

# MOBIL 1 ONTARIO TIME ATTACK

*A great intro to grassroots racing!*

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There are many forms of racing and all have their merits and challenges, but where does someone start when they do not have the experience or a limited budget to compete? The Ontario Time Attack (OTA for short, and previously known as SOLO 1) is a grassroots discipline that has been established since 1980 as an affordable alternative and stepping stone to other forms of racing. 🏁

## 2016 MOBIL 1 ONTARIO TIME ATTACK CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Presented by JRP, Toyo Tires & Yokohama Tire

### SCHEDULE

TRACK	DATE	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
DDC	May 14	OMSC	1 hour East of GTA
TMP	June 4	TAC	1 hour South of Hamilton
CTMP	June 25	SPDA	1 hour East of GTA
CTMP	June 26	SPDA	
DDC	June 9	OMSC	1 hour East of GTA
DDC	June 10	OMSC	
SMP	August 20	SPDA	2 hours East of GTA
SMP	August 21	TAC	

### LEGEND

TRACKS	
CTMP	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
DDC	CTMP Driver Development Centre
SMP	Shannonville Motorsports Park
TMP	Toronto Motorsports Park
CLUBS	
SPDA	SPDA Motorsport Club spda-online.ca
OMSC	Oshawa Motorsport Club oshawamotorsportclub.com
TAC	Toronto Autosport Club torontoautosportclub.ca/tac-solosprint.html

Here is a comparison of OTA and other racing disciplines:

ONTARIO TIME ATTACK	OTHER FORMS OF RACING
Use your daily driver to compete in most cases.	Need to have a series specified and dedicated car, which is not "streetable" and requires tow vehicle and trailer.
Safety equipment minimum is an approved helmet and factory safety belts.	Usually a roll cage is required with safety 4- or 5-point harness and, consequently, a neck restraint required with approved helmet.
Race "solo" like you're qualifying for pole position in every race.	You race with others sharing the track with the chance of making contact with other competitors with your car.
Choose up to 6 events and 2 schools.	Usually you must compete in a minimum number of races to maintain your involvement in the series.
Affordable drivers education dovetailed into the race events.	Driver education is not usually run in conjunction with the race schedule, and costs usually are over \$1,000 plus.
You decide which modifications you want to make. A performance index ensures you're fairly matched with similar competitor groups.	Modifications are usually standardized which can result in large expenditure to make your car competitive. Usually the teams who can maximize expenditure on the cars can lead the race.
All the events are close to the GTA and scheduled on weekends.	Many of these races are either out of province and/or have Friday test and tech days.
Our drivers are competitive but are more than ready to assist novice drivers in both mechanical and driving skills.	Drivers are often overly competitive and rarely share experiences to help you become a better driver.
We offer lots of track time to practice your skills and also compete.	Track time can be very limited.
We hire professional racetrack marshals and safety crews to keep our drivers safe.	Professional racetrack marshals and safety crews keep drivers safe.
You win awards and get satisfaction developing and honing your driving skills.	Win awards and develop your driving skills in a highly-competitive environment.
We are a volunteer-run organization and depend on fellow competitors to run a safe event while maintaining the cost of racing to a minimum.	Ditto.

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