

Advice for first time racers

Remember:

Don't forget the following:

- Race Licence and upgrade card. Forgetting your licence is very easy, I've done it and so has the current champion. If you choose not to return home and get it, it will cost you a £45.00 to the Clerk of the Course
- Club membership cards (BARC and 2CV Racing Club)
- Championship Registration Card
- Race Suit
- Helmet
- Gloves
- Boots

Sign-on

Make sure you find where you have to sign on. Either ask a fellow competitor or follow the crowd. We are meant to sign on at the times stated in the final instructions, but this never seems to be too rigid.

New Driver's Briefing

You MUST attend one of these prior to going out to practice. If you do not attend, or even if you are late for the briefing, the Clerk of the Course will fine you £135.00. Make sure you are aware of where these will be held and at what times.

Scrutineering

Make sure that you do not lose the ticket that was given to you at sign-on. You need to give that to the scrutineer when you take your car there. Also remember to take your race suit and helmet as well as they will be inspected. If your helmet doesn't have the MSA sticker on it, this is where it will be applied to it at a cost of £1.00. Take the slip that the scrutineer gives you when you pass and stick it in the off-side rear window of your car.

Qualifying

Listen out for the announcement that competitors should make their way to the assembly area. It is usually drowned out by the normal noise of a race meeting, so watch what other people are doing

You need to complete a minimum of three laps in qualifying in order to make it on to the grid. Depending which circuit we are racing on you should get 8 to 12 laps in the session, so don't go banzai on your first laps. It is embarrassing watching the majority of the session from the tyre walls and you get a really bad grid position!! I know, because I did it in my second ever race!

The Race

I can't tell you how to do your race, that is up to you! Make sure you are ready in plenty of time, have gone to the toilet if necessary (it is a nerve wracking time) and that your car is fuelled and ready.

Familiarise yourself with the starting procedure, green flag lap, countdown and start, either standing or rolling. Be aware of exactly what the start signal is. This should be in the supplementary regulations, or have been covered in the driver's briefing. Also be aware of what happens if the start lights fail. This does happen sometimes!!

When the red light goes to green, GO!! Remember, the race isn't won in the first corner, and HAVE FUN!!!!

Finish

After taking the chequered flag, follow the instructions of the marshals at all times. Go to Parc Ferme, and do what the scrutineer / officials direct you to.

On return to the paddock, after getting out of your car, crack a beer open because you will deserve one!! It also lubricates the vocal cords, which is handy as you will now be a fully-fledged racing driver, and expected to come up with the tall tales and excuses that are expected of that position!!