



# RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN



# RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA 2018

ALGHERO

JUNE 7»10

15<sup>th</sup> RUNNING

ROUND 7, 2018 FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

49 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,386.38KM

including 313.46km divided into 20 stages

TIME TABLE

### THURSDAY, JUNE 7

8:00am		Shakedown	3.34km
6:00pm	SS1	Ittiri	2.00km

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

6:30am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:33am	SS2	Tula	21.99km
9:48am	SS3	Castelsardo	14.52km
10:37am	SS4	Tergu-Osilo	14.14km
11:48am	SS5	Monte Baranta	10.78km
12:44pm		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	30 minutes
3:02pm	SS6	Tula	21.99km
4:17pm	SS7	Castelsardo	14.52km
5:06pm	SS8	Tergu-Osilo	14.14km
6:24pm	SS9	Monte Baranta	10.78km
7:00pm		Service, Alghero	45 minutes

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

5:55am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:38am	SS10	Coiluna-Loelle	14.95km
9:33am	SS11	Monti di Ala	28.52km
10:11am	SS12	Monte Lerno	29.11km
1:03pm		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	30 minutes
2:11pm	SS13	Citta di Ittiri	1.40km
4:08pm	SS14	Coiluna-Loelle	14.95km
5:03pm	SS15	Monti di Ala	28.52km
5:41pm	SS16	Monte Lerno	29.11km
8:15pm		Service, Alghero	45 minutes

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

7:45am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:45am	SS17	Cala Flumini	14.06km
9:38am	SS18	Sassari-Argentiera	6.96km
11:12am	SS19	Cala Flumini	14.06km
12:18pm	SS20	Sassari-Argentiera	6.96km
1:15pm		Service, Alghero	10 minutes
2:15pm		Podium ceremony, Alghero	

TIME (GMT+2) - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





**ARNAUD RÉMY,**  
Rally Programmes Manager,  
Michelin Motorsport

"This is the last round before the 2018 WRC's summer break and what an event it is because Rally Italia Sardegna is notoriously hard on tyres! The narrow gravel stages are narrow, twisty and littered with small stones which conceal a hard-packed base. This, plus the very high temperatures, means wear rates tend to

be high on the second passes, while the first crews on the road are handicapped by the phenomenon of 'road sweeping' on the morning's runs. 'Osilo' is one of the season's hardest-wearing stages."

## MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA

### WRC: MICHELIN LTX FORCE



✓ ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS: 24 LTX FORCE H4s AND 16 S5s

✓ A SINGLE TYPE OF COMPOUND AUTHORISED FOR SHAKEDOWN (NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE ALLOCATION)

## MICHELIN AND RALLYE ITALIA SARDEGNA

Michelin is targeting a 10<sup>th</sup> Rally Italia Sardegna win (its 9<sup>th</sup> as a WRC round)

Michelin has won Rally Italia Sardegna as a WRC round with Citroën (4 times), Volkswagen (3), Hyundai (1) and Ford (1), as well as with Skoda as an IRC round

Michelin has won 140 Rally Italia Sardegna stages as a WRC round

Michelin tyres have failed to win only one stage in Sardinia since 2011

Michelin won a stage in Sardinia with a Skoda Fabia S2000 (Ogier, 2012), ahead of all the WRC cars





# 2018 FORMAT

36.51 competitive kilometres are new compared with 2017, and 2.44km are being run in the opposite direction

The service park is based in Alghero (no remote service in Olbia this year)

'Castelsardo' and 'Monte Baranta' are new

'Tula' and 'Monte Lerno' have been modified

'Osilo', 'Coiluna' and 'Monti di Ala' are identical to 2017

Osilo is one of the season's hardest-wearing stages

## FLASHBACK TO 2017

### WINNERS:

Ott Tanak/Martin Jarveoja  
(Ford Fiesta RS WRC/Michelin)



### STAGE WINNERS:

Lappi (6), Sordo (4), Tanak (3),  
Neuville and Paddon (2), Meeke and  
Hanninen (1)

### LEADERS:

Neuville (SS1), Meeke (SS2),  
Hanninen (SS3), Meeke (SS4), Paddon  
(SS5-SS12), Tanak (SS13-SS19)

- ✓ Ott Tanak's 1st WRC win
- ✓ Meeke and Paddon both retired while leading
- ✓ Lappi posted the highest number of fastest stage times (6)
- ✓ 10<sup>th</sup> straight WRC2 win for Skoda/Michelin

# RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA TRIVIA

Rally Italia Sardegna succeeded from the Rallye Sanremo as Italy's WRC round in 2004

The former Costa Smeralda, the forerunner of today's Rally Italia Sardegna, was a classic European Championship round in the 1980s and 1990s.

