

RSO VP Navigational Report for 2021

The start to our 2021 season was severely affected by Covid 19 restrictions. The traditional first event wasn't even put on the calendar and the following 4 were cancelled. It wasn't until October that we held our first rally.

With only three events till the end of the year, there were not going to be enough to form a championship. We arranged for each rally to have a break between legs and we scored each leg individually for ORRC purposes. This gave us six events. We scored the best 66% as usual.

The Expert championship wasn't decided till the last event and the top three drivers were only separated by two points. The Novice championship was more of an attendance award.

Entries in navigational rallies has been poor in recent years. 2021 was no different. Total entries in the ORRC classes for the 3 events was 23, yielding an average of 7 teams per event. This breaks down into 12 Experts with an average per event of 4 and 11 Novices with an average per event of 3. As for individuals, there were 13 different people that competed in Expert and 23 in Novice. That includes drivers and navigators. There were more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

It is difficult to say how much Covid 19 had to do with these numbers but low turnouts have been common in recent years. There is a core of Experts that continue but it seems that once new competitors move up to Expert by winning Novice, they cease to enter. I believe that many teams would rather just stay at the Novice level. This will be something to be considered for the future.

Yours in the sport,
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