

Nicolson Digital Ltd Tabletop Rally Challenge

Proposal

Following on from the success of the recent series of individual TableTop rallies, David Law and Robin Nicolson are intending to run a Scottish based virtual navigational series over the winter months. The support of SAMSC would be welcome to promote it to member clubs and through its digital channels.

Format

- The proposed list of events would include up to 8 events from different organisers
- A range of classes will be available to suit all levels of experience e.g Novice/Beginners for those that are returning to the sport or simply want pure fun, Non-Expert/Semi-Expert class for regular competitors or those looking for more of a challenge, Expert Class for those that wish the greatest test of their navigational skills.
- Minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 route check questions per event
- Allows us to visit parts of the country that have either never or can no longer be used. (eg the likes of the areas visited by Richard Croziers' "Rally of the Isles")
- A tie-break on each event to determine finishing position
- Each event will be based on an A4 sized extract of Ordnance Survey 1/50000 series mapping which allows routes of between 50-70km (Individual organisers to specify their preferred area.) Note the area covered by an A4 extract is approximately 10km x 15km
- Minimum timescale to complete each event, ideally 1 week from release of map & clues
- Guidelines for organisers for event continuity
- Championship points awarded on finishing position on each event
- Online entry system
- Social media updates on events and championship placings

Digital Mapping

Robin Nicolson of Nicolson Digital would provide A4 Digital map extracts covering each event. The map will be provided as a PDF file, the competitor can either print off to plot their route, or simply view on the screen.

The three main advantages of this format are as follows:

- 1 Each entrant will be supplied with identical mapping.
- 2 As Licenced Partners of Ordnance Survey, Nicolson Digital Ltd have access to the most recently revised mapping data. The resulting map produced may well be considerably different to the equivalent paper sheet available in retail/online outlets. (Currently working with 1/50000 data released in March 2020, next revision due this month.)
- 3 Should any competitor wish to use the map on the screen, it can be enlarged without changing to a larger scale (a regular issue for those purely using online mapping during the recent events).

In addition, where required the map will be modified to ensure that the national grid numbers are shown round the perimeter. All maps will carry the correct Ordnance Survey copyright information and relevant royalties will be processed by Nicolson Digital Ltd.

Proposed event dates

Event 1	20/10/2020
Event 2	13/11/2020
Event 3	27/11/2020
Event 4	11/12/2020
Event 5	08/01/2021
Event 6	22/01/2021
Event 7	05/02/2021
Event 8	19/02/2021

Dates shown are purely provisional and may be subject to change. They are given purely as an outline of how the series could be structured

Eligibility

The series will be open to anyone and will be promoted through SAMSC member clubs and social media

Thanks to Nicolson Digital LTD support the series will incur no entrant costs for competitors.

Thank You

Robin Nicolson

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