

## Guide to using the Routebook

Each section of the race is covered by 2 or 3 pages of the Routebook. These pages cover all the details of the junctions, turns, distances, road numbers, road conditions, climbs and elevation profiles.

**Turn No:** These are unique numbers which are given to a junction where a turn is made or where the junction is deemed important. These numbers are designed for quick reference when reading notes or if dealing with Race HQ or Marshals.

**Distance:** Distances covered in the race are given in kilometres and miles. It is advised that crews cover whichever of these columns they are not using to avoid any confusion.

**Turn:** Br LEFT = BEAR LEFT, Br RIGHT = BEAR RIGHT (These are points where the route stays on the same road but there may be no road markings).

Junctions where a turn is made or that are deemed important will be marked in bold and will have a unique Turn No.

**Direction:**

T = T junction

Y = Y junction

X = 4 road Cross Roads

SS = Stop Sign

TL = Traffic Light

TLPX = Traffic Light Pedestrian Crossing (Not all TLPX's are marked however some are added to the routebook to act as landmarks after particular junctions)

R'about = Roundabout (Some roundabouts may also be named. Eg "Gransha R'about")

^^ = Start of Climb

« = Top of Climb (Maximum % and Average % gradients are given, however minor climbs are not marked)

\*\* = Change in road width/condition. Eg **\*\*START OF HARD SHOULDER\*\***

Shaded Areas = Places where caution must be used. Eg **CAUTION. RAILWAY CROSSING**

XXX = Start of campervan restriction area (See Rulebook. Rule number 506-4)

••• = End of campervan restriction

CP = Checkpoint. Eg \*\*\*\*\*CP01\*\*\*\*\* Crews must phone race HQ from this point or as soon as possible after passing this point to report their racers position. Checkpoints are either junctions or landmarks and racers and their crews do not have to stop at these points.

Towns, villages and points of interest are marked in bold and in () where unsigned.

**Road No:** This is the road currently being travelled on. In the Republic these will be either N or R roads. In the North they will be either A or B roads. Any roads which are smaller than these are not marked in this column as they are irregularly signposted and are not marked on maps.

Where the road is in brackets, Eg. (N2) this means that the race route crosses this road at a staggered junction meaning – LEFT then RIGHT or RIGHT then LEFT.

There will also be other notes which may be of benefit to the racers or their crew.

## START Navan, Co. Meath – TS01 Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth 66.8 kms / 41.5 miles

The first section of the race travels along good roads with only a couple of very short narrow sections. The race travels along the south side of the River Boyne with one short climb coming into Donore. From here the route drops down to Oldbridge where it crosses the River Boyne. The route then heads for the north side of Drogheda and turns onto the old Dublin-Belfast road (R132), which is a good wide road. We turn off at 0115 and pass alongside the Irish Sea on our way through Blackrock and on to TS01.

Turn No.	Dist kms	Dist miles	Turn	Direction	Road No.
				Start: Civic space in centre of Navan N 53° 39.204' W 006° 41.331'	
	0.0	0.0	RIGHT	East out of car park onto Kennedy Rd.	
<b>0101</b>	0.2	0.1	LEFT	Onto Trimgate St.	
	0.3	0.2	Br LEFT	Onto Watergate St.	
<b>0102</b>	0.5	0.3	RIGHT	Signed "(R147) Dublin / (R153) Duleek"	
<b>0103</b>	0.6	0.4	LEFT	Signed "Kentstown R153/Duleek (R150)/Ashbourne(N2)"	<b>R153</b>
	0.7	0.4		Over Bridge	
<b>0104</b>	1.0	0.6	LEFT	Y: Off R153. Signed "Newgrange / St. Marys Cemetery"	
	2.1	1.3		Cemetery on right	
	6.0	3.7		Over Humpback Bridge	
	8.9	5.5	Br LEFT	Signed "Tain Trail / Slane / Boyne Drive"	
<b>0105</b>	11.1	6.9	RIGHT LEFT	SS: Onto N2 signed "Dublin / Ashbourne 21k", then Onto L1600. Signed "Newgrange Monument"	<b>(N2)</b>
	14.0	8.7	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda / Donore / Newgrange"	
	15.3	9.5		View left across river to Newgrange Burial Chamber.	
	17.9	11.1		Bru na Boinne(Newgrange) Interpretive Centre (On left)	
	19.8	12.3		Donore	
	20.2	12.6	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda 6k / Boyne Drive"	
<b>0106</b>	20.7	12.9	LEFT	At Cottage with mural. Signed "Battle of the Boyne"	
<b>0107</b>	24.0	14.9	LEFT	SS T: Signed "Battle of the Boyne / Tullyallen 3k / Slane 10k"	
	24.4	15.2	Br RIGHT	SS: At Oldbridge House. <b>CAUTION OVER HUMPBACK BRIDGE</b>	
	24.8	15.4		Oldbridge Steel Bridge. **5-ton Restriction** Site of Battle of the Boyne.	
<b>0108</b>	24.9	15.5	RIGHT	SS: Onto N51. Signed "Mellifont Abbey / Drogheda N51"	<b>N51</b>
<b>0109</b>	26.3	16.3	3rd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice" <b>**START OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	<b>N51</b>
<b>0110</b>	27.1	16.8	2nd EXIT	"Hill of Rath R'about": Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice"	<b>N51</b>
<b>0111</b>	28.0	17.4	1st EXIT	"Rosehall Roundabout": Signed "Monasterboice / Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
	29.8	18.5		^^ Start of Climb ^^ "Tullyesker" Max 4% Avg 4%	
	32.2	20.0		« Top of Climb «	
<b>0112</b>	33.5	20.8	RIGHT	SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
<b>0113</b>	33.6	20.9	LEFT	Under Bridge, then SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
	34.3	21.3		Dolmen monument on right.	

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	39.4	24.5		Dunleer (Follow R132 through village) <b>**END OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	R132
	40.5	25.2		Under Railway Bridge	
<b>0114</b>	43.0	26.7	RIGHT	SS T: Signed "Castlebellingham R132" <b>**START OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	R132
	46.5	28.9		Kilsaran "50km/h" sign	R132
	48.0	29.8		(Castlebellingham) (Follow R132 through village)	R132
	48.4	30.1		Campus Filling Station on left	
<b>0115</b>	54.8	34.1	RIGHT	X: Signed "Blackrock R172" <b>**END OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	R172
	56.5	35.1		TLPX: (Blackrock)	
	58.8	36.5	Br RIGHT		R172
	59.2	36.8		Dundalk	R172
<b>0116</b>	60.3	37.5	1st EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Town Centre R172"	R172
<b>0117</b>	60.8	37.8	3rd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
	61.9	38.5	STRAIGHT	TL:	N52
	62.3	38.7	STRAIGHT	TL:	N52
	62.5	38.8	STRAIGHT	TL:	N52
	63.1	39.2		Over bridge	
<b>0118</b>	65.2	40.5	2nd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
<b>0119</b>	65.9	41.0	4th EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Greenore / Ballymascanlan" <b>CAUTION ON ROUNDABOUT</b>	R173
	66.8	41.5	LEFT	Into TS01 Topaz Filling Station	

Arrival time/Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Time Station 01: Niall Clarke Oils Service Station / Topaz (24hr), Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth  
 N 54°02.059'  
 W 006°22.433'

