

THE CLASSES EXPLAINED



CLUB PRO 2WD & 4WD

Club Pro is the entry-level category for the Pro classes. Indeed, for many years it's been the stepping stone from the Club classes into the Pro Time Attack arena, with cars running in the same session to that of the Pro and Pro Extreme classes.

Split into two sub-classes for two-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive cars - although these can be amalgamated if there is a parity of performance between the two drive-line configurations - Club Pro cars have to be built to Motorsport UK Section J regulations, which means they must comply with racing rules. Consequently, safety cages, a plumbed-in extinguisher system, external ignition cut-off switch and in-date seats and five-point harness are required.

Drivers must wear HANS devices, in-date helmets, race suits, boots and gloves and also have to step-up a level, as they are required to pass their ARDS test and hold a race national B competition licence (minimum).

Club Pro Class cars must be based on production models and are in essence Pro Class cars, but without the option of using slick tyres. This means competitors must use the controlled Pirelli Trofeo Rs. However, when it rains, Pirelli racing wet tyres may be fitted, a regulation introduced to help provide these more powerful cars with a greater level of traction in slippery conditions. Dispensations are given for cars that require tyres not catered for in the Pirelli range.

An increased level of aero to that of Club Class cars, which extends to 150mm from the main bodywork, is permissible in the Club Pro Class, as are sequential gearboxes and flat floors. Cars must have fully functioning lights and, like all other Time Attack classes, operate within the blanket 105db noise limit.

Drivers who sign-up for the whole season will score championship points and win trophies for first, second and third places in each class. Phased payment plans are available to make the cost of participation easier to manage. Entry is also available on an event-by-event basis for just £420 per-round.

Club Pro Class competitors will take part in all four 15-minute (minimum) sessions: Warm-up, Practice, Qualifying and the Final. Championship points are awarded in the Qualifying and the Final sessions, whereas it's the finishing position in the Final that dictates the overall results.

For further information and a set of regulations, visit www.timeattack.co.uk or contact the championship coordinator Simon Slade: simon@timeattack.co.uk / 0203 915 9240.