

The Car:

New to minicups? - Here is some background information. A minicup car is a 1/2 scale stock car built like the Nextel Cup cars you see on TV. They have tube chassis, fully adjustable suspensions, coil-over shocks, disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, etc. The engine is a Honda GX390 single cylinder air cooled engine that should last all season without a rebuild. To learn more about minicups, visit www.minicup.com

Minicup chassis with body removed



The Sanctioning Body:

Formed in 1995, the Miniature Motorsports Racing Association (MMRA) provides a complete driver development program for young racers. Our program starts with the Future Stars of Racing for kids 8-16 years old and progresses through our Open and PRO Divisions. MMRA racing allows the average fan or aspiring racer to get out of the stands and into the action on popular short tracks around the country. To learn more about the MMRA, visit www.MMRARacing.com

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How much do they cost? - About as much as a jet-ski. Brand new race-ready minicup cars sell for about \$8,500. MMRA legal used cars are also available for between \$3500 and \$5000. To find one check out the "For Sale" section of www.minicup.com

2. Where do they race? - Nationwide! Minicups race from Florida to Maine to California to Washington state. Often, minicups race on the same NASCAR sanctioned short tracks as full-size cars.

3. What about the rules? - MMRA posts the official minicup rulebook on the www.mmrracing.com website. Anyone can read and/or print the rules which are the same nationwide.

4. Can I "modify" my car? - In most cases no. Minicup racing is designed to be a "spec" class where all the cars are the same.

5. What are the age limits? - Future Stars racers start at 8 years old and our oldest racer to date has been 70.

6. How much does it cost to race? - Entry fees vary by track but are generally less than \$40. Other expenses are minimal - tires last at least 1/2 a season, the engine should run all year, and the fuel is regular pump gas. If you don't crash, you could easily race for less than \$100 per event. If you do crash, minicup parts are not terribly expensive.

Specifications:

Engine: 390cc Air Cooled single cylinder
Starting: Pushbutton electric start
Clutch: Horstman Redhawk dry centrifugal disc
Weight: 680 or 700 lbs depending on class
Chassis: full tube frame w/rollcage
Suspension: Twin A-arms with coil over shocks
Steering: Rack and Pinion
Brakes: Front and Rear hydraulic disc brakes
Tires: 8" X 6" Hoosier racing slicks
Safety: 5 point belts, aluminum racing seat, fuel cell, quick release steering wheel

10 Reasons to Race Minicups:

1. Safety - you have a full roll cage and body for protection similar to Nextel Cup cars but you will be going less than half as fast. This combination makes minicups one of the safest forms of racing.
2. Inexpensive - all racing is expensive but minicups are the lowest cost alternative short of go-karts - and even though go-karts may be cheaper up front, minicups have full bodywork for sponsors, and require minimal maintenance during the season.
3. Equality - Most all minicup racecars are manufactured by a small number of manufacturers and MMRA rules require uniform chassis geometry. As such, your car will be pretty much the same as everyone else's. You don't have to worry that someone with more experience or money will be able to buy a faster car. In addition, rules limit the engine modifications so you can buy a front running engine for about \$1,400 and that one engine should last all season.
4. Nationwide/Organized - The cars and rules are set nationwide by the MMRA so you can travel or move and still race competitively.
5. Value - you will get more racing per dollar with minicups. Once you have the car, there is very little maintenance necessary. You'll spend more time racing and less working on the car.
6. Potential - minicups look and feel like real race cars. You can use this to your advantage when approaching sponsors.
7. Future Stars of Racing - Minicups are the perfect vehicle for your son or daughter to get started in racing. MMRA has the Future Stars series with organized events and rules specifically for children.
8. Easy - Working on the car is easy enough for one person to handle. One person can even replace the engine unassisted. The single piece fiberglass body also makes bodywork simple for the novice.
9. Promotions - MMRA promotions can help a young driver get noticed and all drivers land more sponsorship. Current programs include the www.MMRARacing.com website, the MMRA Racing News magazine, and the exciting Touring and Grand National series of high profile racing events.
10. Fun - you always wanted to go racing. You thought it would be fun. You were right - get in the game!

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