

Caterham Graduates Racing Club

Driving Standards: a new season

With our first race fast approaching, we are all getting excited about the prospect of the season ahead. Who will be at the front, can we improve on our last years' performance? The nerves just tingle with anticipation. But before we all venture out on to the track for the first time in earnest, this year, we should all take a moment to remember exactly why we all spend enormous amounts of our hard earned cash doing this thing called Club Motorsport.

That reason is to have fun, to compete as fiercely as we may dare to, but no matter whether you race at the front, the middle or the back of the grid, we all want to arrive at the circuit with a smile, race with a grin, and leave the circuit with the biggest grin ever, car and body intact. That happens when we all play by the same rules, not just with level car performance, but also with an equal desire to play by the rules of the track.

Nobody wants to smash up their cars, or their mates' cars. Nobody wants to get hurt or see others get hurt. But sometimes when the red mist comes down, in the heat of the battle, some of us can forget why we are here, and that ultimately ends up with one or more cars tangled, and more often than not, the culprit party not finishing the race, getting a big bill from McMillan Motorsport, (not that any of us begrudge Andy a fair living, mind), and generally feeling a right plonker.

So we, the Driving Standards Team, would ask that before you turn up at Silverstone this coming weekend, log on to the [Graduates' web site](#), go to the [Competitors' Info area](#), and read the [very few pages of text](#) there, which will remind you of what the Club and the MSA feel is acceptable, and unacceptable driving. Remind yourself why the Club has a voluntary Driving Standards team, and how to help keep the Standards of Driving in the Graduates Club to a level where we can all have fun, and race on a level and fair playing field with each other.

For the new members we will be holding a Driving Standards briefing at around lunch time on the Saturday of Silverstone, and we will confirm the exact times shortly - or look on the Club board at the refreshment garage (5c) on the day.

Have a great season

[The Driving Standards Team:](#)

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