Caterham & Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship Regulations 2024

1. SPORTING REGULATIONS - GENERAL

1.1 Title & Jurisdiction:

The Caterham & Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship is organised and administered by the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club in accordance with the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

Motorsport UK Championship Permit No. :CH2024/S025 (D)
Status: Interclub

Motorsport UK Championship Grade: D

1.2 Officials:

1.2.1 Co-ordinator: Martin Phipps, the Coach House, Tupwood Scrubbs Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6TH

1.2.2 Eligibility Scrutineer: Mr Andy Stone, 15 Chitterman Way, Markfield, Leicester, LE67 9WU.

1.2.3 Championship Stewards: Barry Hunt, Paul Ranson, Tim Wilson

1.3 Competitor Eligibility:

1.3.1 Entrants must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club and be in possession of a current Motorsport UK Entrants Licence.

1.3.2 Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club, be Registered for the Championship and be in possession of a current Competition RS Interclub Status Licence, as a minimum.

A competitor shall not take time off school to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their school. If participation in the Championship requires absence from school, Drivers in full time school education are required to have the approval of their head teacher and a letter stating such approval from his/her school in order to fulfil registration for the Championship.

A novice for the purpose of the Novice Trophy is a person holding an Motorsport UK Competition Licence for the first time in the current year and taking part in their first competitive season of Motorsport events. Excepting that they may have held a Motorsport UK Interclub Licence and competed ONLY in the Caterham & Lotus
Seven Club's own Club sprints at Curborough during the previous year (to encourage new competitors).

1.3.3 All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing-on.

1.3.4 Any competitor's score after the competitors 60th Birthday will be eligible to be included in the Veterans Championship Scoring.

1.4 Registration:

1.4.1 All details of the Championship can be obtained at https://www.caterhamlotus7.club/competitors-area

1.4.2 There is a fee of £36 for entering the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship .

1.4.3 The closing date for acceptance into the Championship shall be the same as the closing date for the final Championship round.

1.4.4 Competitors must register for the Championship at least seven days before the first event at which they intend to compete and accrue points.

1.5 Championship Rounds:

Day	Date	Course	Organising Club
Saturday	06/04/24	Anglesey National	Longton and District MC
Sunday	07/04/24	Anglesey International	Longton and District MC
Saturday	20/04/24	Goodwood	Bognor Regis MC
Sunday	12/05/24	Curborough 2-lap	Caterham and Lotus Seven Club
Saturday	25/05/24	Aintree	Liverpool Motor Club
Saturday	8/06/24	Prescott	Bugatti Owners Club
Sunday	9/06/24	Prescott	Bugatti Owners Club
Sunday	16/06/24	Gurston	BARC SW
Sunday	14/07/24	Loton Park	Hagley and District Light Car Club
Saturday	3/08/24	Harewood	BARC Yorkshire
Sunday	4/08/24	Harewood	BARC Yorkshire
Sunday	25/08/24	Curborough 8	Caterham and Lotus Seven Club
Saturday	28/09/24	Blyton Eastern	Nottingham Sports Car Club
Sunday	29/09/24	Blyton Outer	Nottingham Sports Car Club

In the event of a Championship round being cancelled the Championship organiser reserves the right to nominate a substitute event, providing that a minimum of 6 weeks is available to notify all Championship entrants. Any amendments to calendar are subject to D11.2, and S1.1.4.

Each qualifying round will be run under its own Supplementary Regulations to which Championship contenders will be bound as well as these Championship Regulations and the general regulations of Motorsport UK.

A competitor is not allowed to partake in demonstration events at a competition venue on the competition day itself at that venue.

1.6 Scoring:

1.6.1 Scoring at each Round

1. **Running Order**
For Dual drives, the driver who finished higher in the previous year's championship will run first or in the previous batch wherever possible . All other competitors shall be scheduled to run in ascending class & ascending competitor number order.

