

2018 Ginetta Junior Scholarship – Initial Information

Introduction

Ginetta are pleased to announce details of the 2018 Ginetta Junior Scholarship, where one budding racing driver will win a fully funded season in the 2018 Ginetta Junior Championship. As one of two Ginetta support series on the British Touring Car Championship package, the winner can look forward to unrivalled exposure to fans, media and sponsors throughout their maiden year in car racing.

This fantastic prize includes the following:

- **Entry into the 2018 Ginetta Junior Championship**
- **Use of a Ginetta Junior Car for the whole of the 2018 season (including consumables)**
- **Professional car preparation with an experienced team for every race meeting**
- **Insurance throughout the season**
- **Season supply of race tyres**
- **Season supply of race fuel**
- **Ginetta Branded race suit**

Eligibility & Entry

To participate in the Ginetta Junior Scholarship, competitor's dates of birth must fall between 01/01/2002 and 21/03/2004. Any competitors who have competed in an MSA circuit car race will not be eligible to participate.

The entry fee for the competition is £396.00 inc VAT. This should be paid via the Ginetta Website at the following link: <https://ginettashop.com/products/ginetta-scholarship-entry-2017>

Once payment has been made, competitors will be emailed a link to an online form, which must be completed in order to confirm your place in the competition. Please be sure to check any 'Junk' folders for the email, which will be sent separately to the payment receipt.

Date & Venue

The competition is due to take place at Blyton Park in Lincolnshire, over the 23rd, 24th and 25th October 2017.

Competitors will need to take part in one of the two qualification days on the 23rd or the 24th October. The top 10 competitors from each of the qualification days will be required to attend the final on the 25th October, at the end of which the winner will be announced.

Further details on the venue can be found on the circuit website here: <http://www.blytonpark.co.uk/>

Qualification Day Format

Each participant will complete three assessments on their qualification day including media, fitness and driving tests.

Driving – Driving is the main part of the assessment for the Scholarship, holding 60% of the weighting. It is advised that drivers prepare for the driving assessment adequately to give themselves the best possible chance of progressing through the competition. As a minimum, drivers should be able to use a car with a clutch prior to arrival.

All Participants will have a number of sessions alongside a professional instructor in the car, during which they will be assessed on the following areas and not solely on lap time:

- Ability to drive safely at speed
- Car control skills
- Ability to change gear
- Willingness to learn from the instructor

- Progression through the sessions

Fitness - Being a racing driver requires huge levels of fitness. Entrants should work on improving their fitness before the competition to prepare themselves for this assessment. Simple exercise such as playing football or running will improve fitness as well more focused training such as press-ups/sit-ups. This element is as much a test of the competitor's character, as we will not necessarily be looking at purely how fit the driver is, but their determination, and how willing they are to push themselves.

Media – Presenting yourself professionally to the media is an essential skill at all levels of motorsport. The Simpson Race Products Ginetta Junior Championship is shown live on ITV4 and drivers are often interviewed straight after the race when the adrenaline is pumping, so being able to communicate well and in a likeable but professional manner is a necessary trait. Drivers will be asked to prepare a short presentation, the subject of which will be announced closer to the event.

FAQ's

Do I need to have my own race kit and racing car?

No. Drivers who do not own their own kit should wear a long sleeved top, trousers and suitable footwear. Ginetta will have a limited number of helmets available on the day to borrow. All the cars are provided as part of the competition.

Do I need to have a race licence to take part in the Scholarship?

No. There are no specific licence requirements to take part in the Scholarship.

Do I need to have any specific experience to take part?

No. Competitors are not required to have any specific experience in any form of racing. We do recommend that successful applicants have at least had practice driving a car with a clutch. There are a number of young driver schemes that can facilitate this around the country.

Are individuals from outside the UK able to compete in the competition?

Yes. There are no limitations on competitors entering from outside of the UK.

Are there any test days available before the event?

Unfortunately Ginetta are not able to offer any specific Scholarship testing currently. However most of the current Ginetta Junior Teams will be able to facilitate a test in the G40 Junior car. Team details can be found on the Ginetta site at the following link: <http://www.ginetta.com/racing.php?championship=junior&tab=teams>

What circuit layout will be used for the competition?

The circuit configuration will be announced in the final instructions which will be realised approximately one month prior to the event, along with other details of the assessment areas.

Contact us

If you need any more information regarding the Ginetta Junior Scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Gallagher, Ginetta Championships Manager on 0113 385 4144 / ashley.gallagher@ginetta.com