

THE CLASSES EXPLAINED



POCKET ROCKET - FI & NA

As its name suggests, Pocket Rocket is a class specifically designed for smaller cars, such as hot hatches and compact sports cars. It's highly competitive, easy to enter and represents Time Attack's entry-level category for modified cars. In fact, whether it's near standard or features a race-spec engine, transmission or suspension set up, then the car would be eligible.

If numbers allow, the Pocket Rocket Class is split into two sub-classes: FI (Forced Induction) and NA (Naturally Aspirated). Turbo or super-charged engine-cars are restricted to no more than 1600cc, whereas naturally aspirated engines may stretch to 2240cc – the equivalent size that is designated to deliver parity of power output.

All that has to be fitted is a four-point harness and a hand-held fire extinguisher - whilst for the driver it's an approved helmet, race suit, boots and gloves. As with all properly administered motorsport series, to keep the competition close there's a set of rules and regulations, although at Time Attack we pride ourselves on having some of the most flexible and all-encompassing in the business.

The most significant of regulation for the Pocket Rocket class is cars must have the same configuration of engine as fitted to the standard car, but it can be modified. Other restrictions apply to the level of aero, no sequential transmissions and any type of space-framing. Cars must have fully functioning OE lights and run within the blanket 105db noise limit.

Although not compulsory, it's recommended safety equipment is fitted. This can include a safety cage, ignition cut-off switches and extinguisher system. Controlled Pirelli Trofeo R tyres must be used, which are available at discounted prices to registered competitors. Dispensations are given for cars that require tyres not catered for in the Pirelli range.

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 £360 per-round.

Pocket Rocket 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, where as it's the finishing position in the Final that dictates the overall result.

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.