RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

NESTE RALLY FINLAND 2018

JYVÄSKYLÄ

JULY 26»29

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68th RUNNING

ROUND 8,
2018 FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

72 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1427,49KM

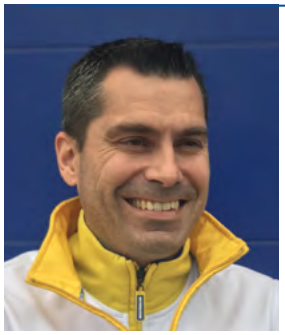
including 317.26km
divided into 23 stages

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, JULY 26			
8:00am		Shakedown	4.26km
7:00pm	SS1	Harju	2.31km
FRIDAY, JULY 27			
7:15am		Service/tyre change, Jyväskylä	15 minutes
8:18am	SS2	Moksi	20.04km
9:21am	SS3	Urria	12.28km
10:13am	SS4	Ässämäki	12.33km
11:36am	SS5	Äänekoski	7.71km
12:51pm		Service/Tyre change, Jyväskylä	30 minutes
2:24pm	SS6	Oittila	19.34km
3:27pm	SS7	Moksi	20.04km
4:30pm	SS8	Urria	12.28km
5:22pm	SS9	Ässämäki	12.33km
6:45pm	SS10	Äänekoski	7.71km
8:00pm	SS11	Harju	2.38km
8:30pm		Service, Jyväskylä	45 minutes
SATURDAY, JULY 28			
6:00am		Service/tyre change, Jyväskylä	15 minutes
8:13am	SS12	Päijälä	23.92km
9:29am	SS13	Pihlajakoski	14.90km
10:38am	SS14	Kakaristo	23.66km
12:13pm	SS15	Tuohikotanen	8.95km
1:31pm		Service/tyre change, Jyväskylä	30 minutes
2:55pm	SS16	Tuohikotanen	8.95km
4:08pm	SS17	Kakaristo	23.66km
5:36pm	SS18	Päijälä	23.92km
6:54pm	SS19	Pihlajakoski	14.90km
8:55		Service, Jyväskylä	45 minutes
SUNDAY, JULY 29			
7:30am		Service/tyre change, Jyväskylä	15 minutes
8:38am	SS20	Laukka	11.74km
9:38am	SS21	Ruuhimäki	11.12km
11:01am	SS22	Laukka	11.74km
1:18pm	SS23	Ruuhimäki	11.12km
2:21pm		Service, Jyväskylä	10 minutes
4:00pm		Podium ceremony, Jyväskylä	

TIME (GMT+3) - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MICHELIN



ARNAUD RÉMY,

Manager, WRC Programme, Michelin Motorsport

"From July 1 onwards, the WRC rules change to allow a choice of three different compounds for gravel rallies, two of which must be nominated prior to the start. For Rally Finland's fast but relatively unabrasive stages, our choice is the medium [M6] and soft [S6] Michelin LTX Force. The new S6 et M6 [17/65x15] were developed by Michelin Motorsport's engineers and were tested and approved by all of Michelin's partners before the rally. All our WRC partners were given the opportunity to test it before Finland. Rally Finland has been a mainstay of the WRC since 1973. Its incredible jumps and high speeds make it one of the most spectacular rounds of the season!"

MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLY FINLAND

A new regulation introduced from Rally Finland allows the availability of three tyre compounds for gravel rounds (soft, medium, hard). Two must be nominated prior to the start of each rally (Finland: soft and medium)

WRC : MICHELIN LTX FORCE

- ✓ ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS: 24 LTX FORCE M6S AND 16 S6S
- ✓ A SINGLE TYPE OF COMPOUND AUTHORISED FOR SHAKEDOWN (NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE ALLOCATION)

MICHELIN AND RALLY FINLAND

Michelin has won Rally Finland 26 TIMES

Michelin won the fastest ever Rally Finland (average speed: 126.6kph) **with Kris Meeke** (Citroën DS3 WRC) **in 2016**

