

The SCC Kempton Solo 2018 - Final Instructions

Thank you for your entry. These Final Instructions are to help you prepare for the event. On arrival this **Sunday**, you'll receive all the remaining paperwork, including two competition numbers, timecard and diagrams. Drivers sharing a car will be in different driver groups.

Timetable - on arrival

- Signing-on and scrutineering will start from **8:00** am
- Exclusion may apply, if you have not signed on by **9:00** am
- Drivers briefing at **9:00** am
- First test starts at **9:30** am

Change to Officials

- Club Steward – Stuart Malpas
- Scrutineer – Paul Smith

Sequence of events

After arrival, park up in the paddock, go and sign on and get your competition pack including numbers and scrutineering ticket, Fit numbers and present your car for scrutineering. Once you have your scrutineering ticket signed take it to HQ to receive your test maps and Time Card. You can then walk the first morning course, before the drivers' briefing, at **9:00** am prompt please.

Parking

Please keep the central area of the paddock clear, especially near the start/finish, as this will be the holding area for the group which is currently competing.

Reminders - vehicle paperwork

Remember, competing cars in AutoSolo's must be driven to the event, as per the MSA regulations, and that you bring all the following: -

- A current MOT certificate, if the car is more than 3 years old and requires one
- Evidence of current road tax
- Evidence of car insurance
- Your current membership card, to one of the invited clubs
- MSA licence for National B competitors - ACSMC championship/challenge card

Car preparation

Special preparation isn't required, beyond basic safety checks, ensuring no loose objects in the car or the boot, and that nothing's loose (especially the battery) or leaking under the bonnet. In dry conditions, you may find that an extra 5 to 10 psi's of tyre pressure reduces tyre flexing, and sharpens up the steering response. Have the oil level up to Maximum, to minimise any chance of oil surge (oil pressure loss) when cornering.

Tyre wear

Tyre wear can occur at Solo's, particularly if it's dry, if a car is front wheel drive (when wear is mainly on the front tyres), and / or has two drivers, or is driven very hard. To ensure you can drive home legally, do arrive with good tread showing. If more than one of the above



applies, we advise bringing at least two spare wheels / tyres, and either fit them to compete, or have them in reserve, to use for driving home.

Facilities

Petrol is available at the BP petrol station just outside the venue, turn left out of the gate. There will be tea and coffee making facilities but no food on the event side of the venue, but there is the tool show happening within the grounds of Kempton and therefore the potential for a burger van. Alternatively the BP has a shop and Wild Bean Café. We will have proper toilet facilities available on site.

Photos

Photos taken at the event will appear on the SCC Facebook page and will be available upon request from the organisers. If this could cause any embarrassment, best to remove or cover the front number plate.

Weather

The site has no covered shelter, other than the Control and Solo's also require the drivers to marshal, so if the weather outlook is at all uncertain, DO please bring some weatherproof clothing.

Sequence of events

After signing on, you can walk the first morning course, before the drivers' briefing at **9:00** am prompt.

Courses 1 and 2 will be used in the morning, and Courses 3 and 4 in the afternoon. Three runs are planned at each course, with the best two times to count. In the event of delays or bad weather, the option is reserved to reduce the number of courses or runs. If so, then you will still be able to drop one score. After each change of the course, time is allowed for you to walk the new route.

The lunch break will be around 60 minutes and will start from when the last driver finishes their last run of the morning (so, most people will have longer). During the lunch break, once the layout has been changed, walking of the first afternoon course may begin.

Numbers

Numbers to be affixed to either side of the car, as high as possible please, and must be readable. If sharing a car, please cross out the other number with a bit of tape, so that only the number of the person competing is shown.



Safety

Practising or driving unsafely anywhere on the site may cause exclusion, and no car may be driven anywhere on the site by unlicensed or underage drivers, unless competing as per SR 4 & 5.

While competing, no passenger may be carried unless the driver does not hold an RTA licence.

Drivers **MUST** wear a properly fastened and approved seat belt at all times during the test, except where competing in a Period Defined Vehicle (Non -Rally)

Driver / Marshalling groups

Marshalling, when it's your group's turn to do so, is **MANDATORY**, to make this event format work.

Course Marshals will work in pairs (minimum), one having the flag, the other a radio. The Marshalling Zones plan at each marshalling point, shows which section of the course you're observing.

For a penalty or wrong direction in your section, please report the penalty by radio, giving your marshal point, the car number and what the penalty is for (hitting cone – going the wrong way). Make sure you get an acknowledgement.

If, due to a possible collision, or other reason, you need to stop the cars already on the test, *WAVE* the red flag; all other marshals (**PRIOR TO THIS POINT**) must do the same, and all cars will proceed slowly to the finish.

Course marking

The upright cones are the ones you must drive around or between, as per the course diagrams. The 'pointer' cones, lying on their sides, give further indication of the direction to take. All upright cones have equal effect, in terms of penalties.



Start & Finish procedure

While waiting to start, the car must be in the start box, with both front wheels behind the front line. After confirming that you're ready, the starting signal will be in your own time and will start when you commence forward motion. Timing stops when the first wheel crosses the flying finish, then, slow right down and drive to the stop line, where it is **MANDATORY** to stop and receive your time. Otherwise, your time from that run may be cancelled.

Time Cards

After your third run at each course, the marshal will keep your time card, which will be taken to the Control point, to keep results up to date. Before you start your next run, don't forget to collect your time card from the Control.



Penalties, wrong directions, etc

A *WAVED* red flag requires you to stop or slow down, according to the nature of the incident, and when safe to do so, proceed slowly to the finish. Drivers not responsible for the incident will get a re-run.

If a car touches an upright cone, it's a 5 second time penalty. Driving the wrong side of any upright cone or group of cones, unless the mistake is corrected (see below), scores a maximum time (fastest in class, on that run, plus 30 seconds). Any competitor completing a test correctly, but taking longer than the maximum time in their class will have their time reduced to the class maximum for that test.

Cars will start the course at roughly 30 second intervals. Therefore, if you take a major wrong direction, which would require going back some distance to correct, then this is NOT feasible, since the marshal will have to red - flag you and the following cars, on safety grounds. Going back just to the previous cone should not create a safety problem, as long as you do this without delay.

Any ties will be decided by the fastest total time (i.e. your fastest 2 runs out of 3), on the first course.

After completion of all the timed runs

We'll need the help of ALL competitors to collect up all the cones - many hands make light work - and please ensure you stack the same types together, NOT mixed types in the same stack please.

Leave the site TIDY!

Please ensure that you take any litter home; we mustn't jeopardise access to this site, for future events.

Finish / Results / Awards presentation

After posting the provisional results, and resolving any queries, the awards will be presented ASAP, so we hope everyone can stay for this. The results will be e-mailed to competitors who have given an e-mail address, or posted to those who haven't.

Directions

Post code: TW16 5AQ

Kempton racecourse is located on the A308 between Sunbury on Thames and Hampton Court, less than one mile from Junction 1 of the M3 via Junction 12 of the M25.

<https://maps.google.co.uk/maps?daddr=51.418265,-0.403471>

We hope you enjoy the event, and wish you a good day's sport.

Any queries contact Michael Weeks on 07881 721760

