



CGRC News – 2020 (PART 2) Membership - we're opening up

Membership Opens – Monday 18th November – 8.00pm

We're pleased to say that we've hit our target date and membership opens at **8.00pm tonight!**

One of the changes this year is that you can select your own race number (excluding 1 and 7). Not that we are starting competition early, but we should point out that if you want a particular race number (excluding 1 and 7) it's **"first come, first served"**!

The various changes for 2020 have involved some significant amendments to the website. We have also taken the opportunity to implement a cheaper and better payment system. Everything has been tested, however if it does fall over please bear with us. Full details of how to join CGRC, the different types of membership, early bird discounts, how to join, entry fees, entry to the pre-season track day etc, are set out below.

Our Provisional Calendar (now including the Pre-Season Track Day)

We are pleased to confirm a venue and date for our track day. We've chosen Silverstone National given it worked well this year and we are racing on the National Circuit 3 weeks after the track day.

Date	Location	Format
29th February	Silverstone National	Pre-Season Track Day
21st + 22nd March	Silverstone National	2 day - Triple Header
10th + 11th April	Donington Park National	<u>2 day - Double Header *</u>
23rd May	Silverstone GP	<u>1 day - Double Header *</u>
13th + 14th June	Anglesey International	2 day - Triple Header
10th + 11th + 12th July	Zandvoort GP	3 day - Double Header
29th August	Snetterton 300	<u>1 day - Double Header *</u>
12th September	Oulton Park International	1 day - Double Header

* CGRC Trophy Round

You've asked for more variety in racing format, so for 2020 we have a mix of: -

- 1-day and 2-day meetings
- Double and Triple headers
- A 3-day International meeting

As we always say at this point in time, the dates should be treated as **PROVISIONAL**. Whilst we would hope the dates will stay put, they can move around (and have in the past) for reasons beyond our control. If there are any likely changes, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Racing Membership Options

We appreciate that not everyone can commit to a full championship, so for 2020 we have developed a number of racing options, giving Members the opportunity to race as much as they wish, at a cost related to the number of meetings they enter during the season.

Associated with this we are launching a new competition, the CGRC Trophy, for Members that want to compete over three rounds of the championship. The "Trophy" circuits for 2020 are Silverstone GP, Donington National and Snetterton 300.

The 3 Racing Membership options are as follow: -

- **Full Membership – from £245**

Join as a Full Member and compete in one of four classes in the CGRC Championship at a cost of £295, with an **early bird discount to £245 available up to 31st December 2019**.

- **Trophy Membership – from £145**

Join as a Trophy Member and compete in three race meetings for the CGRC Trophy (Silverstone GP, Donington National and Snetterton 300), and at any other meetings as a Flex Member (see below) at a cost of £195, with an **early bird discount to £145 available up to 31st December 2019**.

- **Flex Membership - £50**

Join as a Flex Member at any time for **£50** and race when you want to / are able to at one or more meetings during the season.

Flex Membership replaces the former guest arrangements and is open to drivers who have CGRC class specification cars AND current specification Caterham Motorsport cars from the Roadsport, 270R and 310R classes. Roadsport and 270R cars are eligible to race and compete for awards in the Sigma 135 class and 310R cars in the Sigma 150 class.

CGRC Racing Membership

You are joining the Caterham Graduates Racing Club as racing member. The Club is operated by way of a non-profit company (Company number 05114877). It is run by volunteers, there are no paid employees.

The Club is funded by membership fees, any surplus income from race meetings and sponsorship from various organisations, in particular businesses operated by Club members. Our main sponsor is our tyre supplier Yokohama.

The benefits of 3 types of racing membership are set out on our website here: -

<https://www.cgrc.uk/info.asp?s=racing-membership>

Race Numbers for 2020

For 2020 we are departing from our former class-based numbering system. When you apply for membership you will be given the option to choose your race number.