Michelin won Rally Finland for the first time in 1982 with Audi and four-wheel drive technology

Nine Flying Finns have won Rally Finland with Michelin (Mikkola, Vatanen, Salonen, Alén, Kankkunen, Mäkinen, Grönholm, Latvala, Lappi)

Michelin won its first Rally Finland stage in 1980 (Kullang, Opel Ascona)

Michelin has since won 649 Rally Finland stages

Michelin notched up its 200th WRC victory in Finland in 2003

MICHELIN

2018 FORMAT

65% of stages new compared with 2017, and 40% new for Rally Finland

The rally begins with the traditional 'Harju' super-special in the centre of Jyväskylä

'Ässämäki' is a brand new stage

'Urria' and 'Äänekoski' have been modified

'Pihlajakoski' is the only stage that is identical to 2017

'Kakariko' visits much of the infamous 'Ouninpohja' test

'Laukka' is being run in the opposite direction to 2017

'Ruuhimäki' (Power Stage) is famous for its numerous jumps

FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS:
Esapekka Lappi/Janne Ferm
(Toyota Yaris WRC/Michelin)

STAGE WINNERS:
Latvala and Lappi (9), Suninen (3), Tanak (2), Neuville, Evans and Hanninen (1)

LEADERS:
Tanak (SS1-SS3), Latvala (SS4-SS9), Lappi (SS10-SS14), Latvala (SS15-SS18), Lappi (SS19-SS25)

- ✓ *Esapekka Lappi's first WRC win*
- ✓ *Hanninen's first WRC podium*
- ✓ *Latvala was leading when he retired on 'Ouninpohja'*
- ✓ *Sébastien Ogier's crash on SS4*
- ✓ *Toyota's 20th WRC win on Michelin tyres*

RALLY FINLAND TRIVIA

Rally Finland was a round of the inaugural WRC in 1973. This is its 45th running as a WRC round

Hannu Mikkola and Marcus Grönholm have both won Rally Finland seven times

The 12 fastest rounds in WRC history all took place in Finland

Over the years, Rally Finland has been known as Jyväskylän Surat (Jyväskylä Grand Prix) and the 1000 Lakes Rally

Carlos Sainz was the first 'Latin' driver to win Rally Finland (in 1990)

The 2012 Rally Finland was the 500th WRC round

The term Flying Finns originally applied to Finnish track athletes like Paavo Nurmi. Rauno Aaltonen was rallying's first Flying Finn

RALLY FINLAND INFO

Jyväskylä, situated in Finland's lake district, is a university city (30,000 students)

The 187,888 lakes that Finland boasts are a legacy of the ice cap which covered the country 10,000 years ago

Rally Finland coincides with the end of the summer holiday for Finnish schoolchildren

The Alvar Aalto Museum (named after the country's famed architect and designer) is in Jyväskylä

The Finnish flag (light blue cross on a white background) was chosen 100 years ago

Finland is not in Scandinavia which comprises Sweden, Norway and Denmark

DOWN MEMORY LANE

The 1988 1000 Lakes Rally – Markku's last home triumph

It was 30 years ago that Markku 'Maximum Attack' Alén collected his sixth and last Rally Finland win driving a Michelin-equipped Lancia Delta Integrale. A French youngster named Didier Auriol starred on the same event.

After winning the 1000 Lakes Rally in 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1980 driving a Fiat 131 Abarth, Markku Alén steered the new Group A Lancia Delta to victory on the same event in 1987. He consequently started the 1998 rally – which attracted a record field of 195 starters – as one of the clear favourites.

The event quickly turned into a duel between Alén and fellow Finn Juha Kankkunen. Together, they monopolised the first 22 fastest stage times and traded the lead no fewer than six times before the latter was betrayed by engine failure on SS33.

After that, Alén – who never won the world title – was able to cruise home in the rain to collect his sixth home victory. It would be his last success in Jyväskylä, however, and his last-but-one WRC win.

