



**2018  
Lotus Cup UK  
&  
Lotus Elise Trophy  
Team  
Championship**



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## 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

### 1.1 Title & Jurisdiction:

The Lotus Team Championship is organised by MSVR administered & promoted by LCUK Ltd in accordance with the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

MSA Championship Permit No. **CH2018/R128**

Race Status: **National B**

MSA Championship Grade: **C**

### 1.2 Officials:

#### 1.2.1 Championship Coordinators:

Simon Oakley  
Email: [simon@lotuscupuk.com](mailto:simon@lotuscupuk.com)

Steven Train (Deputy)

#### 1.2.2 Licenced Eligibility Scrutineer: Nigel Thorne

#### 1.2.3 Championship Eligibility Officers: Simon Oakley, Danny Hartgrove, Phil Hurn, Tracy Oakley, Nick Wones, Matt Gordon

#### 1.2.4 Championship Stewards:

David Scott, David Simons, Mike Dixon, David Evans

Any three championship stewards may reach a decision. Should it not be possible to achieve a quorum from the above list due to lack of availability or any perception of a conflict of interest the championship organisers reserve the right to introduce a steward not on this list.

#### 1.2.5 Clerk of the Course: Nick Turner

### 1.3 Competitor Eligibility:

Entrants must be members of MSVR and be Registered for the Team Championship and be in possession of a valid MSA Entrants Licences. Membership of MSVR is free on entry into the championship.

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

### 1.4 Registration:

#### 1.4.1 All competitors must register for the Team Championship by returning the Registration Form *with the Registration Fee* to the Co-ordinator 14 days prior to the Final Closing date for the first round being entered.

#### 1.4.2 The Championship Organisers reserve the right to allow a competitor to take part in the race if the registration is received after this date up until noon of the Thursday prior to the event. In this event the competitor may not score championship points at that event, but may win a trophy. The organisers reserve the right to accept registrations after this date. Acceptance of registration and the terms thereof is at the discretion of the Championship Organisers.

- 1.4.3 The “Non-refundable” registration fee for the 2017 Lotus Team Championship is £500 per team.
- 1.4.4 Such registration will only be complete when written acceptance is issued by the organisers.
- 1.4.5 Registrations will be accepted from 1st February 2017 until the closing date for entries to the final round.

## 1.5 Championship Events:

- 1.5.1 The 2017 Lotus Team Championship will consist of 8 race meetings.

Date	Venue	Events
17 March 2018	Snetterton 300	MSVR
14/15 April 2018	Donington Park National	MSVR
19/20 May 2018	Brands Hatch GP	MSVR
30 June 2018	Oulton Park International	MSVR
21 July 2018	Cadwell Park	MSVR
11/12 August 2018	Snetterton 300	MSVR
8/9 September 2018	Donington Park GP	MSVR
29/30 September 2018	Rockingham	MSVR

- 1.5.2 Lotus Cup UK & Lotus Elise Trophy may or may not race together on one grid.
- 1.5.3 No refund of any part of the entry fee will be returned if due to Force Majeure the duration of any track time is shortened or deleted from that which is publicised. In the event of Force Majeure, the Championship Organisers reserve the right to reduce the total number of Championship rounds and vary the duration of championship rounds.

## 1.6 Scoring:

- 1.6.1 Points will be awarded to Competitors listed as classified finishers in the Final Results as follows:-

1st - 30, 2nd - 25, 3rd - 22, 4th - 19, 5th - 17, 6th – 15, 7th - 14, 8th - 13, 9th – 12, 10th – 11, 11th - 10, 12th – 9, 13th – 8, 14th – 7, 15th – 6, 16th – 5, 17th – 4, 18th – 3, 19th - 2, 20th - 1.

The competitor setting the fastest lap in qualifying (pole) will score two (2) additional points for his team.

The competitor setting the fastest lap in each race will score two (2) additional points for his team. These points will be awarded to all competitors registered in the car for that race meeting.

