

NAVIGATION TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

APPENDIX 34

MOTORSPORT IRELAND NAVIGATION TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. GENERAL RULES.

1.1. DELETED – see Appendix 33.

1.2. All Championship events must adhere to the "Standard Regulations for Navigation Trials" (App. 33). Any final instructions may not change the Standard Regulations, except in accordance with GCR No. 60.

1.3. The Championship is open to all holders of MI Licences and also to holders of MSA Licences of a grade not lower than Clubman.

1.4. The interpretation of these rules in case of doubt shall rest with the Registrar of the Championship, in consultation where necessary, with the MI Navigation Sub-Committee and the Rallies Committee subject to the rights of appeal to the championship Stewards as laid down in the GCR's.

2. EVENTS TO COUNT.

2.1. The Championship will be held over 6 months, from October to March and will include a total of eight events. A competitor counts points on their best performance in six events from the eight rounds towards his/her final score for the Championship. There will be a designated reserve event which, subject to Art 2.3 below, will be considered as a Championship event in the event that one of the 8 designated qualifying rounds is cancelled or excluded.

2.2. The events which qualify for the Championship in each Season are as follows (for exact dates, refer to MI Website):

November - Midland MC

November - Monaghan MC Drumlin

November - Cork MC Startrek

December - Skibbereen & DCC Carbery (Reserve Event)

January - Cork MC 1000 Shakes

January/February - Skibbereen & DCC 100 Isles

February - Midland MC

February/March - Cavan MC

March - Monaghan MC

2.3. Should one of the 8 designated Championship events be cancelled or excluded for any reason and the reserve event is not run, or if the cancellation or exclusion of one of the designated events is announced after less than 14 days before the reserve event is to take place, the number of events to count towards each competitor's final score will be reduced by one.

2.4. The awards for the Championship will be presented as follows:
1st, 2nd, 3rd in expert, semi-expert, novice and beginners classes - 1 trophy each.

2.5. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Navigation Sub Committee.

2.6. In the Event of an over-subscribed entry on any counting round, the top four drivers and navigators in each class at the time will be entitled to priority. For the opening round, priority will be based on the final positions in the previous championship. ***These provisions are*** subject to receipt of valid entries by the organising club ***not later than mid-day on the Wednesday preceding the event.***

3. REGISTRATION.

3.1. All drivers and navigators competing in any event will be automatically registered for the Championship. (Registration forms will be available at all events, and must be completed and returned to the Registrar).

3.2. There will be a fee for registration of €3.00 per competitor per event. This registration is compulsory and will be collected by the Organising Club at 'Sign-On'.

3.3. The National Registrar is:

Sam Johnston,
Clonbalt,
Longford
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4. MARKING SYSTEM.

4.1. Fifteen points will be awarded to the driver and navigator putting up the best overall performance in each event, with one point less going to competitors in each successive place, down to 15th place.

4.2. All competitors will gain one point for starting, and another point for finishing the trial, in addition to any points they gain due to their overall performance.

4.3. A competitor winning an event outright (i.e where no other competitor is on the same points) will be awarded one extra point.

4.4. A competitor starting a minimum of six counting rounds of the championship will be awarded an additional five bonus points both in class and overall. Bonus points will not be forfeited where a crew can verify that they did not start an event due to an oversubscribed entry list. Proof of entry must be provided by the crew in such cases.

4.5. In addition each class will be marked separately. The leading driver and navigator in each class will receive 10 points, with one point less going to each successive place down to 10th place.

4.6. A competitor or competitors whose retirement is directly due, in the opinion of the event Stewards, to an incorrect route instruction or other error on the part of the organisers shall, at the end of the championship, be awarded points based on their average score over the course of the championship, disregarding the event in question. However the championship stewards may take into account the position of the competitor on the event in question immediately prior to the incorrect route instruction, and may accordingly reduce (but not increase) the points awarded.

5. ENTRY FEE.

5.1. The maximum entry fee chargeable for any Navigation Trial may not exceed €70 (which includes €6 Championship levy per crew). IRDS and Personal Accident insurance must be quoted separately in the supplementary regulations.

5.2. Should there be an increase in insurance fees during the season, the entry fee will be revised.

5.3. Deleted.

5.4. Competitors will be entitled to a refund of entry fee if they inform the Club of their intention not to compete before the start of the event. Fees do not include IRDS or P.A. Insurance.

