

FORD RALLYE SPORT CLUB

National Indoor Rally Championship
- Explanatory Notes

1. WHAT CLUB SECRETARIES NEED TO DO

- a) Complete an entry form nominating the 1" Ordnance Survey map (from the 5 listed) on which you would like your 3 rallies to be based. We have listed 5 maps so that, for example, members of a club in the South East won't have to buy a map of Scotland.
- b) State how many Route Cards you want us to send you for each event, based on one per competitor.
- c) Post the form to us (there is no entry fee).
- d) Announce the Championship in your club newsletter, stating the Ordnance Survey map and other equipment competitors will need, as well as where and when you intend to hold the 3 rallies. The dates are obviously entirely up to you, although we would like your Champion to be nominated by the end of March. Entries will not be acknowledged but Route Cards for the first rally will be with you by January 12th and the ones for the February and March Rallies by the first of those months.

2. WHAT COMPETITORS WILL NEED

- a) The Ordnance Survey map specified by you.
- b) A Romer, a pencil, a protractor, a pair of compasses (the drawing type, not two magnetic ones) and possibly a rubber.
- c) To turn up at the times and places nominated by you.

3. WHAT HAPPENS

- a) You, or whoever you nominate on your entry form, will receive by January 12th Route Cards for the "January Rally". The pack will contain:
 - (i) A sealed set of the required number of Route Cards for the January Rally. These should not be opened until the start of the event.
 - (ii) A Signing-On sheet for all competitors. This should be retained for the series and additional competitors in later rounds should also sign it. Competitors may only compete under one club name (or centre, in cases of regionalised clubs - BRSCC, BARC). We have introduced this because several clubs in an area will be operating the same rally and cunning competitors might enter under more than one club in order to get an extra go at the rally. The signing on sheet will therefore incorporate a firm clause about this point.
 - (iii) A sealed envelope with the answers to the rally. This should not be opened until the event is over.



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- (iv) A Ford Rallye Sport Club Championship wall poster for point scoring with columns for each of the 3 rallies.
- b) By February 1st and March 1st you will receive Route Cards for the February and March Rallies; the packs will only contain items (i) and (iii) above.
 - c) When you have run your March Rally (which should be by March 29) fill in the name and address of your Club Champion in the space at the bottom of the signing on sheet and then post it to us.
 - d) Your Club Champion is then on his way to the Finals, which will be similar in pattern to the other events. We shall contact your Champion direct and inform him where and when the Finals will be held. There will probably be 4 or 5 different venues and dates, depending on the geographical spread of the clubs. The top scorer from the Finals will be the one to go to Finland.
 - e) If the Finals do not throw up a clear cut winner the panel of judges mentioned in the advertisement will be consulted.

4. SCORING AND RESULTS

- a) Points should be allocated for each rally on the basis of 20 for the winner, 19 for second, down to 1 for twentieth.
- b) Scores for the 3 rallies are to be added together and your Club Champion is the person with the highest score.
- c) The sealed answer sheet for each rally will explain how the event should be marked and will also give guidance on how you should resolve ties. If you expect a lot of entries in your club you should consider nominating 2 or 3 helpers to assist in marking.

5. HOW THE RALLY EVENING SHOULD BE RUN

- a) Get competitors well spread out around the room, remembering that the rally will be on a solo basis.
- b) Distribute the Route Cards, face down.
- c) Blow a whistle or bang a beer glass as a starting signal.
- d) When the time is up (it will probably be one hour for each event but this will be stipulated in the pack), stop everyone from writing and collect the Route Cards and possibly maps - again this will be stipulated in the instructions in the pack for each rally. Before collecting anything make sure competitors' names are on them!
- e) Mark the rally.
- f) Post results on the wall poster provided.

Obviously the above notes are guidelines only and you may have your own ideas on how to run the evenings. All we want are fairly selected Champions by the end of March 1974.



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6. OTHER POINTS

- a) The Rallies will cover all aspects of the sport so drivers and navigators can try to beat each other at their own game. Club secretaries may consider introducing other inter-club or inter-team rivalry.
- b) Don't allow protests - it's supposed to be a friendly competition!
- c) Reserve the right to change the rules in any way thought fit.
- d) No competition licence is required, nor is there any age limit.
- e) Only one person from each club is eligible for the Finals.
- f) The Rallies are being run free of charge as a service to clubs but there is nothing to stop you charging an entry fee if you wish, either for club funds or for individual prizes.
- g) You may care to give prizes at the end of 'your' 3 rounds either to the winner, or to the competitor with the greatest increase in score over the 3 events.

Finally, from the initial response, there are going to be a lot of entries for this competition so we would appreciate it if you would refrain from writing to us other than to let us know who your Champion is by the end of March!