- 1.6.2 Any Teams wishing to take part in the Team Championship must register as competitors by confirming their team registration to the Championship Coordinator through completion of the registration document on the championship website before the closing date for the first round that they enter and in accordance with 1.4.
- 1.6.3 Only teams with a National (minimum) MSA Entrant’s Licence will be allowed to register for the championship. New teams entering the Championship must confirm their registration for the Team Championship in writing 3 days before the first round that they enter.
- 1.6.4 Team Points are awarded to the two cars nominated by the team as their points scoring cars from in each race (provided they are listed as a classified finisher in the final results). Points are awarded as per the Lotus Cup and Lotus Elise Trophy Championship points guidelines outlined above in 1.6.1. Teams may nominate cars from the Lotus Cup or Lotus Elise Trophy to contribute to their championship points total.
- 1.6.4 Professional drivers are not eligible to score team points. Professional drivers may include ARDS instructors, FIA Graded drivers or other criteria considered professional by the

organisers. Such drivers shall be identified in a bulletin issued by the Clerk of the Course at each race meeting.

- 1.6.5 The totals from all qualifying races in Lotus Cup and Lotus Elise Trophy will determine final Team championship points and positions. There are no dropped scores for the teams championships.
- 1.6.6 Ties from either drivers or team Championships shall be resolved using the formula in W1.3.4 in the current MSA Yearbook.

**1.7 Awards:**

- 1.7.1 All awards are to be provided by the organisers.
- 1.7.2 Trophies will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall championship.

**1.7.3 Title to all Trophies**

In the event of any Provisional Results or Championship Tables being revised after any provisional presentations and such revisions affect the distribution of any awards the Competitors concerned must return such awards to the organisers in good condition within 7 days.

## 2 SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT MEETINGS & RACE PROCEDURES

Procedures for race meetings that make up the Lotus Team Championship are set out in the Lotus Cup UK & Lotus Elise Trophy individual regulations. These include but are not limited to Race Entries & Refunds. Where applicable, they are reproduced below.

### 2.1 Briefings:

Organisers will notify competitors of the times and locations for all Briefings in the Final Instructions. It is mandatory that all Competitors must attend all briefings.

- 2.2 Teams are required to notify the Lotus Cup co-ordinator of the name of the starting driver and the driver who will be in the car for each of the races within 45 minutes of the end of the qualification session.

### 2.3 Results:

All Practice Timesheets, Grids, Race Results are to be deemed Provisional until all vehicles are released by Scrutineers after Post Practice/Race Scrutineering and/or after completion of any Judicial or Technical Procedures. (MSA regulation (D)26.3.)

## 3. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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#### **4. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP RACE PENALTIES:**

##### **4.1 Infringements of Regulations:**

###### **4.1.1 Arising from post-practice Scrutineering or Judicial Action:**

Minimum Penalty: The provisions of MSA REGULATION C.3.3

###### **4.1.2 Arising from post-race Scrutineering or Judicial Action:**

Minimum Penalty: The provisions of MSA Regulations: C.3.5.1 (a) & (b)

For infringements deemed to be of a more serious nature the Clerk of the Course will invoke the provisions of Regulation C3.5.1 (c).

##### **4.2 Infringements of non-technical MSA Regulations and the Sporting Regulations issued for the Championship:**

As per 2018 MSA Judicial Procedure Regulations.

###### **4.2.1 Penalty points issued by the clerk of the course will result in a championship points deduction for all competitors registered in that car based on the following formula; Championship Points Deduction = Penalty Points x 2. These points deductions will apply to both drivers and team championship points.**

## 5 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### 5.1 Technical Regulations are set out in the individual Championship Regulations for Lotus Cup UK & Lotus Elise Trophy

## 6. Intellectual, Commercial, Merchandising and Sponsorship Rights

6.1 The Intellectual, Commercial, Merchandising and Sponsorship Rights of the Lotus Elise Trophy championship are the property of LCUK Ltd and may not be assigned to any other party or person without their written agreement. While the permit holder is MotorSport Vision Racing, the sporting ethos for the Lotus Elise Trophy championship shall be the domain of LCUK Ltd and any changes made to the sporting regulations shall be with the full agreement of LCUK Ltd within the framework of the regulations set out by the Motor Sport Association.

