

## The Volkswagen Racing Cup 2008

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Welcome to the Volkswagen Racing Cup 2008, the UK's most successful manufacturer-backed saloon car racing championship. The Cup is run by Volkswagen Racing UK and administered by the BRSCC.

The Volkswagen Racing Cup has gone from strength to strength to the extent that it has now the sole saloon car support race to the prestigious British Formula 3/British GT package for all of its fourteen rounds.

This pack gives an overview of the championship structure for 2008 but if there is anything else you need, please give us a call.

- Seven double-header races
- F3/GT support for all events, the only saloon car support race
- Championship Management and support
- Press & PR service
- Photography service
- Dedicated Championship Scrutineer
- Championship website
- High quality television coverage of every race on Sky Sports
- Full hospitality package

You will find more information about the cars, drivers and Championship on our website at [www.vw-cup.co.uk](http://www.vw-cup.co.uk) and when you become a competitor there is a special section just for the teams.

We look forward to receiving your completed registration form and seeing you at the beginning of the season. If in the meantime you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Melissa Wright  
Volkswagen Racing UK

## What is the Volkswagen Racing Cup?

*An Introduction.*

Launched in 2000, the Volkswagen Racing Cup is widely regarded as the most exciting saloon car championship in the UK and for 2008 it remains the sole saloon support race in the prestigious British Formula Three/British GT Championship package.

Open to any model of racing Volkswagen, the Cup has attracted drivers of the Beetle RSi, Corrado, Vento & Golf VR6, Golf GTI of every generation, Polo, Lupo and Bora models. For a car to be allowed to race in the Championship, it will need to be issued with a Volkswagen Racing logbook. To be eligible for this, it must either be a car that has competed in the Championship in the past two years, or if it is new to the Championship, it must be less than 10 years old.

Engine usage has been as varied as car choice, with turbocharged and even turbo diesel power joining the established four and six cylinder engines. This variety of machinery, representing Volkswagens of all ages has made for one of the most colourful and diverse grids in motorsport, and is always a real hit with spectators.

The innovative regulations put all cars into a single class based on power to weight ratios. The idea of a lightweight Polo GTI challenging a powerful V6 Beetle and a torquey TDI Golf for overall victory is a real experience for drivers, teams and spectators alike.

2008 sees continued stability of the regulations, which is a fundamental principle behind the championship. For, unlike 'one-make' championships, cars developed for the Volkswagen Racing Cup can be assured of many years of racing under stable regulations. This means that teams and drivers can invest in the cost of a new car confident in the knowledge that the car will remain eligible and its value will be retained over years to come.

With Volkswagen Racing UK running the series, direct manufacturer involvement ensures the stability and profile that the championship deserves over future years. The championship features the major benefit of Sky Sports television coverage, plus a high quality hospitality service, and other benefits for competitors throughout the season.

The double header race format of the racing features seven weekends in the UK, which keeps the time and cost commitment of teams and drivers lower than most other series, and provides spectators with a very full day of Volkswagen action.

High standards of driving and presentation befitting a championship with manufacturer backing and television coverage are expected of all participating drivers and teams. But above all, the Volkswagen Racing Cup remains a friendly championship where team spirit and camaraderie in the paddock count for more than on-track heroics.

Press quotes:

*EVO, Simon Harrison: 'I've never seen anything quite like the Volkswagen Cup. Boasting an example of just about every type of VW model and power train, from normally aspirated and turbocharged petrol engines to surprisingly potent turbo diesels.... the regulations are a clever piece of work.'*

*Autosport, Marcus Pye: 'Volkswagen Racing's championship has blossomed into the best-looking and most competitive multi-model marque series on the current national calendar'*

*CAR Magazine, Jason Barlow: 'The Volkswagen Racing Cup is a ferociously competitive championship...everyone should take to the track at least once in their life. They might just get hooked.'*

## Volkswagen Racing Cup 2008

### Calendar and Venues

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION
1 & 2	21 - 24 March	Oulton Park, Cheshire
3 & 4	23 – 26 May	Rockingham, Northamptonshire
5 & 6	6 – 8 June	Snetterton, Norfolk
7 & 8	27 – 29 June	Thruxton, Hampshire
9 & 10	11 – 13 July	Brands Hatch, Kent
11 & 12	15 – 17 August	Silverstone, Northamptonshire
13 & 14	19 – 21 September	Donington Park, Derbyshire

A unique appeal of the Volkswagen Racing Cup is the double header format of the calendar. By compressing the season into 7 action-packed weekends, the cost and time burden on competitors is greatly reduced, and has the added benefit of providing plenty of Volkswagen action for spectators.

The provisional calendar is all part of the prestigious Formula 3 and British GT package. As a sign of how highly the Volkswagen Racing Cup is now regarded, the Championship is the sole saloon car support race that has been invited to be a part of the package.