6. CLASSIFICATION.

6.1. There will be a total of four Class divisions, as follows:

6.1.1. Expert

6.1.2. Semi Expert

6.1.3. Novice

6.1.4. Beginner

6.2. Final decision as to classification shall rest with the National Registrar, in conjunction with the Navigation Sub-Committee and the Rallies Committee.

6.3. Competitors in the Championship must be members of a Motor Club affiliated to MI, so that the organisers may be assisted in defining the classification of individual competitors.

6.4. The guiding criteria used shall be as follows:

BEGINNER - A navigator who has not competed in more than two Navigation / Retro trials as a navigator before the current season.

NOVICE - Any competitor, other than a Beginner, who first navigated on a Navigation / Retro Trial within 4 years of the commencement of the current season plus any competitor who has not been promoted.

SEMI-EXPERT - Any competitor not within the classification of a beginner, novice or expert.

EXPERT - Any navigator who has been placed in the top three in any Navigation Championship series in the past five years, plus any competitor who has been promoted or designated an expert by the Navigation Sub-Committee.

6.5. Based on the results of the previous season, the Navigation Sub-Committee will decide who is to be promoted. No Competitor may be upgraded by more than one class in one season. In each qualifying event, the class of the crew is determined by the classification of the navigator as per National Championship regulations. Once classified, a navigator (whether or not he/she is registered) may not compete in another class during the season. Re-classification may take place after each season.

6.6. It is possible for a navigator to be in a different class for a local championship to the class he/she is designated for the National Championship. This decision will rest with the Registrar in consultation with the Navigation Sub-Committee.

7. TIES.

7.1. The resolution of ties in the overall Championship will be decided on the following principles:

7.1.1. The lesser experienced crew should take precedence (ie. beginner beats novice beats semi-expert beats expert).

7.1.2. The number of wins.

7.1.3. The number of 2nd, 3rd, etc. placings.

7.1.4. The number of competitors beaten on the 1st, 2nd, etc. event.

7.2. The resolution of ties in an individual event for the purpose of allocating championship points will be decided on the following principles:

7.2.1. The lesser experienced crew (beginner beats novice beats semi-expert beats expert).

7.2.2. Furthest cleanest.

7.3. If a tie exists after using this criterion, then each tied competitor will receive equal points due to the highest placed tied score. The next placed untied competitor will receive points due to the place he/she would have received if there were no tie.

8. ROUTE.

8.1. As defined in "Standard Regulations for Navigation Trials" (App. 33) published in this Yearbook.

8.2. Deleted.

9. COURSE AND SWEEPER CARS.

Deleted - see Appendix 33 Art 3.25, 3.26.

10. RESULTS.

10.1. Results must be posted as soon after each event as possible, at the finish. A full results board must be posted, giving detailed results.

10.2. Clubs should ensure that the finish is at a suitable venue, so that adequate time be available for the calculation of results. In order to facilitate the speedy calculation of results, it is recommended that at least 2 Time cards must be used, the first of which should be collected approximately half way through the event.

10.3. The "Clothes Line" system of showing all competitors time cards must be used.

10.4. Prizes must be presented on the night, provided that results are finalised. GCR No 166.

10.5. The promoting Club must send the results of a Trial Championship event, including a listing of class winners, together with a short report on the event (c. 200 to 300 words) to the Registrar not more than 8 DAYS after the event. A penalty of €15.00 per week will be incurred for any delay in forwarding results & report beyond the permitted period. Clubs are also encouraged to publish the report on their website.

10.6. The promoting club must also send complete results, showing a full list of starters, finishers and details of all penalties on the road, to each entrant. A penalty of €15.00 per week will be incurred for any delay in circulating results beyond the permitted period. GCR No 79. Publication of these details on the Club's Website shall be deemed to achieve compliance with this requirement.

10.7. If a registered competitor takes a prominent role in the running of a Championship event, he/she will receive 18 points (overall) and 10 points (class) as his/her score for this event, subject to a maximum of one event per Championship. Bonus points (Art. 4.4.) will also be awarded provided that the competitor starts a minimum of five other counting rounds. A "prominent role" has been defined as that of Clerk of the Course or Assistant Clerk of the Course. Only those whose names appear as CoC or Asst CoC on the documents submitted with the Permit Application for the event will be eligible to score points under this Article. Also, in the case of the last 4 events of the Championship, "organisers" points will only be available to those who notify the Championship Registrar of their intention to so act prior to the end of the calendar year preceding those events.

11. INFORMATION.

Anyone seeking further information about the Championship should contact:
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