

Competitor Minimum Ages



Motorsport is unique in that it allows young people to get behind-the-wheel years before they are able to drive on the roads.

Competing in motorsport from a young age can teach basic car control skills and enable young drivers to be safer when they do learn to drive.



6-8 Years Old

Junior Dragsters

The Junior Dragsters class invites children from eight-years-old to take on the quarter-mile strip in miniature versions of top-fuel cars.

Karting

The Bambino karting class is specifically designed for 6–8-year-olds to get their first experience of karting. The class uses a kart that is the correct size and not too heavy for young drivers. At eight years old, children can move into the Cadet karting class.

Passenger

From two-years-old children can sit as a rear passenger on Road and Navigational Rallies, Car Trials, Classic Trials, and Cross Country Tyro events.



8-13 Years Old

Cross Country Tyro

From the age of 13, a child can drive on a Tyro Trial. Tyro events are aimed at young drivers, with gentle off-road sections that are taxing enough to get to grips with the car without inflicting damage (reckless driving aside). A child may passenger on a Tyro Trial from the age of 12.

Karting

Once a child is eight-years-old there are many different karting championships available to them, such as the cadet karting class in the British Indoor Karting Championship, and British Karting Championships.

Navigate on Road Rallies

For Road Rallies on the public highway the emphasis is as much on navigation as driving skill. The navigator, who can be as young as 12, uses Ordnance Survey maps to direct the driver around the route.

Passenger

At 12-years-old, one can sit as front passenger on a Car Trial or Production Car Autotest.



14 - 16 Years Old

AutoSOLO/Production Car Autotest

AutoSOLOs and Autotests are a great way to experience competitive motorsport on a budget. Drivers memorise and complete a course laid out in cones against the clock. Drivers can be as young as 14 and can compete in a standard road car.

Car Trial

Trialling is all about how far you go rather than how fast you get there. At 14-years-old a child can get behind the wheel and take to the hills.

Junior Autocross & Rallycross

Autocross involves tackling a temporary course, usually between 800 and 1200 metres long in a grass or stubble field, against the clock.

Rallycross is a combination of circuit racing and rallying. Up to eight cars go wheel-to-wheel around a circuit that combines both tarmac and gravel.



14 - 16 Years Old

Junior Hill Climb & Sprint

Hill Climb and Sprinting are popular disciplines that see competitors complete a course against the clock. Children can get behind the wheel from 14-years-old at junior events.

Passenger

At 14-years-old a child can passenger on classic, cross country, and sporting trials.

Race

From 14-years-old a child can compete in junior race championships, such as Ginetta Junior or British F4.

Stage Rallying

The Formula 1000 Junior Rally Championship allows those aged 14-17 to take on stage rally events in cars up to one litre in capacity. From 14 children can also navigate on single-venue rallies.



16 - 18 Years Old

Autotest

Autotests are an advanced version of AutoSOLOs. Young people can compete from 16-years-old.

Cross Country

At 17-years-old a young person can drive on off-road Safaris and Hill Rally events. They must also hold a driving licence.

Racing

From 16-years-old a teenager can compete in senior circuit racing events, from club level to national championships and beyond.

Rally

Young drivers must be 17 years old and hold a driving licence to be able to drive on road and stage rally events. At 16, they can co-drive on a stage rally.

Sporting Trial

Sporting trials involve driving up challenging, muddy, hills in specialist vehicles. Teenagers can get behind the wheel from 16-years-old.



For more information on any of the disciplines mentioned, visit motorsportuk.org.