This is on a **“first come, first served”** basis – **so you are on starters orders.....**

Two numbers have been reserved as follows: -

- No. 1 - decided by a draw from 2019's class champions – **Kevin Barrett**
- No. 7 – for the winner of the 2019 Martin Kay Trophy - **Iain Kinghorn**

How you join CGRC as a Racing Member

Set out below is a step by step guide to enrol in any one of the 3 types of racing membership: -

- Go to the CGRC website – <https://www.cgrc.uk/enrolment.asp>
- The first page lays out the basic membership details, click on the “click here” link at the top of the page to proceed. You will then either be asked to login (for existing members) or create a new account for new members
- Once you have logged in, please select your racing Class and the type of membership
- We then ask you to select enter information about yourself and car. This can be updated later and will be required before the start of the season. You also select your race number for the 2020 season at this point. Should the number you want not show, this is because someone else has already selected it. After completing this screen (and as we said, some of it you can complete later, like Transponder number etc) you will then be asked to pay.
- On completion you will receive an email confirming your membership.

Help with joining

If you have any queries about membership or issues / difficulties with using our system to join the Club, please contact the following: -

Membership General Enquiries – Andrew Outterside 07831 451157 or membership@cgrc.uk

Membership System – John Benfield – 07770 995395 or competitions@cgrc.uk

Membership Payments – Peter Marsh – 07967 706363 or treasurer@cgrc.uk

Booking for Pre-Season Track Day – Now Open

We return to Silverstone National for this on **Saturday 29th February**, giving you the opportunity to shake down the car, practice for our race at the circuit three weeks later, and take out family, friends and sponsors.

Once you've joined as a Member why not book your place on our track day? As before, Harry Cramer's Torque Motorsport is running the day for us. There will be exclusive novice sessions along with "taster" sessions for anyone thinking of starting racing with the Club.

The price is **£235 if booked before 1st January 2020**, or **£250 thereafter** and includes: -

- At least 6 x 30-minute sessions (subject to weather and red flags)
- Free shared use of a garage
- Free additional drivers – just arrive on the day, but must attend the mandatory briefing
- Free passengers – just arrive on the day
- Free instruction (subject to availability) from an ARDS qualified instructor

PLEASE NOTE: - CGRC Members (along with Caterham Motorsport drivers) have exclusivity until 1st January 2020, so book early.

Here's the link to book: - <https://torquemotorsport.co.uk/book-online/>

If you have any queries please contact Harry Cramer directly on 01606 800 160 or email: -

info@torquemotorsport.co.uk

Scrutineering, Tyres and Support Teams at the Track Day

Our longstanding eligibility scrutineer, Keith Marchant, will be on hand to check cars over, advise on eligibility and seal engines (if required).

We also hope to have Polleysport in attendance to supply and fit our control Yokohama tyres.

Race teams serving the CGRC paddock will be on hand to discuss any support requirements you have 2020. We have provided details of the team contacts at the end of this note, should you wish to contact them beforehand regarding support for 2020, pre-season preparation or sourcing a car.

Race Schedule – tell us when are you racing with CGRC in 2020

A vital part of race organisation is knowing who is going to race at each event. Once you have entered as a member please complete your race schedule based on your current intentions.

Please review your race schedule on a regular basis and update should your plans change.

You can access your race schedule as follows: -

- Go to the CGRC website – www.cgrc.uk and login in as member (select Members on the menu bar)
- Once logged in re-select the Members item and select “Update Your Race Schedule”. For each round please put your likelihood of racing. You can, and should please, keep this updated throughout the year as it helps us plan each race meeting.

Race Entries

Race Entries will open in early 2020 and you will be advised of the date in advance.

For any of the five BARC meetings, Full members will use the BARC web-based entry system, as will CGRC Trophy members for the three Trophy meetings.

You need to be a BARC member to use their entry system – see details of BARC Membership later in this note.

Flex members will use the web-based CGRC system for all entries, as will Trophy members for any non-Trophy meetings they wish to enter.

All members will use the CGRC entry system for two non-BARC meetings at Anglesey International and Zandvoort GP.

Grids and Entry Priorities for 2020

For 2020 the Club are fully responsible for purchasing grid space / track time. In view of this and based on anticipated membership numbers and likely participation rates, we have looked at circuits with higher capacity grids (38 and over), where we can race on a single mixed grid.

Given that we have a single mixed grid, there may be pressure on grid space at some meetings. Accordingly, for 2020, we will be operating a priority entry system based on the type of Club membership as follows: -

- **Full Membership** – 1st priority for all entries, up to a stated date.
- **Trophy Membership** – Joint 1st priority with full members for entries to the three CGRC Trophy meetings, up to a stated date. 2nd priority (along with Flex Members) for any other race meetings.
- **Flex Membership** – 2nd priority for all entries.

