

MG TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP

Not raced before?

Your first race meeting may appear to be a bit daunting with so much to think about and so many things to do. This should help get you started, it's not a definitive list but it's a good start.

1. You (the driver) will need to get kitted out, overalls, helmet, boots, gloves etc. See Blue Book section K9 to K14 for full details. These two places can help www.demon-tweaks.co.uk and www.gprdirect.com You will need a HANS device.
2. Tools, you will need a full tool kit plus axle stands (min 4) a good trolley jack (make sure it will go under your car !), jerry cans for fuel, a wheel gun, torque wrench, foot pump, Demon Tweaks has all this stuff.
3. In addition you will need a pit board and numbers set, stop watch, clip board and writing pad. Customise your pit board so you will recognise it at 100 mph ! Demon Tweaks again.
4. Now to your car. Make sure everything works, all lights, including rear hazard light(s) wipers, blades OK? Screen blower, cut out etc, all these things will be checked at scrutineering and if any of them don't work you may not be allowed to race. Transponders need to be fitted and wired up, race numbers attached, and all the championship decals and number plates correctly fitted.
5. For your race weekend you will also need, spare wheels/tyres, (wet tyres if in class A). Fuel for the weekend, oil, brake fluid, spare pads, and other consumables, including plenty of rags !
6. Make one of your team the timekeeper responsible for keeping the driver alerted to the race day timings. There will be novice drivers briefings, general briefings and qualifying times to adhere to, there will be random checks made to see if you are present, Your race will be called over the Tannoy, listen out for these messages, it's easy to miss them. Make sure you get to the assembly area on time, **if you're late you may be stopped from racing.**
7. Where we have a double header race weekend there will always be time between races for remedial work, usually a minimum of 2 hrs.
8. Your tickets, final instructions and supplementary regs (known as SR's) will be sent to you by the organising club in advance of the race date. **Read them.**
9. Make sure you have read and understood the appropriate sections of your Blue Book especially the references to the Safety Car procedure in section Q appendix 3.
10. I suggest you make up your own list after a few meetings and use this as your definitive check list to make sure you have everything with you.
11. Those of you who have less than six car race signatures on your licence, you will need to display a black cross on the rear of your car in accordance with Blue Book Q 11.4.4
12. Make sure you bring plenty of cash with you, you will need to pay for your number plates and charity sticker at the first meeting amongst other things.