

Rally Hokkaido Media Release

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Online Rally Hokkaido To Be Held As the 2nd Round of the Digital APRC

Asia Pacific Rally Championship has announced that Online Rally Hokkaido, an virtual version of Rally Hokkaido, will be held as the 2nd round of its Digital APRC series, from the 23rd to 24th of May 2020.

Along with the FIA's #RaceAtHome initiative, Digital APRC was introduced as driving simulation version of APRC and launched with on-line International Rally of Whangarei, held from 8th to 11th of May, where more than 300 drivers competed. Along with New Zealand's WRC driver Hayden Paddon, Mike Young (NZ), the winner of APRC class in Rally Hokkaido 2019, competed that rally. Young also announced his intention to compete the next round, online Rally Hokkaido with the following comment:

"Online Whangarei was a good idea by event organisers to run, at the moment it's the best alternative for the real thing. My rally was full of small mistakes and I crashed on the last loop and got terminal damage. For Online Rally Hokkaido I will practice more, I'm not sure what stages on Dirt 2 they would use though. Hopefully winning the real Rally Hokkaido 2019 will give me an advantage"

The organiser of the Digital APRC announced the series will consist from more than 5 rounds this year, but schedule details after Online Rally Hokkaido has not announced yet. The first round was held for 3 days, from Friday night to Sunday, based on actual rally event, and more than 300 drivers competed total 23 stages per pre-defined schedule, and competed their total stage times.

Digital APRC is open for anyone who owns DiRT Rally 2.0 software, and require hardware platform to run the software (Playstation 4, Xbox, PC, etc) and environment setup for online competition over internet. Purchase of additional stage might be required depending on the software version the driver owns. Prior to the

competition, registration to DIGITAL APRC club at the official website of the developer of the software, Codemasters, is required (registration is free)
<https://dirtrally2.com/clubs/club/321214>

While stage information will not be disclosed before the event, selected information of Online Rally Hokkaido (e.g. total distance and schedule) will be published at the FIA APRC Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FIA.APRC>

* Digital APRC series and Online Hokkaido is organised by a group of APRC, and Organising Committee of Rally Hokkaido is not in its operations team. Thus we are not able to answer questions to the series and its events.