

## Munster Navigation Championship Regulations 2013-2014

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### *GENERAL RULES:*

1. All championship events must comply with the standard regulations for navigation trials (App 33), including any amendments as posted on the Motorsport Ireland bulletin.

2. The championship is open to all holders of Motorsport Ireland licenses and to all holders of MSA licenses, of a grade not lower than clubman.

3. The interpretation of these rules in case of doubt shall rest with the registrar of the championship in consultation, where necessary, with the championship committee, subject to the overriding right of protest under the General Competition Rules (GCR's) of Motorsport Ireland.

3.1. The championship committee will be comprised of one nominated representative from each organising club.

### *4. Events to Count:*

The championship will be held from November 2013 to February 2014 and will include a total of five rounds.

A competitor may compete in as many counting rounds as he/she wishes.

The events which will qualify for the championship are as follows:

- November: 2/3                      Cork Startrek
- November/December: 30/1      Skibbereen Carbery
- January\*                              Cork 1000 Shakes
- February\*                             Skibbereen 100 Isles
- February\*                             Midland

\*Date to be confirmed

Best 4 out of 5 scores to count.

If an event is cancelled or excluded for any reason the number of scores to count will be 4 out of 4.

### *5. Awards:*

The awards for the championship will be presented as follows:

1st Overall Driver and Navigator

1 Trophy each plus 1 Perpetual Shield each

2nd Overall Driver and Navigator

1 Trophy each

3rd Overall Driver and Navigator

1 Trophy each

Best overall 2nd Driver and Navigator

1 Trophy each

Classes:

Expert, Semi-Expert, Novice:      1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class  
1 Trophy each

Beginners:                              1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th in class  
1 Trophy each

Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the registrar in consultation with the championship committee.

*6. Registration:*

6.1 All driver's and navigators competing in the championship will have to register on or before the beginning of the third round of the championship.

6.2 There will be a fee for registration of €20.00 per competitor for the championship. The competitor is solely responsible for registering him/herself.

6.3 Competitors can only qualify to score championship points after they have completed the official registration form and provided the full registration fee.

6.4 The championship registrar is:

- George Shinnors, Crean, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

Tel: 087-938 3010 E-mail: [gshinnors@gmail.com](mailto:gshinnors@gmail.com)

*7. Marking System:*

Fifteen marks will be awarded to the Driver and Navigator putting up the best overall performance in each event, with Thirteen marks going to the Driver and Navigator putting up the second best overall performance , with one mark less going to the competitors in each successive place, down to 14th place.

1st overall 15 points

2nd overall 13 points

3rd overall 12 points

4th overall 11 points

5th overall 10 points

All competitors will gain one point for starting and one point for finishing a counting round, in addition to any points gained due to their overall performance, outlined above.

Each class will be marked separately, with the leading Driver/Navigator in the class receiving ten points, with eight points going to the second Driver/Navigator and one point less going to each successive place down to ninth place. Registered competitors who retire from an event will receive one point in their class for starting the event.

Only registered competitors may score championship points and all other non-registered finishers will be ignored for the purpose of allocating championship points.

If a registered competitor takes a prominent role in running a championship round, he/she will receive the maximum 17 points in the overall classification and 10 points in their class.

A competitor or competitors whose retirement is directly due, in the opinion of the event stewards, to an incorrect route instruction 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 registrar in conjunction with the championship committee 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.

*8. Bonus Points:*

Bonus points will be awarded to any competitor that starts 4 or more qualifying rounds of the championship. Any competitor that starts all counting rounds will receive 5 bonus points at the end of the championship, both in the overall classification and in their class. Any competitor that starts a total of 4 qualifying rounds of the championship will receive 2 bonus points at the end of the championship both in the overall classification and in their class.

Registered competitors that enter an event prior to 72 hours before the beginning of the event and are subsequently placed on reserve will qualify for bonus points.

*9. Entry Fee:*

The maximum entry fee chargeable for any Navigation Trial may not exceed €70 (excluding I.R.D.S and personal accident). I.R.D.S and personal accident Insurance must be quoted separately in the supplementary regulations.

*10. Classification*

There will be a total of four classes as follows:

- A. Expert
- B. Semi-Expert
- C. Novice
- D. Beginner

A navigator currently classified as expert may apply to the registrar to be regraded to the semi-expert class. Application must be made in writing and detail the rationale supporting the opinion that being classified in the semi-expert class is more appropriate.

Final decision as to classification shall rest with the championship registrar in consultation with the Motorsport Ireland Navigation Sub-Committee (App 33, art 15.2)

*11. Ties:*

11.1 The resolution of ties in the overall championship will be decided on the following principles:

- 1. The lesser experienced crew should take precedence (Beginners beat novice beats semi-expert beats expert)
- 2. The number of wins
- 3. The number of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. placings
- 4. The number of competitors beaten on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. event.

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

- 1. Furthest cleanest

11.3 If a tie exists after applying 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 no tie exists.

*12. Complaints and queries:*

Complaints and queries shall be made in writing to the registrar of the championship who shall publish a decision on the matter/s within seven days.

*13. Protests:*

The championship stewards shall hear protests made in relation to the championship in matters which have been the subject of a decision by the registrar. Such protests shall be in accordance with chapter 14 of the GCR's and be addressed to the championship stewards c/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by a fee, in accordance with Rule No.161.

*14. Matters for Organising Clubs:*

14.1 To assist with the smooth running of each counting round, it is strongly recommended that all clubs use a Competitor Liaison Officer (CLO). This person would ideally be someone who is known to competitors, that is respected by them and who has a good knowledge of the rules.

14.2 Each organising club must present an award on the night of their counting round(s) for the best finishing club members of each organising club not already receiving an award.

14.3 The Championship Committee reserves the right to exclude a counting round noted in 4 above from the final championship results if they so wish.

*15. Information:*

Anyone seeking further information about the championship should contact the chairman of the committee:

- Colm Feen, Downeen, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork  
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