



**INTRODUCTION TO  
RACING WITH  
GINETTA JUNIOR  
IRELAND**



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### **Introduction:**

Welcome to the Ginetta Junior Ireland Introduction pack. We hope to be able to give you a brief insight into the championship which offers an opportunity for 14 – 17 year old competitors to begin their motor racing career and some information on how to ‘get started’!

With full support from Ginetta Cars in the UK and a great prize to be won by the championship winner, our previous winners have gone on to race with Ginetta Junior in the UK, another in the G40 class and last year’s winner will soon be testing for BTCC!! We are very grateful for the support we receive from Ginetta Cars.



### **About the Championship:**

The championship is a single-make sports car championship using the very popular and successful Ginetta G20 Coupe Junior. This car previously was used in the British Ginetta Junior Championship, supporting the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) and offers our competitors a great platform for the future of their racing career.

The Championship calendar is published annually and is available on our website [www.ginettajuniorireland.com](http://www.ginettajuniorireland.com) and also on Motorsport Ireland website [www.motorsportireland.com](http://www.motorsportireland.com). The championship is run under permit from Motorsport Ireland, the governing body for motorsport in Ireland, and is governed by the rules and regulations as published by Motorsport Ireland annually in the Yearbook. The Yearbook can be downloaded from [www.motorsportireland.com](http://www.motorsportireland.com).

### **About the Car:**

The Ginetta G20 Coupe Junior is powered by a Ford Zetec 1400cc engine with a 5-speed Quaife gearbox. The car includes an FIA approved, strong tubular space frame chassis offering high protection. Additional safety features include an FIA approved safety fuel cell and FIA approved seat & harness. The car also features the following:

- Full integral FIA approved safety roll cage and fibre-glass shell
- Sealed Quaife Anti Torque Biasing Differential
- AVO Dampers
- Standardised All weather Michelin road tyres.

This car, up to 2009, was eligible for the British Ginetta Junior Championship and was governed by the rules and regulations of the UK motorsport governing body (MSA) and prohibited the modification of any major components on the car. This has ensured that all cars are identical and provide close, thrilling racing between evenly matched drivers.



### About Ginetta:

Ginetta Cars has been manufacturing road and race cars since 1958. Today, the Yorkshire-based company is a major player on the Motorsport scene in the UK and abroad. Its single-make championships are renowned for their entertaining close racing, which provides opportunities from novice right through to professional level.

Today, three racing Championships exist as follows:

- **Ginetta Challenge** – for G20 and G40 cars
- **Ginetta Junior Championship** – G40 cars
- **Ginetta GT Supercup** – G50 and G55 cars

For more information refer to [www.ginetta.co.uk](http://www.ginetta.co.uk)



## How to get Started – getting a racing Licence

### Licence and Age Requirements.

#### *Republic of Ireland*

Applicants for a first time RACE category licence must first purchase an "[Introduction to Motorsport](#)" Starter Pack at a cost of €30, which is available from the Motorsport Ireland Office on 01 6775628, and successfully complete a Motorsport Ireland "Introduction to Motorsport Course" (IMC) in Mondello Park. The pack contains the following:

- Licence application forms
- A video/DVD
- Motorsport Yearbook,DVD format
- Details about the course
- Some additional informational literature
- A course booking reference number

The cost of the IMC course is approximately the same as one race entry fee. Full details are available from the Motorsport Ireland Office and on this website. The "[Yearbook](#)" and a [calendar of events](#) are available electronically on this website. You can also [download a Licence Application Form](#) here.

The minimum age limit for Circuit Racing is 14 years. A medical certificate is required and this is part of the licence application form. It is not necessary for applicants to hold a Road Traffic Act licence. Competitors under 18 years of age require written permission from their parents or legal guardians. [A first time licence](#) costs as little as €40 if you are a member of one of Motorsport Ireland's [Affiliated Motor Clubs](#). The cost to non-members is €80. [A first time Junior Race Licence is free of charge.](#)

All beginner Race competitors are restricted to a maximum cubic capacity (c.c.). The "Junior" Race licence, for competitors from 14 – 16 years of age inclusive, entitles the holder to drive in the Junior Race Class, [www.ginettajuniorireland.com](http://www.ginettajuniorireland.com), which are 1400c.c. or the equivalent MSA series.

The Race "National B" grade licence (competitors age 16 or over) will entitle you to drive vehicles up to 2000c.c but competitors who are competing for the Ginetta Junior Championship are not allowed, under Motorsport Ireland and MSA regulations, to compete in any other championship. When you gain some experience and obtain 5 event finish results you can upgrade your licence to a "National A", where there is no engine size limit. The "Introduction to Motorsport Course" will count as one upgrading signature. A further 5 event finishes will allow you to upgrade to "International C".

### **LICENCE – UK**

The championship is open to holders of MSA Junior race licences. Please refer to [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) for details.

### **How to get started – Car & Estimated Costs:**

The use of a controlled and sealed engine and gearbox along with controlled tyres go a long way to keeping costs down. The regulations also limit the amount of car setup alteration which helps to create a balanced playing field.

Typical running costs for an average weekend would include the following:

- Race Fuel – Approx. €50.00
- Tyres - €100.00 each. A full season can be completed on 2 – 3 sets of tyres.
- Consumables, general wear and tear: €150.00
- Also budget for race entry fee per event (as per event entry forms as published by the club organizing the event).

A ready supply of parts will be available at each event or can be purchased directly from Ginetta UK. Examples of the main parts available include:

Front wishbone with bushes - €77.00  
Front Brake Disc - €50.00  
Front Upright - €222.00  
Bonnet - €400.00  
Wheel - €105.00

Second hand cars are available to buy for approximately €4,000.00 - €7,000.00 plus VAT.

There are various options available in terms of running your car:

- You can prepare and maintain your own car
- Be run by a professional team with your own car
- Arrange an 'Arrive and drive' hire deal with a professional team using one of their cars.

**Further information on the cars and their maintenance can be obtained from the following:**

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