Loeb (4) holds the record for the highest number of Sardinia wins, ahead of Ogier (3)

It was in Sardinia in 2011 that Mini/Michelin made its WRC debut

## RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA INFO

Sardinia is the Mediterranean's second-biggest island after Sicily.

Many of Alghero's inhabitants are of Catalanian origin and Catalan is the official language in the town

Sardinia is one of Italy's four autonomous regions

70% of Alghero's fortifications still stand

Alghero sits in the middle of the 180km-long Riviera del Corallo

Tourism has expanded significantly in Sardinia since the 1960s

Sardinia is only 12km from Corsica

## DOWN MEMORY LANE



### New Michelin asphalt tyres for the 1998 Rallye Sanremo

Prior to 2004, Italy was represented on the WRC calendar by the Rallye Sanremo. It was on this event 20 years ago that Michelin introduced its new FP range of asphalt tyres which went practically unbeaten.

Since the FIA's outlawing of slicks in the WRC in 1995, drivers have had to use tyres with a tread pattern.

The 1998 Rallye Sanremo saw Michelin introduce a new generation of asphalt tyres which featured a reinforced construction. Thanks to their increased rigidity, the FP (Fort Potential) range delivered enhanced lateral (cornering) and longitudinal (braking, traction) grip, while new compounds were developed over the ensuing years.

FP-generation tyres won 28 of the 29 asphalt rallies that featured on the World Rally Championship calendar up to 2005.

On its return to the WRC fold in 2011, Michelin carried over some of the technologies used for its FP range to develop today's Pilot Sport tyres which comply with the current FIA regulations. The Michelin Pilot Sport has yet to be beaten at WRC level.

# ENTRY LIST

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 1 **OGIER Sébastien / INGRASSIA Julien** FRA / FRA   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 2 **EVANS Elfyn / BARRITT Daniel** GBR / GBR   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 3 **SUNINEN Teemu / MARKKULA Mikko** FIN / FIN   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 4 **MIKKELSEN Andreas / JAEGER Anders** NOR / NOR   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 5 **NEUVILLE Thierry / GILSOUL Nicolas** BEL / BEL   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 6 **PADDON Hayden / MARSHALL Sebastian** NZL / GBR   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT WRC

# 7 **LATVALA Jari-Matti / ANTTILA Miikka** FIN / FIN   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT WRC

# 8 **TÄNAK Ott / JÄRVEOJA Martin** EST / EST   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRC WRC

# 9 **LAPPI Esapekka / FERM Janne** FIN / FIN   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

# 11 **BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott** IRL / GBR   
CITROEN C3 WRC

## CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

# 12 **ØSTBERG Mads / ERIKSEN Torstein** NOR / NOR   
CITROEN C3 WRC

## MP-SPORTS WRC

# 21 **PROKOP Martin / TOMANEK Jan** CZE / CZE   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## YAZEED RACING WRC

# 22 **AL RAJHI Yazeed / ORR Michael** KSA / GBR   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## "PIANO" WRC

# 23 **"PIANO" / PERGOLA Jean François** FRA / FRA   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## CYRILLE FERAUD WRC

