

RSO VP Navigational Report for 2024

2024 was only a mediocre season as far as navigational rallying is concerned.

Entry numbers were down from 2023.

Entries in navigational rallies has been poor in recent years and 2024 showed a decrease over 2023. Total entries for the 8 events was 78 compared to 105 for 2023. This yielded an average of 10 teams per event down from 13 in 2023.

The number of Experts in 2024 was the same as 2023 being 38 teams in all 8 events. Novice entries were down significantly being only 29 compared to 61 in 2023. There were also 11 teams that ran Beginner and did not receive points.

As for individuals, there were 28 different people that competed in Expert compared to 26 in 2023. There were 45 in Novice compared to 76 in 2023. 12 ran as Beginner versus 8 in 2023. There were many more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

It seems we have a core of Experts that compete on a somewhat regular basis but very few Novices continue to compete. They do an event or two and that's all.

In conclusion 2024 was not as good as 2023. We need to find a way to keep the Novices that try the sport.

Yours in the sport,
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