Race Entry Fees for 2020

The Club are now responsible for purchasing all track time from organising clubs or circuits. In 2020 we are contracting with BARC for five of our seven race weekends, 750 Motor Club for Anglesey International and BRSSC for Zandvoort GP.

Circuit hire costs have increased, in some instances significantly, and we are trying hard to limit the increase in entry fees to Members. Entry pricing is largely based on the cost / amount of track time taken, grid capacity and likely participation rate. To give you the opportunity to budget, our current estimate of entry fees is as follows: -

- Triple Headers and Silverstone GP – not exceeding £495.
- Double Headers (except Zandvoort GP) – not exceeding £445.

Zandvoort GP entry fee, along with details of a discounted ferry deal being negotiated by BRSCC, will be advised as soon as we have full pricing. The entry fee, **inclusive of practice / testing on Friday**, is unlikely to exceed £700, i.e. similar to 2019.

Given the reduction to seven race weekends the overall season should actually cost less than 2019 for the same number of races (16).

PLEASE NOTE: - The above entry fees will apply to Full Members for any race meeting and to Trophy Members for Trophy meetings. An additional charge of £50 per meeting will apply to Flex Members entering any meeting and to Trophy Members entering any meetings other than the CGRC Trophy meetings (for 2020 they are Silverstone GP, Donington National and Snetterton 300).

As ever, the Club's aim is to provide an excellent value racing experience.

What's included in your Race Entry Fee?

- **“Free Practice”** – a 15 minute session at the start of the meeting to assist those that decide not to test the day before. For the Zandvoort GP meeting, we are looking at a total 75 minutes of practice / testing on the Friday (made up of 3 sessions of 25 minutes).
- **Qualifying** – a 20 minute session.
- **Double Header Races** – Race 1 will be 20 minutes and Race 2 will be 25 minutes, with the exception of Zandvoort GP which will be two 30 minute races.
- **Triple Header Races** – Race 1 20 minutes, Race 2, 20 minutes and Race 3, 25 minutes.
- **Refreshments** – for Member and guests on test and race days.
- **Catering** – for Member and 1 guest on race days* (if required additional guest catering can be purchased in advance of the meeting). *possibly not at Zandvoort

BARC Membership

All racing members require either annual or weekend membership of BARC to race at any of the five BARC meetings in 2020. BARC Membership is not required for the Zandvoort GP or Anglesey International meetings.

Existing BARC members will be informed in advance of their renewal.

Full and Trophy Members will need to join BARC as an annual racing member. We understand the 2020 membership fee is £145.

Flex Members can join as an annual racing member of BARC (as above), or pay for weekend membership on a race by race basis at a cost of £45 per weekend, when they submit their entry.

The contact at BARC is their Membership Secretary Angie Kew - 01264 882205 or email: -

membership@barc.net.

Racing Classes for 2020

For anyone that missed the first CGRC 2020 News we set out below confirmation of the four classes that will apply in 2020. They are as follows: -

- **Sigma 150** - based on the Caterham Motorsport 310R (production from 2014 to date), 151bhp TiVCT Ford Sigma engine, race suspension, limited slip differential, Mazda gearbox.
- **Sigma 135** - based on the Caterham Motorsport 270R cars (production from 2014 to date), 135bhp TiVCT Ford Sigma engine, race suspension, open differential, Mazda gearbox.

Caterham Academy and Caterham Roadsport cars with the 125bhp TiVCT Ford Sigma engine (production from 2014 to date) can be upgraded to 135bhp Sigma 135 engine specification by way of a simple and low-cost ECU flash – as carried out by the ex Caterham “Roadsporters” who joined us in 2019. The remainder of the upgrade to full Sigma 135 / 270R specification (wide track and race springs and dampers) is optional and opinion varies as to whether this offers an advantage.

Pre 2014 non-TiVCT Ford Sigma engine cars with 125bhp and Ford type 9 gearbox (production from 2008 to 2013) are also permitted in this class, or alternatively they can be upgraded and raced in the Sigmax class (see below).

