to racing once they are comfortable with their performance and are ready to take the next step.

Each of the 2018 championship's rounds has been selected for their suitability for all levels of experience and types of car, with a variety of venues ranging from sprint circuits, airfields and race tracks. These will include Snetterton and Rockingham race circuits, a visit to the Lotus test track at Hethel as well as a return to Silverstone for MG Live and the classic sprint circuit of Curborough. The championship makes return visits to both Blyton Park and MIRA.

At each round competitors will get the opportunity to walk the course, before commencing with practice runs to learn the course. They will then have two or three chances to post their fastest time. Their best time from these two or three runs will be classified in the final results.

Lotus Cup UK Speed Championship is designed to be fun and sociable, creating an environment where Lotus owners can meet up whilst taking part in grass roots motor sport.



2018 Provisional Calendar

17 March	Snetterton 300
5 May	MIRA
3 June	Silverstone Stowe
7 July	Blyton Park
5 August	Hethel (Lotus test track)
16 September	Curborough
20 October	Rockingham

What is sprinting?

Sprinting is racing against the clock held at race circuits and specialised sprint tracks (such as Curborough).

Cars start singly and are timed by electronic equipment accurate to 100th of a second.

What you need to take part:

MSA Non Race National B licence - Just £45, no test or medical required.

Timing strut - Enables your car to be timed and is usually fitted to the cars front towing point.

Yellow electrical tape - A small amount is needed to cover the battery earth.

Ignition off sticker - Just a small sticker to show which way to turn your ignition off.

Crash Helmet - meeting MSA criteria, most track day helmets are suitable.

Race suit - Flame resistant overalls in Proban or Nomex are required to MSA criteria.

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2 Championships:

Production - Lotus road going cars to Lotus Cup Europe Production class power limits; must be road registered, MOT and taxed. Tyres are limited to List 1A & List 1B meaning a cage isn't required.
SuperSport - Lotus cars running to Lotus Cup Europe base regs - S/C Toyota, modified K series/Toyota. Also open to normally aspirated engine transplant cars. SuperSport cars compete in two separate classes at events: Original or Modified depending on tyres and engine, some tyre types and engine transplant cars are required to fit a cage/a frame-petty bar.

Approx. car costs: £8,000 - £60,000

Approx. running costs: from £50 per round

Entry fees: approx. £100 per round

Points highlights:

1st-20, 2nd-18, 3rd-16, 4th-15, then incrementally down one point for each finishing position score. Bonus points for number of cars beaten in class. 1 bonus point for fastest 1st run in class. 6 highest scoring rounds count towards the Championship