# 24 **FERAUD Cyrille / DUSCHEMIN Aymeric** FRA / FRA   
CITROEN C3 WRC



 **THE COMPLETE  
ENTRY LIST  
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## DRIVERS' STANDINGS

		 Monte-Carlo 25/01 > 28/01	 Sweden 15/02 > 18/02	 Mexico 8/03 > 11/03	 France 5/04 > 8/04	 Argentina 26/04 > 29/04	 Portugal 17/05 > 20/05	 Italy 7/06 > 10/06	 Finland 26/07 > 29/07	 Germany 16/08 > 19/08	 Turkey 13/09 > 16/09	 Britain 4/10 > 7/10	 Spain 25/10 > 28/10	 Australia 15/11 > 18/11	TOTAL
<b>1</b>	<b>THIERRY NEUVILLE</b> 	10+4 <b>(5)</b>	25+2 <b>(1)</b>	8+3 <b>(6)</b>	15 <b>(3)</b>	18+5 <b>(2)</b>	25+4 <b>(1)</b>								<b>119</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>SÉBASTIEN OGIER</b> 	25+1 <b>(1)</b>	1+4 <b>(10)</b>	25+0 <b>(1)</b>	25+3 <b>(1)</b>	12+4 <b>(4)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>								<b>100</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>OTT TÄNAK</b> 	18+0 <b>(2)</b>	2+1 <b>(9)</b>	0+5 <b>(14)</b>	18+1 <b>(2)</b>	25+2 <b>(1)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>								<b>72</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>DANI SORDO</b> 	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	18+0 <b>(2)</b>	12 <b>(4)</b>	15 <b>(3)</b>	12+3 <b>(4)</b>								<b>60</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>ESAPEKKA LAPPI</b> 	6+0 <b>(7)</b>	12+5 <b>(4)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	8+5 <b>(6)</b>	4 <b>(8)</b>	10+5 <b>(5)</b>								<b>55</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>ANDREAS MIKKELSEN</b> 	0+3 <b>(14)</b>	15+3 <b>(3)</b>	12+2 <b>(4)</b>	6 <b>(7)</b>	10+3 <b>(5)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>								<b>54</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>ELFYN EVANS</b> 	8+0 <b>(6)</b>	0 <b>(14)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	10 <b>(5)</b>	8 <b>(6)</b>	18+1 <b>(2)</b>								<b>45</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>KRIS MEEKE</b> 	12+5 <b>(4)</b>	0 <b>(R)</b>	15+0 <b>(3)</b>	2+2 <b>(9)</b>	6+1 <b>(7)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>								<b>43</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>JARI-MATTI LATVALA</b> 	15+2 <b>(3)</b>	6+0 <b>(7)</b>	4+4 <b>(8)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>								<b>31</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>CRAIG BREEN</b> 	2+0 <b>(9)</b>	18+0 <b>(2)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	6 <b>(7)</b>								<b>26</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>TEEMU SUNINEN</b> 	0 <b>(18)</b>	4+0 <b>(8)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	2 <b>(9)</b>	15+2 <b>(3)</b>								<b>23</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>MADS OSTBERG</b> 	- <b>(-)</b>	8+0 <b>(6)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	- <b>(-)</b>	8 <b>(6)</b>								<b>16</b>

## WRC2 DRIVERS

<b>1.</b>	Pontus TIDEMAND 	<b>93 pts</b>
<b>2.</b>	Jan KOPECKY 	<b>50 pts</b>
<b>3.</b>	Gus GREENSMITH 	<b>40 pts</b>
<b>4.</b>	Pedro HELLER 	<b>31 pts</b>
<b>5.</b>	Lukasz PIENIAZEK 	<b>30 pts</b>

## MANUFACTURERS

<b>1.</b>	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	<b>175 pts</b>
<b>2.</b>	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	<b>162 pts</b>
<b>3.</b>	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	<b>140 pts</b>
<b>4.</b>	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	<b>111 pts</b>





# MICHELIN WRC RANGE 2018 SEASON

## ASPHALT TYRES: MICHELIN PILOT SPORT



**H5 (HARD COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: dry stages



**S6 (SOFT COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: wet, cold conditions



**SS6 (SUPER SOFT COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: icy, frosty, damp, cold conditions



**FW3 (FULL WET)**

Size: 18/65-18  
Conditions: showers, standing water or heavy rain

## GRAVEL TYRES: MICHELIN LTX FORCE



**H4 (HARD COMPOUND)**

Size: 17/65-15  
Conditions: rough, rocky, abrasive surfaces



**S5 (SOFT COMPOUND)**

Size: 17/65-15  
Conditions: smooth, loose surfaces, mud

## WINTRY ASPHALT: MICHELIN PILOT ALPIN A4



**NON-STUDED**



**STUDED**

Size: 18/65-18  
Conditions: ice and/or snow

## SNOW/ICE TYRE: MICHELIN X-ICE NORTH



**X-ICE NORTH 3**

Size: 15/65-15  
Conditions: ice and/or snow

## WRC TYRE-RELATED REGULATIONS

- ✓ The FIA has registered three different tyre manufacturers for the 2018 WRC: Michelin, DMack and Pirelli
- ✓ Car manufacturers must register the tyre brand they have chosen with the FIA
- ✓ Only moulded tyres are authorised
- ✓ Tyres must be identifiable by a barcode and RFID chip
- ✓ Re-cutting or otherwise modifying the tread pattern is not permitted
- ✓ Only marked tyres are allowed to be used on stages
- ✓ Tyre pre-heating systems are prohibited
- ✓ Cars may carry up to two spares
- ✓ Tyres may only be inflated using air
- ✓ Only one type of dry-weather asphalt tyre (construction + pattern) and two compound options are authorised for the season
- ✓ Just one type of asphalt rain tyre is authorised (except Rallye Monte Carlo where a snow tyre is available instead of a rain tyre)
- ✓ Only one type of gravel tyre (construction + tread pattern) and two compound options (three from Rally Finland) are authorised for the season (choice of two compounds per event)
- ✓ Sweden: A single type of snow/ice tyre (one compound only) to be fitted to 7x15-inch rims
- ✓ Two 'joker' changes (one asphalt / one gravel) are allowed per manufacturer in the course of the season
- ✓ WRC: Tyre quotas per event for priority drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity + four spares (plus four tyres for shakedown)
- ✓ WRC2: Tyre quotas per event for priority drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity + two spares (plus four tyres for shakedown)