

# *NEZ - North European Zone*

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## Regulations 2012

# **North European Auto Navigation Champion- ship**

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## 1. Championship

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These are regulations for

### **North European Auto Navigation Championship**

Short: NEZ Auto Navigation Championship.

The regulations are managed and updated of the NEZ Working Group.

## 2. Championship events

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The championship events are carried through according to organizing countries regulations and supplementary rules.

Championship events ought not to run together with national championship events.

## 3. Participants

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The championship is open for all with valid licence from member ASN's inside FIA North European Zone.

The participants home country is defined as the country, they represented at there first NOM/NEZ race.

Driver and navigator, in a team, have to come from the same country.

The championship applies to the navigator. Different drivers can be used.

The championship goes to the navigator who obtains the highest number of points and the driver who has obtained most point together with the navigator.

The championship is open for all who have a valid license from member ASN's inside FIA North European Zone. All Championship events are open for all who register according to paragraph 10. The participants that take part in the championship have to be posted on the participants list.

## 4. National Team's Championship

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National Team's Championship is run in the same events as the individual championship:

- The best three participants from every country, in the individual NEZ races, make the national team

- The three participants contribute with the same amount of points in the national team's championship, as they obtain individual.
- The National Team's Championship goes to the nation that obtain the highest number of point in the events outside their own country. Teams from the organizing country get no points in the National Team's Championship.
- At equal total points, the best participant's rank will settle the National Team's Championship.

## 5. Beginner's Cup

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Beginner's Cup has the purpose to encourage new teams to participate in the championship:

- To participate in Beginner's Cup, both driver and navigator have participated in maximum 4 NoM/NEZ events/double events outside own country before the first race of the year.
- The teams who want to participate in Beginner's Cup, has to state that on the entry form.
- Beginner's Cup teams have to be marked on the entry list, by the organizer.
- Teams who participate in Beginner's Cup can simultaneously take part at the NEZ championship and also achieve championship points for the National Team according to paragraph 4.
- Separate points are accounted for Beginner's Cup according to paragraph 7.
- Total rank is calculated according to paragraph 7 below.
- Beginner's Cup points are counted only based on Saturday event.
- Beginner's Cup participants drive in one class independent of the nationality.

## 6. Events

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The championship is run in 6 events. The organizing country has to announce the organizer at latest October 1<sup>st</sup> the year before. Change in organizer can only exceptionally take place, with approval of the countries that had participating teams the year before.

All events have to take place between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, with pause between June 15<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Points

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At every event the organizer publish a points list for both the organizer countries participants and the foreign participants – except Beginner's Cup.

Points scale for the classes is:

- 1st place 60 points
- 2nd place 58 points
- 3rd place 57 points
- 4th place 56 points
- Forward to
- 59th place 1 point

After each event, the rank for both individual, Beginner's Cup and National Teams Cup is updated by the NEZ Working Group and published on the Internet.

Navigators obtain points from 4 events. Only one event from home-country can be obtained. If there for some reason only are run 4 events, navigators only get point from 3 events. Only competitors who participate abroad can get NEZ-points. NEZ-points are re-calculated for the events after final event if there are competitors who haven't taken part in any competitions abroad.

If more than one navigator obtains the same number of points, the mutual placement is decided as follows:

- First of all most points in 5 championship events (one home, 4 abroad).
- If this does not decide the rank, wins the navigator with mutual best rank in the events, where participants have competed in the same class. All the points the navigator has obtained in those events are added up and then the results are compared with each other.
- If the placement still is the same, the teams will get the same rank.

Beginner's Cup participant gets points from two events. Only competitors who participate abroad can get Beginner's Cup points. If more than one navigator obtains the same number of points, the mutual placement is decided as follows:

- All three events are counted.
- If this does not decide the rank, wins the navigator with mutual best rank in the event, where participants have competed at the same time.
- If the placement still is the same, the teams will get the same rank.

## 8. Number of participants

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If the organizer wishes to limit the number of participants, foreign participant in championship classes' have priority.

