

# 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

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 Trim, Co. Meath – TS01 Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth

### 81.4 kms / 50.6 miles

Starting outside the 12<sup>th</sup> century Trim Castle, the race will pass over the River Boyne and make its way towards Navan. Here the route crosses the Boyne again before following the south side of the River, with a 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 turn No. 0116 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.
				<b>Start: Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath</b> <b>N 53° 33.180' W 6° 47.303'</b> East towards R154 (Away from Trim Castle)	
	0.0	0.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Athboy / Navan / R154" <b>ZERO ODOMETER ON EXIT OF ROUNDABOUT</b>	R154
<b>0101</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	TL X: Signposted "Navan"	R161
	1.9	1.2		Texaco on left	
	12.9	8.0		<b>Navan</b>	R161
	14.1	8.8		CAUTION. RAILWAY CROSSING	
<b>0102</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "All Other Routes", then TLPX	
<b>0103</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	TL: Signed "Cavan R147 / All Other Routes"	R147
<b>0104</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	TL: Signed "Kentstown / Ashbourne 28k / Duleek 20k", Then Over Bridge	R153
	15.1	9.4		Zebra Crossing	
<b>0105</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	Y: Off R153. Signed "Newgrange / St. Marys Cemetery"	
	16.5	10.3		Cemetery on right	
	20.4	12.7		Over Humpback Bridge	
	23.3	14.5	Br LEFT	Signed "Tain Trail / Slane / Boyne Drive"	
<b>0106</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>RIGHT LEFT</b>	SS: Onto N2 signed "Dublin / Ashbourne 21k", then Onto L1600. Signed "Newgrange Monument"	(N2)
	28.4	17.6	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda / Donore / Newgrange"	
	29.5	18.3		View left across river to <b>Newgrange Burial Chamber</b> .	
	32.3	20.1		Bru na Boinne(Newgrange) Interpretive Centre (On left)	
	34.2	21.3		<b>Donore</b>	
	34.6	21.5	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda 6k / Boyne Drive"	
<b>0107</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	Signed "Battle of the Boyne 4k"	
<b>0108</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	SS T: Signed "Battle of the Boyne / Tullyallen 3k / Slane 10k"	
	38.8	24.1	Br RIGHT	SS: At <b>Battle of the Boyne (Oldbridge House)</b> . <b>CAUTION OVER HUMPBACK BRIDGE</b>	
	39.2	24.4		SS: Oldbridge Steel Bridge. <b>**5-ton Restriction**</b> <b>Site of Battle of the Boyne.</b>	
<b>0109</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	SS: Onto N51. Signed "Drogheda N51 / Mellifont Abbey"	N51
<b>0110</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice" <b>**START OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	N51
<b>0111</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EXIT</b>	"Hill of Rath R'about": Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice"	N51

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<b>0112</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EXIT</b>	"Rosehall Roundabout": Signed "Monasterboice / Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
	44.2	27.5		^^Start of Climb^^ "Tullyesker" Max 4% Avg 4%	
	46.5	28.9		<< Top of Climb <<	
<b>0113</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
<b>0114</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	Under Bridge, then SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	<b>R132</b>
	48.7	30.3		Stone dolmen monument on right.	
	50.9	31.6		<b>**END OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	
	53.9	33.5		<b>Dunleer</b> (Follow R132 through village)	<b>R132</b>
	55.0	34.2		Under Railway Bridge	
<b>0115</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	SS T: Signed "Castlebellingham R132"	<b>R132</b>
				<b>**START OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	
	61.0	37.9		<b>Kilsaran</b> "50km/h" sign	<b>R132</b>
	62.9	39.1		Campus Filling Station on left	
<b>0116</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	Off R132. Signed "Blackrock R172"	<b>R172</b>
				<b>**END OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	
	71.0	44.1		TLPX: <b>(Blackrock)</b>	
	73.8	45.9		<b>Dundalk</b>	<b>R172</b>
<b>0117</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "Town Centre R172"	<b>R172</b>
<b>0118</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	<b>N52</b>
	76.5	47.5	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Belfast N52"	<b>N52</b>
	76.9	47.8	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Dundalk Stadium N52"	<b>N52</b>
	77.0	47.8	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Belfast N52"	<b>N52</b>
	77.7	48.3		Over bridge <b>**START OF HARD SHOULDER**</b>	
<b>0119</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	<b>N52</b>
<b>0120</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> EXIT</b>	Roundabout: Signed "Greenore / Carlingford / Omeath"	<b>R173</b>
				<b>CAUTION ON ROUNDABOUT</b>	
	81.4	50.6		<b>TS01 Topaz Service Station</b> (On left)	

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

Time Station 01: Topaz 24hr Service Station, Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth

**N 54°02.059'**

**W 06°22.433'**