### What does the Registration Fee cover?

The full year registration fee for the Volkswagen Racing Cup is £450.00 plus VAT. This provides each driver and or team with the following Championship benefits:

#### PR & Media Service

The Press Officer for the championship is Nick Carter. Nick is able to provide a full PR and media service for competitors including supplying your local media with pre and post event articles supported by pictures. The Volkswagen Racing Press Officer is on hand for all your media requirements at every event.

#### Images and Photography

The championship uses the services of Jacob Ebrey Motorsport Photography who are at all race weekends to capture the on and off track activity. These images are free to use and can found after each weekend on the dedicated web site.

#### Web site

The championship web site is updated and maintained by Nick Carter. [www.vw-cup.co.uk](http://www.vw-cup.co.uk).

### **Race & Hospitality Centre**

The Race & Hospitality unit attends all rounds of the championship and provides full hospitality throughout the race day (breakfast, lunch and tea). As a registered competitor you will have two passes per weekend, and additional passes can be purchased prior to the event from Volkswagen Racing for your guests.

The centre is an excellent place for sponsors and family to meet and is the setting for the awards ceremony at the end of the weekend.

### **Championship Management**

The championship is managed by Volkswagen Racing UK with a dedicated Manager who oversees all aspects of the cup supported by a Championship Scrutineer who is in attendance at all events and power tests, and available for advice and guidance between race meetings. In addition the championship has a permanent Clerk of the Course is also in place for all events to ensure stability of judicial matters.

And finally, Volkswagen Racing's technical team are on-hand full time for friendly, professional help and advice.

### **Technical & Parts Support**

A well-stocked race support van will attend all events and can also bring pre-ordered spares to the meeting. Volkswagen Racing can order standard and racing spares for competitors at preferential prices.

Full technical support will be available between and during the event weekend for advice and help.

### **Power Test**

The pre season power test is mandatory and therefore the registration fee will cover the cost of your pre-season power test.

### **Decals**

A full set of championship decals will be issued to each driver including race numbers and names at the start of the season. Further sets of decals can be purchased from Volkswagen Racing and are also available on event.

### **Television Coverage**

The 2008 Volkswagen Racing Cup will have television coverage on the prestigious Sky Sports 'World of Motorsport' programme. Each race is generally shown 4 or 5 times on Sky Sports 1, 2, 3 and Extra, with an average viewing figure of 60,000 for each of these showings.

### **What do the Regulations allow?**

The Volkswagen Racing Cup regulations have been carefully developed to remain stable throughout coming years. This means that drivers and teams can confidently invest the time and effort to develop a new car safe in the knowledge that it will remain competitive over future years, and retain its value. That is a central principle of the Volkswagen Racing Cup.

For a car to be allowed to race in the 2008 Championship, it will need to be issued with a Volkswagen Racing logbook. To be eligible for this, it must either be a car that has competed in the Championship in the past two years, or if it is new to the Championship, it must be less than 10 years old. Additionally, drivers and teams who have taken part in the past two years can request a logbook for a car for their own personal use.

With a system of power to weight governing the performance of the cars, there are ten power categories ranging from 150 to 250 bhp each with a corresponding minimum weight. The power outputs are determined by the championship rolling road only; power tests will be carried out on every car before the season, whilst random checks may be carried out at any time thereafter. Similarly the minimum weights will be determined by the championship scales only, and will be checked after each race.

Any engine originally fitted by Volkswagen to that model can be used; another Volkswagen engine may be used providing that it is not newer than the car, and providing that Volkswagen fitted an engine with that number of cylinders and that method of induction (for the fuel type) to that car.

Engine modifications allow some freedom to modify the top end of the engine through gas flowing the head, and on the 4 cylinder engines, the induction system is free. Manifolds and turbos may come from other Volkswagen Group engines. The bottom end of the engine may be balanced, but no more. Apart from the very latest cars, ECUs are free, although if replaced with non-Volkswagen items, the software and any leads required to read the data must be provided to series Scrutineers at the start of the year.

The bodywork must retain the standard steel panels throughout, but shells may be lightened through the removal of any unused brackets on the body and much of the interior trim. Body kits may only be fitted if offered as a Volkswagen approved accessory. Wheels, brakes and the transmission internals are free. For cars running with straight-cut gearboxes, a 30kg weight penalty is imposed. Similarly, vehicles using Volkswagen's 4Motion system carry an additional weight penalty. Springs, dampers and bushes are free, and certain suspension components may be modified, although the pick-up points on the body shell cannot vary.

On top of this, all of the usual safety modifications required by the MSA Blue Book must of course be carried out - see Section J of the book for these requirements in full.

Scrutineering is taken very seriously in the championship. ECU software will be downloaded at power test, then regularly interrogated by the series Scrutineers to compare all settings. Periodic in-depth checks are likely to be made to cars, engines and electrical systems throughout the year.

## **Race Entry Fees?**

Race entry forms will be available in early 2008 and can be submitted on an individual basis, round by round or for a full year. Each double header entry will be £445 or if you wish to pay up front for the full season the cost is £2,905. (There is no vat).

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