

# WHAT IS A MOTORKHANA?

A motorkhana is an event designed to test the skill and judgement of the driver and also the general manoeuvrability of the vehicle. Motorkhanas recognise that few people drive at the speeds of racing cars or subject their vehicles to rally type roads, instead we park our cars, judges distances and exercises some degree of control each time we drive.

A motorkhana event comprises a number of manoeuvring tests set out on an open area (carpark or the like). Competitors compete one at a time and are required to negotiate tests by the correct method in the fastest possible time. Timing is performed electronically, accurate to 100<sup>th</sup> of a second.

Motorkhanas were originally intended as the grass roots of motorsport to improve and establish skills for the average driver in a safe and controlled environment and to enable enthusiasts to move on to the more demanding and expensive forms of the sport. Motorkhanas still perform their original function but have progressed in their own right to a higher level of the sport where highly skilled drivers compete for a national championship.

Anyone, from the age of twelve years, can compete in motorkhanas. Any type of vehicle can compete and no modifications are necessary. A great deal of interest centres on class competition for the various types of vehicle. In South Australia, it is possible to win events outright, including the State Championship, in any class vehicle because of a handicap system



## HOW DO I ENTER A MOTORKHANA?

There is a “single event” license, which can be purchased on the day of the event and used for one event.

Or you can join a car club and purchase a CAMS level 2 license which is valid for 12 months.

And there is the entry fee for each event.

Contact one of the following car clubs for all the information you will require

NAME OF CLUB	CONTACT	ADDRESS	PHONE
MG Club of SA Inc	Ms Kerry Barnes	93 Chief St, Brompton 5007	8449 1543 (priv)
Mini Club of SA Inc	Mr Horst Krause	PO Box 49, Blackwood 5051	8381 1274 (priv)
Modified Mini Car Club of SA	Mr Garry Kessell	4 Hay Street, Athelstone 5076	8165 1787 (priv)
Nissan Datsun Car Club SA	Ms Marg Hall	PO Box 242, Prospect 5082	8389 6635 (priv)
Honda Car Club of SA	Mrs Jenny Warner	6 Hunter Crs, Salisbury Nth 5108	8250 8562 (priv)
Porsche Club of SA	Mr Stuart Elshaw	PO Box 2209, Kent Town 5071	8269 7241 (priv)
Southern Districts Car Club	Ms Megan Tillet	PO Box 3, Morphett Vale 5162	8326 7083 (priv)

## HOW DO YOU WIN A MOTORKHANA?

The main ingredient is the ability to complete all tests in the shortest possible total time.

Apart from being quick, split-second reactions and exact placement of the vehicle are essential.

There are two main penalties that drivers can incur in a motorkhana. These are directed towards ensuring that every competitor follows the course as outlined for a particular test.

Knocking a course marker results in a five second penalty for every marker knocked, and for the competitor who completes the test by an incorrect method, a much more severe penalty is incurred, “slowest time plus five”. That means the erring competitor’s time for that test is the slowest time done by all the competitors with five seconds added for good measure

## COMPETITORS COMPETE FOR CLASS AWARDS

The various class with some typical vehicles are listed below:-

<b>CLASS A</b>	Production cars, wheelbase up to 2150mm Mini, Sprite, Moke, MG Midget
<b>CLASS B</b>	Production cars, wheelbase 2151 – 2390mm TR7, MGB, MGC, Civic, Corolla, Lazer, Charade
<b>CLASS C</b>	Production cars, wheelbase 2391 – 2650mm Gemini, Pulsar, VW Beetle, Golf, Escort, Datsun 1600
<b>CLASS D</b>	Production cars, wheelbase 2651 and over Commodore, Falcon, Magna, Camira, Galant
<b>CLASS E</b>	Production cars, all-wheel-drive Subaru WRX, Lancer GSR, Lazer 4wd, Mazda Familia
<b>CLASS F</b>	Specials, Front Wheel Drive Mostly based on Mini, some Subaru and Honda
<b>CLASS G</b>	Specials, Rear Wheel Drive Based on VW, Renault, and others