



# Daryl DeLeon

## Professional Racing Driver

### About

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My name is Daryl DeLeon Taylor, racing as **Daryl DeLeon** and I am a 19 year old who is a professional racing driver. I have been involved with motorsport now for 11 years and have worked my way to the top in British Motorsport. I have driven and raced all types of race cars. Cars such as Single Seaters, Prototypes, GT, Touring Cars and with that, I am also a Motorsport UK and ARDS qualified driver coach.

### Achievements

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In my motorsport career so far, I have had over 300 wins/ podiums. I am a World & x2 British Champion. In 2023 I won the Overall British Endurance Championship racing in a Porsche GT3. At the end of 2023 and for 2024 I had the opportunity to debut and compete in the BTCC. With this, I have now signed for a top team going into 2025. Below is a summary of my racing career so far.

### Summary

- BTCC Driver at 19 years of age (debuted at 17)
- BEC & BTCC Scholarship Winner
- Radical SR10 World Champion
- Overall British Endurance Champion
- Radical SR1 British Champion
- Podiums in F4, Toyota Asia Touring Cars
- 8 years at the highest level of kart racing (approximately 200 wins and podiums)

### Education

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#### Motorsport UK Diploma in Sporting Excellence Graduate

After maintaining a good education level for my GCSES, I was accepted onto the Motorsport UK DiSE program and after 2 years of studying, I have graduated from Loughborough College with multiple qualifications (Sport, Business and Motor Vehicle). I have a strong relationship with the Motorsport UK Academy and have progressed now onto the Motorsport UK 'Futures' program. I am still studying and progressing with the academy and hopefully, wish to be accepted onto the 'Motorsport Team UK'.

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### Skills

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- Motorsport
- Driver coaching
- Driver instructing
- Fast and consistent

### Hobbies

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- Sim racing
- Gym - fitness
- Graphic design

#### **2024: BTCC**

After making an impression in 2023, I had the opportunity to compete in the BTCC again, this time for a full season in the Cupra. We ran as a 1 car team and although this can be very challenging at times, we had some good results. Spending most of the year as the fastest Cupra, we scored a podium at Knockhill (Independent and Jack Sears Winner) and had some good showings with a P7 at the last event of the season at Brands Hatch GP. Over the 30 races in the season, I came away with x23 Top podiums in the Jack Sears Championship.

#### **2023: BTCC / British Endurance Championship / Radical SR3**

The 2023 season went exceptionally well. At the start of the year, I entered and won a scholarship to race in the BEC alongside the PRO Radical SR3 Championship. After success in the BEC, I got offered an opportunity to debut in the BTCC. After leading the SR3 PRO Championship, I had to miss the last 2 rounds as I grabbed this opportunity with both hands and for the rest of the year I competed in the BTCC and the BEC. After completing the 2023 season, I ended the year with becoming the Overall British Endurance Champion as well as debuting and scoring multiple points in the British Touring Car Championship.

#### **2022: Radical SR1 and SR10/ Formula 4 / Toyota Asia Touring Cars**

In the 2022 season I raced, Radical SR1, GB4 (Tatuus F4 car) and Toyota Touring Cars for the Toyota Gazoo racing series out in Asia. This year, I won the Radical SR1 British Championship, had a podium in my first ever GB4 race and x2 podiums in the Toyota Gazoo event. For the end of 2022, I had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas and compete in the SR10 World Finals which I managed to come away as the first ever Platinum Radical World Champion!

#### **2021: Radical SR1/ Formula Ford**

After stepping up from karting in 2021 I raced in the last 2 rounds of the Radical SR1 Championship as well as also the famous Formula Ford Festival. At 16 years old, I made my debut in sportscars by racing the Radical SR1 at Silverstone GP. I had a successful debut and came away from the event with x3 Rookie win and I also won the Sunoco driver of the weekend award. The strong showing for my debut sportscar weekend continued into the last round of the championship where I took 2 wins.

#### **2013-2021: Karting**

Starting off my interest in racing, I first sat in a go kart at 3 years old but wasn't able to reach the pedals so had to wait until I was 4 before taking my first drive. My first races were then 4 years down the line at 8 years old. I raced in rental karts and won the Rye House BizKart Championship. After, I wanted to progress into higher karting levels and this is where I started competing in Honda Cadet Championships. Within a few seasons of competing in Honda Cadet, I became the "00" Plate Champion at HKC, the HKC Honda Cadet Champion and HKC Clubman Champion as well as multiple wins at various club events.

Moving on further in competitive karting, I then progressed into the Junior and Senior X30 class and after a strong showing at club level events hosted at tracks like PFI, I started to compete in the British Kart Championships along with special events such as Kartmasters. My first ever Kartmasters was against 60+ experienced drivers, I fought through the heats and climbed up to 7th in the final earning a place in the iame World Finals at Le Mans. I gained experience racing in international events such as iame World Finals Le Mans, Dubai 'O' Plate, Valencia Spain and Adria Italy which also helped with my racing in the UK. I found success in finals by winning individual events in the British Karting Championships and the Ultimate Karting Championship as well. My win at Round 3 of the Junior X30 British Karting Championship was particularly enjoyable as a DNF in heat 1, showed me fighting to gain places through every heat until I took the win in the final. I also had an ambition to win the 'London Cup' as the Rye house circuit is well known and the London Cup has a long history. I had to change classes for the one-off event and with now running in Junior Rotax, I quickly adapted to the different engine and tyres in practice, qualified Pole and took the win in the final against competitors that at the time were running right at the front in the British Kart Championships. I continued in karting in the senior class while I was 15 years old and continued with good results but as soon as I had my 16th birthday I looked to progress my racing by taking on new challenges.