2. **Event Scoring**
All class runs offered at each round will count for Championship scoring. However if a meeting is abandoned before the completion of two class runs for all championship classes it will only count as a qualifying round of the Championship providing that all competitors have completed one class run. In this instance only the first class run would count for Championship scoring purposes.
Championship scoring for each round will be scored as follows:
The championship competitor finishing first in each class will be awarded 100 points. All other championship competitors in each class will be awarded points based on the first place time as a percentage of their time – to two decimal places, rounded down.
An example is shown below.

1st	63.18 secs	100.00 points
2nd	64.20 secs	98.41 points
3rd	64.58 secs	97.83 points
4th	66.78 secs	94.60 points

2.1 **Edward Lewis Trophy and Cap**
Scores at each event for the Edward Lewis Cup are awarded based on their improvement achieved at the event. Scoring is calculated from the competitors' best timed run at each event against their previous personal best at the same venue and the same class (from and including 2016 onwards). 10 points are awarded to the competitor with the largest improvement, down to 1 point for the competitor with the 10th highest improvement.

A competitor scoring 10 points at an event is eligible for an Edward Lewis Cap to be awarded, with each competitor being eligible for one Edward Lewis Cap in a season.

2.2 **Ladies, Novice and Veterans awards**
At Club organised Curborough events awards are presented to the highest scoring Lady, Novice and Veteran, as follows:

The Veterans Trophy will be open to any competitor who has passed their 60th Birthday. Only rounds after their 60th Birthday will be counted.

Scores for the Novice Trophy and Veterans Trophy will be calculated against the faster of the Class Record or the class winner's time on the day (reference time).

Ladies Trophy will be calculated against the class winner's time on the day (reference time).

Scoring is calculated as a percentage of the competitors time against the reference time for the trophy– to two decimal places, rounded down.
An example is shown below.

1st	63.18 secs	100.00 points
2nd	64.20 secs	98.41 points
3rd	64.58 secs	97.83 points
4th	66.78 secs	94.60 points

The fastest lady , novice and veterans awards will be given to the eligible person with the highest number of points across all classes.

1.6.2. **Championship and Trophy scoring**

To be eligible to receive an end of season award, competitors are required to compete at least one of the two Curborough sprints.

The Class Champions will be decided from the best 7 results out of the 15 rounds by simply totalling the points awarded. The Champion for

each class will be the one with the most points in that class who has entered and competed in at least 7 rounds.

In the event of a tie for a Class Champion the results from the best scores for 8 rounds will be counted if this fails to resolve the tie the result will be declared a tie.

The Overall Champion will be the Class Champion who has entered and competed in at least 7 rounds with their class times calculated against the existing Club Class record (or pre-stated target time for new or changed classes, class 5 for the current year) at the nominated events.

The Class Champion will be awarded points based on the class record time (or pre-stated target time) at each event as a percentage of their time – to two decimal places, rounded down.

(For class 5 the pre-stated target time will be calculated from the class 6 record time plus 2%)

An example is shown below, with a class Record of 63.18s

61.78 secs	102.26 points
63.18 secs	100.00 points
64.20 secs	98.41 points

Their best 5 event scores, from the list of nominated events, will be added together to make a total score. The highest score will be the winner. If this results in a tie the Overall Championship will be shared.

Nominated events are :-

Goodwood, Curborough, Gurston Down, Aintree, Blyton Outer. Blyton Eastern, Loton Park, Harewood, Curborough 8, Prescott, Anglesey National, Anglesey International.

The Veterans Trophy will be open to any competitor who has passed their 60th Birthday. Only rounds after their 60th Birthday will be counted.

The Novice Trophy and Veterans Trophy will be decided from the best 5 results out of the 16 rounds. Scores will be calculated against the faster of the Class Record or the class winner's time on the day.

Ladies Trophy will be calculated against the class winner's time on the day.The trophy winner will be the one with the most points who have entered and competed in at least 5 rounds.

In the event of a tie for the Novice Trophy, Ladies Trophy and Veterans Trophy the best scores for 6 rounds will be counted and at this stage if this fails to produce a clear winner, the result will be declared a tie.

