



■■■ New to Racing

Beginner's Guide

Your introduction to RC racing at Cotswold Model Car Club. Learn the essentials, prepare for race day, and get confident on track!

1. What You'll Need

- Car: A 1/10th scale electric touring car or other class supported by the club.
- Transmitter: Your radio controller.
- Battery & Charger: LiPo batteries are common; always charge safely.
- Tools: Hex drivers, spare tyres, and a pit mat.
- Safety Gear: Fireproof LiPo bag, and optionally gloves or glasses.

2. Preparing for Race Day

- Check the Calendar: Race dates are posted on the club website.
- Register Online: Use the Club Race Entry form to secure your spot.
- Arrive Early: Give yourself time to set up and walk the track.
- Ask for Help: Committee members and experienced racers are always happy to guide newcomers.

3. On the Track

- Practice Runs: Use open practice sessions to get comfortable.
- Marshal Duties: Every racer helps marshal other heats — it's part of the sport.
- Etiquette: Drive predictably, give space, and respect faster cars.
- Flags & Signals: Learn the meaning of race control signals (start, stop, caution).

4. Tips for Beginners

- Start slow — consistency matters more than speed.
- Focus on clean laps rather than overtaking.
- Keep your car maintained: check tyres, suspension, and electronics.
- Watch experienced drivers and learn their lines.

5. Club Support

- Membership: Join or renew via the Membership form.
- Facilities: Access camping, pits, and track amenities.
- Committee Contact: Reach out for advice or troubleshooting.

6. Quick Links

- ■ Join / Renew Membership
- ■ Enter a Race
- ■ Book Camping

- ■ Contact Committee
- ■■ Facilities Guide

Final Word

RC racing is about community, learning, and fun. Don't worry about being perfect — every champion started as a beginner. Welcome to the club, and enjoy the ride!