### 6.2 Race Entries

The organisers will be responsible for communicating Race Entry Forms to all Registered Competitors in sufficient time for entries to be made in accordance with Regulation 3.1.2. A single Race Entry Form will be issued which can be used for all races. Once the single Race Entry Form is submitted to the organisers it is the Competitors responsibility to request a new form or download it from the championship website in sufficient time before the race if they wish to enter a race not included on their original single Race Entry Form or obtain such from the official website.

Any deposits paid for discounted early race entry prior to 1 February 2017 are refundable at the discretion of the organisers. Entry prices can be obtained separately to these Regulations from the organisers has sole discretion over entry prices and refund policy which they reserve the right to vary from those shown in these Regulations.

Supplementary Regulations, Race meeting Schedules and Paddock details will automatically be issued by email by the organisers to competitors entered in the race.

Those entering on a race by race basis, or with an accepted late entry, may be issued with four paper circuit admission tickets in place of permanent passes. All Permanent passes will remain the property of MSVR and must be surrendered if required to do so by the Race Meeting organisers. Lost permanent passes will be supplied on written application to MSVR at a charge of £50 per pass. Competitors are responsible for sending in correct and complete entries with the correct entry fees prior to the entry in accordance with Regulation 1.4.1. The championship organisers reserve the right to accept registrations and entries up to noon of the Thursday prior to the race, but an administrative fee may be charged for entries received later than 14 days prior to the event. No entry for the event will be accepted after noon of the Thursday prior to the event. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these regulations a **DRIVER** is 'The person nominated as the driver of a vehicle in any event'. An **ENTRANT** is 'The person or body responsible for making an Entry into a competition and responsible for all matters pertaining to that entry'. Both these definitions are given in the MSA Yearbook.

## 7. Commercial Undertakings:

- i. Entry into the Lotus Elise Trophy is conditional upon a competitor accepting without reservation or recourse the surrender of his/her rights (if any) for TV filming and broadcast of footage collated during the Championship which may be used at the organisers discretion.
- ii. Competitors are advised that, unless requested otherwise, their information will be stored in a computer retrieval system and may be used for relevant publicity and administration purposes.

- iii. The Championship title and associated logo styles (Lotus Elise Trophy & LCUK Ltd) may only be used with the prior written approval of the Commercial Rights Holder.

## **7.2 Promotional activities.**

All competitors taking part in the 2017 Lotus Team Trophy events are expected to support the championship in the following ways:

- i. winners in each race must attend the podium as quickly as possible after each event. They must be wearing race overalls, properly fastened and displaying championship badges as requested. If requested to wear a sponsors cap, these will be provided and must be worn as directed.
- ii. All competitors taking part in an event are requested to attend the end of event prize giving in the LCUK Ltd race centre 30 mins after the last Lotus Elise Trophy championship race of the event to receive trophies and support fellow competitors.
- iii. All competitors are requested to make every effort to attend the official pre-season test day and launch in order to facilitate technical checks on vehicles entering the championship. Information on the test will be sent out to all competitors in good time.

## **8.0 Television**

- 8.1 The championship promoter, LCUK Ltd, retain exclusive broadcasting, recording, cable, satellite, digital, video, games, internet and interactive rights and rights to all other mediums to film and record the participation of the driver, entrant, sponsor and any other team member in the events and activities throughout the championship and to assign or otherwise deal with such surrender of his/her rights (if any) in such matters, which may then be used at the Championship promoter's discretion.
- 8.2 No on-board cameras will be permitted except by permission of the championship organisers. Competitors fitting on-board cameras may also require permission of the circuit management to film and should be prepared to pay any fee required by the circuit if it is deemed that the filming is of a commercial nature. In the event that permission is given for a competitor to fit an on-board camera in his/her race car, the positioning and fitting of the equipment must be approved by the Eligibility Scrutineer prior to that car going on track. It will be mandatory to carry on-board cameras provided by the championship production company or LCUK Ltd if required.
- 8.3 No sponsorship decals may be carried on the dashboard or in any position that may be visible from an in-car camera without the express permission of the championship organisers.

## **9.0 Paddock Arrangements**

The championship organisers will make every effort to secure suitable paddock space for the Lotus Elise Trophy competitors at each event. Competitors will be allocated an equal amount of space, those with trucks or motor homes will not be allocated additional space over those who trailer to circuits. Competitors may be required to leave trailers, trucks, road cars or motor homes outside the paddock.