The Edward Lewis Cup will be decided from the best 5 results out of the qualifying rounds by ranking the percentage positive improvement achieved, calculated from the competitors' best timed run at each event against their previous personal best at the same venue and the same class (from and including 2016 onwards).

At each event, the driver with the highest percentage score will be given 10 points, the driver with the second highest score will be given 9 points all the way down to 1 point for 10 th place positive score.

The cup winner will be the one with the highest score out of all competitors. Class champions will be calculated similarly and an award made. In the event of a tie the best scores for 6 rounds will be counted and at this stage if this fails to produce a clear winner, the result will be declared a tie.

1.6.3 Championship Points Appeal C6.5.

1.6.4 Event Penalties : see supplementary regulations for each round.

1.7 Awards:

There shall be one Class Champion per class and in addition there will be an Overall Champion, a Ladies Trophy winner, Novice Trophy winner, a Veterans Trophy winner and the Edward Lewis Cup winner. Each Class Champion, the Ladies Trophy, Novice Trophy, Veterans Trophy winners and the Overall Champion shall receive an award. In addition there will be awards for second and third places in each class dependent upon the number of entries in the class. Five competitors in a class will trigger a second place award, with eight competitors triggering a third place award.

The Swift Ladies trophy will be awarded to lady with the highest combined scores from the two, club organised, Curborough events. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.

The Alex Wong Cups (one men's , one lady's) will be awarded to the novice with the highest combined scores from the two, club organised, Curborough events. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.

Event awards will be given at each of the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club organised events for first, second and third in class in each class dependent upon the number of entries in the class. Awards will also be given to the fastest lady, novice, veteran and fastest time of the day.

Class Champion, Ladies Trophy, Novice Trophy, Swift Ladies Cup, Alex Wong Trophies, Overall Champion Awards and the Edward Lewis Cup will be presented at an Awards Presentation Event at the end of the season.

2. SPORTING REGULATIONS - JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

2.1 **Rounds:**
In accordance with Section C of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook and the Supplementary Regulations for each event.

2.2 **Championship:**
In accordance with Section C of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook and the these regulations.

3. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

3.1 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

3.1.1. Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

3.1.2. It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

3.2 Due to both safety and environmental concerns, vehicles **must not** be left unattended under any circumstances when the engine is running.

4. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

4.1 Eligible vehicles

All cars must be of the type known as Lotus Seven or Caterham Seven and will be placed in one of the following categories and classes:

4.2 Categories and Classes

Where there is a reference to a maximum power limit in the regulations below it is calculated at the flywheel. In the event of the requirement to verify a competitor's power limit compliance the nominated testing company shall be Northampton Motorsport. Contenders have the opportunity to have power runs on the Northampton Motorsport rolling road. Where a "BHP at the wheels" value is provided by a contender, the figure will be converted to a "BHP at the flywheel" equivalent by using the calculation BHP at the wheels +15% +10 BHP.

The Eligibility Scrutineer will have the final say on the eligibility of each car for a particular class. The Eligibility Scrutineer has the right to move any car to the class in which he believes it best fits the technical specification and spirit of the regulations below.

Class 1

This class is for Lotus or Caterham Seven, road cars – specialist production, complying with S10.1.4, and has a maximum power limit of 130bhp.

They shall be powered by:
1. Any normally aspirated car engine up to 1600 cc
2. The 3 cylinder turbocharged 660cc engine as fitted to the Caterham 160, 165 and 170 models.

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) Lists 1A . Maximum tyre width 205mm.

Cars powered by non-car derived engines or equipped with sequential gearboxes are not allowed in this class.

Driver Aids - Driver aids are not permitted in this class.

Class 2
This class is for Lotus or Caterham Seven, road cars – specialist production, complying with S10.1.4, and has a maximum power limit of 155bhp.

They shall be powered by:
Any normally aspirated car engine, with a maximum capacity of 1800cc

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) Lists 1A . Maximum tyre width 205mm.

Cars powered by non-car derived engines or equipped with sequential gearboxes are not allowed in this class.

Driver Aids - Driver aids are not permitted in this class.