Participants who have participated in earlier events of the championship have preference.

## 9. Information

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Invitation with supplementary regulations, start program with entry list plus bulletins has to be written at least in English and can be supplemented with translations in organizers language.

Supplementary regulations have to include necessary equipment:

- Participants cars have to be equipped according to participants own country's traffic code and ASN's national rules. Tires can be limited according to organizing country's regulations.
- Equipment for communication between participants, participants and third party are not allowed. Mobile telephones can be brought along, but must not be used during events.
- Advertising streamers has to be in agreement with participant's own country's regulations.

## 10. Registration and entry fee

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Registration to an event is done according to the organiser's instruction. After registration deadline (at least 5 days prior to the event) it is not possible to participate in NEZ-class.

## 11. Starting order for participants in championship course

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Starting order in championship course is arranged as follows:

1. Unseeded participants
2. Beginner's Cup participants
3. Seeded participants  
5 best of each country according to the last year's final NEZ results. If somebody from top five is not registered, then 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and so on are taken to seeded group.

Beginner's Cup is not driven on Friday. However, those teams that are registered to Beginner's Cup on Saturday event, shall drive in group 2 on Friday as well.

As far as possible starting order is a mix of countries.

Example:

- Participant from country A
- Participant from country B
- Participant from country C
- Participant from country D
- Participant from country E

- Participant from country A
- Participant from country B
- etc.

However, if national championship is being held at the same event, local participants may be set to start before foreign competitors. Only foreign competitors are then arranged as described above.

## **12. Prices**

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At every event prizes are awarded according to praxis in organizers country. Championship classes have to be awarded separately.

At the last event the first three positions in the championship have to be rewarded separately. Medals are provided by NEZ through national ASN.

## **13. Race courses**

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The countries Finland, Sweden and Denmark make a double event, one Friday and one Saturday. The distance between the two events must be less than 150 km.

Domestic and foreign participants have to race the same course. Organizer can open an extra open class that drives the championship course. All participants in championship classes get points in the championship.

The championship course's difficulty, length and respite time has to be adjusted to foreign participants. The course has to be easier than a course in a national championship. Total race time must be maximum 2 hours Friday and 3½ hours Saturday plus transportations stages and pauses. One 20 minute break has to occur (Saturday) before 2½ hours race ideal time.

At least 90% of finished participants have to complete inside the respite time. If not succeeded, the respite time is extended with 60 minute intervals until 90% of the finished participants complete inside the respite time. Respite time per stage is counted regardless of the above.

Start time for first participant on champion course is preferred at 19.00 Friday and 15.00 Saturday, latest at 20.00/16.00.

The championship course has to be worked out to be drivable for the last starting participants. Difficult drivable terrain ought to be avoided. Stones and other things making the course less passable has to be marked e.g. with white paint or warning sign.

All passing controls have to have left marking.

Beginner's Cup has to be run only in Saturday race on the first stages of the championship course. The number of stages included in Beginner's Cup has to be stated latest at Drivers Meeting. Beginner's Cup participants can voluntarily race the last stages, to achieve points in the NEZ championship.

## **14. Stewards**

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Local ASN sends Stewards according to own regulations to the event.

There is one foreign steward at every double event. Event gets foreign steward from the country that organizes next event according to the list below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> double event get steward from 2<sup>nd</sup> events country
- 2<sup>nd</sup> double event get steward from 3<sup>rd</sup> events country
- 3<sup>rd</sup> double event get steward from 1<sup>st</sup> events country

Costs for foreign steward's lodgings and food are paid by the organizer.

## **15. Supporters and leaders**

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Organizers ought to pick out areas where the event can be followed by supporters and leaders. Spectators must not have access - to communicate with - or in other ways to help the participants. The rest of the course ought - with exception for local population - to be free from spectators.

## 16. NEZ Working Group

The following persons act as contact persons together with ASN's. All proposals for changes in regulations, national regulations, invitations and results plus all other information have to be sent to all contact persons listed below. The contact persons pass the information on to own ASN and participants from own country.

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