The other star of the 1988 Rally Finland was French youngster Didier Auriol who succeeded in mixing it with the local experts in his Ford/Michelin to finish on the podium, a result which earned him a job with the factory Lancia squad.

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
 # 10 ØSTBERG Mads / ERIKSEN Torstein — *NOR / NOR*
CITROEN C3 WRC

CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT — WRC
 # 11 BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott — *IRL / GBR*
CITROEN C3 WRC

CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT — WRC
 # 12 AL QASSIMI Khalid / PATTERSON Chris — *ARE / IRL*
CITROEN C3 WRC

THE COMPLETE ENTRY LIST HERE

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
1	THIERRY NEUVILLE	10+4 (5.)	25+2 (1.)	8+3 (6.)	15 (3.)	18+5 (2.)	25+4 (1.)	25+5 (1.)							149
2	SÉBASTIEN OGIER	25+1 (1.)	1+4 (10.)	25+0 (1.)	25+3 (1.)	12+4 (4.)	- (-.)	18+4 (2.)							122
3	OTT TÄNAK	18+0 (2.)	2+1 (9.)	0+5 (14.)	18+1 (2.)	25+2 (1.)	- (-.)	2+3 (9.)							77
4	ESAPEKKA LAPPI	6+0 (7.)	12+5 (4.)	- (-.)	8+5 (6.)	4 (8.)	10+5 (5.)	15 (3.)							70
5	DANI SORDO	- (-.)	- (-.)	18+0 (2.)	12 (4.)	15 (3.)	12+3 (4.)	- (-.)							60
6	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN	0+3 (14.)	15+3 (3.)	12+2 (4.)	6 (7.)	10+3 (5.)	- (-.)	2 (18.)							56
7	ELFYN EVANS	8+0 (6.)	0 (14.)	- (-.)	10 (5.)	8 (6.)	18+1 (2.)	0+1 (14.)							46
8	KRIS MEEKE	12+5 (4.)	0 (R.)	15+0 (3.)	2+2 (9.)	6+1 (7.)	- (-.)	- (-.)							43
9	JARI-MATTI LATVALA	15+2 (3.)	6+0 (7.)	4+4 (8.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	6 (7.)							37
10	CRAIG BREEN	2+0 (9.)	18+0 (2.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	6 (7.)	8 (6.)							34
11	MADS OSTBERG	- (-.)	8+0 (6.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	8 (6.)	10 (5.)							26
12	TEEMU SUNINEN	0 (18.)	4+0 (8.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	2 (9.)	15+2 (3.)	1 (10.)							24

WRC2 DRIVERS

1.	Pontus TIDEMAND	93 pts
2.	Jan KOPECKY	50 pts
3.	Ole Christian VEIBY	45 pts
4.	Gus GREENSMITH	40 pts
5.	Lukasz PIENIAZEK	40 pts

MANUFACTURERS

1.	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	212 pts
2.	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	184 pts
3.	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	161 pts
4.	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	129 pts

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

WINTRY ASPHALT: MICHELIN PILOT ALPIN A4

NON-STUDDED

STUDDED

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

GRAVEL TYRES: MICHELIN LTX FORCE

H4 (HARD)

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

M6 (MEDIUM)

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

S6 (SOFT)

Size: 17/65-15
Conditions: wet, muddy, cold conditions

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 manufactures 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 (same construction and pattern) and two compound options are authorised for the season (a third compound option is allowed for the Rallye Monte-Carlo)
- ✓ Just one type of asphalt rain tyre is authorised
- ✓ Only one type of gravel tyre (same construction and pattern) and three compound options (from Rally Finland onwards) are authorised for the season (two compounds to be nominated prior to each event)
- ✓ A single type of snow/ice tyre (one compound only) to be fitted to 7x15-inch rims
- ✓ A single 'joker' change is allowed per manufacturer in the course of the season
- ✓ Tyre quotas per event for priority drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity (plus four tyres for shakedown)