Class 3
This class is for Lotus or Caterham Seven, road cars – specialist production, complying with S10.1.4, and has a maximum power limit of 155bhp and shall be powered by
Any normally aspirated car engine, with a maximum capacity of 1800cc.

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) Lists 1A and 1B .

Cars Registered after 1st Oct 1990 must use radial ply tyres.

Cars powered by non-car derived engines or equipped with sequential gearboxes are not allowed in this class.

Driver Aids - Driver aids are not permitted in this class.

Class 4
Any Lotus or Caterham Seven, road cars – specialist production, complying with S10.1.4, and has a maximum power limit of 220 bhp.

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) Lists 1A and 1B .
Cars Registered after 1st Oct 1990 must use radial ply tyres.

Cars powered by non-car derived engines or equipped with sequential gearboxes are not allowed in this class

Driver Aids - Driver aids are not permitted in this class.

Class 5
Any Lotus or Caterham Seven, road Cars – Specialist Production, complying with S10.1.4 and not meeting the engine requirements of Class 4 including those with forced induction.

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) List 1A and 1B .
Cars Registered after 1st Oct 1990 must use radial ply tyres.

Driver Aids - All driver aids are permitted in this class.

Class 6
Any Lotus or Caterham Seven, modified cars - specialist production, complying with S10.1.5, including those with forced induction.

Tyres to be listed in the current Motorsport UK General Regulations Permitted Tyres (L) List 1A, 1B or 1C

Driver Aids - All driver aids are permitted in this class.

Class 7
Any Lotus or Caterham Seven, cars not meeting requirements of any other class. Including modified cars - specialist production, complying with S10.1.5 and Sports Libre complying with S10.1.8.

Driver Aids - All driver aids are permitted in this class.

4.3 **General Technical Requirements**
Cars in classes 1 to 7 must be fitted with a minimum of a 4-point harness, on the drivers side, a 'lap and diagonal' seat belt may also be fitted but should not be used in competition.

A frontal head restraint (FHR) is recommended for classes 1 to 5, and is mandatory for classes 6 to 7.

Cars in classes 1 to 6 must run in a road legal condition as defined in S10.11, with the exception of tyre selection in Class 6, and comply with S12.5.4. Exhaust Catalytic Converters are required per J.5.16.7, except where a vehicle does not require a catalytic converter in accordance with government legislation.

Cars in classes 1 to 5 must be taxed for road use.

Cars in classes 1 to 6 must have a valid MOT certificate where appropriate

Cars in classes 1 to 6 must be fitted with an operational reverse gear.

Cars in classes 1 to 3 must have normally aspirated engines with the exception of the 160/165/170 in class 1.

Cars in classes 1 to 6 must have a useable passenger seat and working legal seat belt installed.

In the interests of environmental protection all cars will be subject to a maximum noise limit of 108dB at 2/3 maximum revs at 0.5m at all rounds unless specified otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations for the specific round.

All competitors will be provided with two championship decals and these must be fitted to all competing cars in an externally visible position.

All cars must comply with the Sprints, Hill Climbs and Drag Racing (S) and Competitors: Safety (K) Regulations of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook.

Attention is drawn to S10.10 Timing Struts, which states the vehicles will be fitted at the front with a vertical timing strut, of minimum vertical height strut, of minimum vertical height 254mm, the bottom of which shall be not

less than 180mm and no more than 200mm from the ground. The strut will be in matt black on both sides, over its total area, which shall be not less than 254mm by 51mm. No other, or further forward, part of the vehicle may interrupt these dimensions or actuate the timing.

All cars upto 2000cc must be fitted with a Safety Rollover Structure which meets the Competitors: Safety (K) Regulation 1.6.1.(a) of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook

The Safety Rollover Structure MUST have any removable members fitted – e.g. the 'petty strut' on the Caterham FIA rollover bar to comply with S10.2.3

Competitors are advised that the traditional standard roll-over bar as supplied by Caterham does not meet these requirements. Any car fitted with the standard roll-over bar that arrives at an event will NOT be allowed to compete.