- **Sigmax** - based on the Caterham Motorsport Supersport (from 2008 – 2013), with some 140bhp from the non-TiVCT Ford Sigma engine, race suspension, limited slip differential, Ford type 9 gearbox. The class also includes the Rover engine former Mega class cars (with the option of a limited slip or open differential).
- **Classic** - based on the original Caterham Scholarship / Academy live axle car up to the year 2000.

Sigma / Mega Equalisation Test

This is now confirmed for 30th November at Snetterton 300. PT Motorsport are carrying out the test for the Club. Ian Payne is driving and data logging a Sigma along with a Mega fitted with an LSD.

The LSD being specified is a proven product – it's a Titan diff with a specific "ramp" specification, due to the light weight of the car. It was fitted to the original Caterham Supersport.

Phil at Road & Race - <https://www.rtrtransmissions.com/lsdstore/titan> can supply and correctly set up the LSD for £750 plus £150 to fit in the casing – so £900 plus VAT.

Phil says he is expecting Titan to increase their prices soon, so if you are thinking of having an LSD fitted for next season you might want to place an early order.

Racing Classes for 2021

It has been discussed and agreed with the Classic drivers that 2020 will be the last season for the class.

So, looking forward to 2021, the racing classes are likely to be as follows: -

- **Sigma 150** (Caterham Motorsport 310R from 2014 to present)
- **Sigma 135** (Caterham Motorsport Roadsport and 270R from 2014 to present)
- **Sigma** (Caterham Supersport – up to 2013)

2020 Championship Regulations

Our regulations for 2020 are in the process of being drafted to accommodate the various changes for season ahead.

The only significant change will relate to the enforcement of the three sets of tyres rule. Tyre marking and monitoring will be in place for 2020. More details on this later.

Otherwise, there are no significant technical changes anticipated. In the meantime, for new Members that wish to review the 2019 regulations, they can be found here: -

https://www.cgrc.uk/docs/2019_Caterham_Graduates_Final.pdf

Race Cars for Sale / for Hire

A good selection of available race cars for sale or for hire are shown on the CGRC website here: -

<https://www.cgrc.uk/forsale.asp>

Race Support Teams

Should you be looking for pre-season repairs / preparation, test / race day support, transportation, arrive and drive, tuition etc and wish to talk to the three race support teams that will be in the paddock in 2020, their contact details are here: -

CTS Motorsport – contact Mark Ashman on 07879 776708 or mark@ctsmotorsport.com or Jon Curry on 07725263003 or jon@ctsmotorsport.com or call the workshop on 01652 649589.

PT Motorsport – contact Ian Payne on 07811 190400 or ian@ptsportscars.com or call the workshop on 01753 856064.

Revolution Motor Works - contact Joel Doherty on 07909 901571 or joel@revolutionmotorworks.co.uk or call the workshop on 01798 368535.

Volunteer Required

To deal with the compilation and distribution of club and sponsor decals to Members.

As in previous years we aim to distribute the decal packs at the Pre-Season Track Day (29th February 2020) and post out to those not attending the following week.

If you are attending the track day and have some spare time in January and February to take responsibility for this, please contact Andrew Outterside on 07831 451157 or commercial@cgrc.uk .

Sponsorship

Talking of sponsorship – the Club offers the opportunity to promote products and services.

Sponsors decals will be applied to all cars registered for the CGRC Championship and CGRC Trophy, along with promotion on the CGRC website and social media and promotion to CGRC Members.

Sponsorship packages range from £500 to £5,000, with headline Championship sponsorship (with naming rights) currently available.

For more information on what the Club can offer sponsors please contact Andrew Outterside on 07831 451157 or commercial@cgrc.uk .

Website Updating for 2020

We appreciate that a number of areas of the website still remain to be updated. Please bear with us, as we have been focusing on sorting out arrangements for 2020 and the membership and payment systems.

Thinking about racing with CGRC?

If you are reading this and thinking about starting circuit racing and would like to discuss what's involved, please contact us, we're experienced at introducing novices to the sport and many of our current members started racing with the Club.

If you are already racing and considering a change to a Caterham, please contact us for advice on the racing classes and sourcing a suitable car.

Your contact is Andrew Outterside on 07831 451157 or membership@cgrc.uk .

That's all for now – more to follow in the coming weeks - good luck with the race for your 2020 number!

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