All cars over 2000cc must be fitted with a Safety Rollover Structure which meets the Competitors: Safety (K) Regulation 1.6.1.(b) or 1.6.1.(C) of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook

Tyre warming is not permitted by any competitor competing within the Caterham and Lotus Seven Speed Championship at any round – even though it may be allowed by the organisers of specific events.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Motorsport UK are exceedingly concerned of the impact of single-use plastic tyre wrapping and with reusable alternatives available competitors are encouraged to reduce plastic usage in this regard. The use of these plastic wraps is prohibited.

6 Additional Notes for Competitors

These notes are written chiefly for the benefit of competitors who are new to hill climbing and sprinting. They give a brief introduction to how the championship works.

6.1 Qualifying Rounds

The Caterham & Lotus Seven Club is only directly responsible for the organisation of some of the qualifying rounds of the Championship – those with Caterham & Lotus Seven Club as the organising club against the event details in 1.5. Registering for the Championship means that you will be invited by each organising club to submit an entry to each of the qualifying rounds.

6.2 Event Regulations

For Championship rounds organised by the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club entry will be by online entry forms and Supplementary Regulations on the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club website – www.caterhamlotus7.club.

Supplementary Regulations are also available upon request from the Championship coordinator. For qualifying rounds organised by other clubs the event regulations will be posted in the competitors section of the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club website

6.3 Event Entries
The Championship is very popular and most events have a maximum of 120 competitors with Caterham & Lotus Seven Club events at Curborough having a maximum of only 70 competitors which are also open to competitors who have not registered for this Championship. Hence many events are oversubscribed, and some entries may be refused.

At invited events the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship may be one of many invited championships so the number of available places may be very restricted and early application is advised. At certain venues (e.g. Gurston Down and Loton Park) demand is likely to exceed supply and the Championship Coordinator may be asked to filter entries for the organising club. Registration for this Championship does not guarantee an event entry will be accepted for any qualifying round of the Championship – nor does registration confer any form of priority status.
However there are some simple actions that you can take to maximise the chance of an entry being accepted.

● Apply early. Most events have at least part, if not all, of the entry accepted on a first-come first-served basis so send off the entry as soon as the regulations allow – which is often when they are DRAFT.

● Fill in the form correctly! This seems obvious but it is surprising how many entries are rejected or delayed by competition secretaries due to incorrect or missing information. For an oversubscribed event incorrect entries are often the first to be rejected.

● Remember to provide payment!!!

6.4 **Double Drives**
Double drives are encouraged and the running order will wherever possible comply with 1.6.1.1

6.5 **Results**
Results for each qualifying round and the overall Championship will be posted as soon as possible after each event on the Competitors' section of the Caterham & Lotus Seven Club website – www.caterhamlotus7.club

Competitors without access to the Internet and wishing to receive printed copies of the results should supply a SAE to the Coordinator (see 1.2.1) for each event when entering. Printed results will be posted within 7 days of the event.

6.6 **Spirit of the Championship**

The Caterham & Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship was designed to enable Lotus Seven and Caterham Seven owners to take part in motorsport in a friendly, safe but competitive environment. The Club strives to build a class structure that will enable drivers to compete on even terms but, with almost 60 years of Lotus 7/Caterham history, it is extremely difficult to accommodate the wide range of engine and chassis specifications and variations. This means that the Club can never create an absolutely level playing field within any class but expects the drivers to respect the spirit of the championship by not exploiting the regulations to gain an unfair advantage. Speed trap figures will be monitored and any competitor that proves to be significantly faster than others within the same class may be asked to move to the one above.

We strongly recommend that newcomers who wish to enter for the first time, or existing competitors who are considering upgrades/modifications not explicitly defined in the regulations, seek guidance from the Competition Secretary to verify their eligibility for the class in which they would like to compete. Have fun!

Signed :

Andy Skinner

Competition Secretary
Caterham & Lotus Seven Club

Martin Phipps

Championship Co-ordinator
Caterham & Lotus Seven Club

Date: 29/1/2024

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APPENDIX 1

A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

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The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.