RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DAYINSURE WALES RALLY GB 2018

DEESIDE/LLANDUDNO

OCTOBER 04»07

74th RUNNING

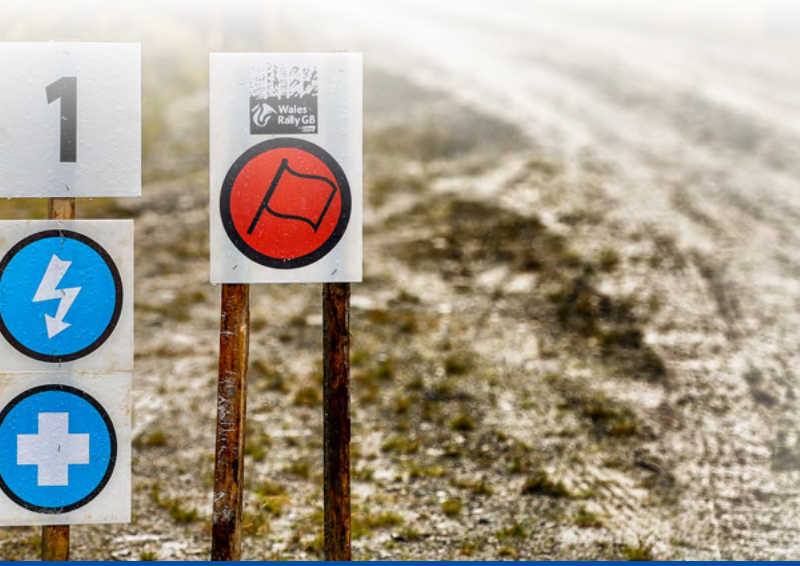
ROUND 11, 2018 FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

60 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1401.36KM

including 318.34km divided into 23 stages



TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4			
8:00am		Shakedown	3.37km
3:15pm		Start, Deeside	
7:00pm	SS1	Tir Prince	1.70km
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5			
6:45am		Service/Tyre change, Deeside	15 minutes
7:56am	SS2	Clocaenog	7.67km
8:32am	SS3	Brenig	29.13km
9:47am	SS4	Penmachno	16.95km
10:40am	SS5	Slate Mountain	1.63km
10:47am	SS6	Slate Mountain	1.63km
1:11pm		Service/Tyre change, Deeside	30 minutes
2:37pm	SS7	Clocaenog	7.67km
3:13pm	SS8	Brenig	29.13km
4:28pm	SS9	Penmachno	16.95km
7:12pm		Service, Deeside	45 minutes
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6			
5:30am		Service/Tyre change, Deeside	15 minutes
8:35am	SS10	Myherin	20.28km
9:15am	SS11	Sweet Lamb Hafren	19.95km
10:28am	SS12	Dyfi	19.48km
11:02am	SS13	Gartheiniog	11.26km
12:08pm	SS14	Dyfnant	8.30km
1:51pm		Tyre Fitting Zone, Newtown	15 minutes
2:52pm	SS15	Myherin	20.28km
3:32pm	SS16	Sweet Lamb Hafren	19.95km
4:45pm	SS17	Dyfi	19.48km
5:19pm	SS18	Gartheiniog	11.26km
7:37pm		Service, Deeside	45 minutes
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7			
5:25am		Service/Tyre change Deeside	15 minutes
7:22am	SS19	Elsi	10.06km
8:08am	SS20	Gwydir Power Stage	14.76km
9:16am	SS21	Great Orme Llandudno	8.03km
9:57am		Tyre Fitting Zone Dolgarrog	15 minutes
10:29am	SS22	Gwydir	14.76km
12:18pm	SS23	Great Orme Llandudno	8.03km
12:29pm		Finish, Llandudno	

TIME (GMT+1) - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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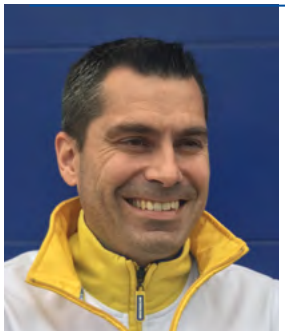

ARNAUD RÉMY,

Manager, Michelin Motorsport's WRC Programme

"Like the Monte Carlo, Sweden and Finland, Rally GB is a WRC classic. This year it is being held for the 74th time in total, and for the 45th time as a world championship round. Its slot in the calendar is three weeks earlier this season. At the beginning of October, the conditions might be drier than usual and therefore harder-wearing. That's why we have nominated the medium-compound Michelin LTX Force M6 as the prime choice for the WRC crews. If it rains, or if the stages are muddy, the soft-compound LTX Force S6 could well be used for the first time in Wales."

MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 WALES RALLY GB

WRC: MICHELIN LTX FORCE

- ✓ QUOTA: 28 TYRES FROM AN ALLOCATION OF **28 M6s** AND **16 S6s**
- ✓ THE NEW SOFT-COMPOUND LTX FORCE S6 WILL PERHAPS MAKE ITS WALES RALLY GB DEBUT

MICHELIN AND RALLY GB

Michelin won Britain's round of the WRC (RAC Rally) **for the first time in 1980 with Toivonen/White** (Talbot Lotus)

Michelin has won Rally GB 16 times

From 1973 to 1979, Michelin only won two RAC Rally stages!

In contrast, Michelin runners won all 35 stages in 1993

Michelin has won Rally GB with nine different Finnish drivers (Toivonen, Mikkola, Vatanen, Salonen, Alèn, Airikkala, Kankkunen, Grönholm and Latvala)

MICHELIN

2018 FORMAT

Event brought forward by three weeks compared with 2017

Return of the spectacular Great Orme asphalt stage (8.03km) which ends in the streets of Llandudno

Sunday morning's Power Stage is not the last stage of the rally

Slate Mountain in the Snowdonia Mountains is a new super-special

Clocaenog, Brenig, Gwydir and Sweet Lamb have all been modified

Myherin is identical to 2017

Dyfi and Gartheiniog have been shortened compared with 2017

Elsi and Pneumachno are new stages

Leg 2 lasts 14 hours, with the morning's service at 5:30am!

Wales Rally GB doesn't visit England this year

FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS:
Elfyn Evans/Daniel Barritt *(Ford Fiesta RS)*

STAGE WINNERS:
Evans (9), Neuville (5), Ogier, Tänak, Latvala and Mikkelsen (2)

LEADERS:
Ogier (SS1), Evans (SS2-SS21)

- ✓ *Fifth consecutive world title for Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia*
- ✓ *First Manufacturers' title for M-Sport since 2007*
- ✓ *Maiden WRC victory for Welshman Elfyn Evans on his home event*
- ✓ *First defeat for Michelin after 92 straight WRC wins*
- ✓ *World class debut for Finnish youngster Kalle Rovanperä (Ford/Michelin)*

RALLY GB TRIVIA

Formerly known as the RAC Rally, Rally GB first counted towards the FIA World Rally Championship in 1973

It shares the record of being a WRC round for the 45th time with Rally Finland

The inaugural event (1932) was won by Colonel A.H. Loughborough in a Lanchester 15/18

Hannu Mikkola, Petter Solberg and Sébastien Ogier share the record for the highest number of Rally GB wins (4)

21 different drivers have won Rally GB since 1973

10 years ago, the 2008 Rally GB was the shortest round of the WRC with just 282.35 competitive kilometres

Ford has won Rally GB 12 times, including a run of seven in a row (1973 to 1979) with the Ford Escort RS

WALES RALLY GB INFO

There have been two Welsh world champion co-drivers:
Phil Mills (2003, with Petter Solberg) **and David Richards** (1981, with Ari Vatanen)

The service park is based in the grounds of Toyota's Deeside plant

Surf Snowdonia is an artificial lake in Dolgarrog, North Wales, where it is possible to surf

The new Slate Mountain super-special in Snowdonia Park takes place near former slate quarries

Newtown sits on the River Severn, the United Kingdom's longest river (354km)

Great Orme, a rocky headland near the seaside resort, Llandudno, is named after the Old Norse for sea serpent

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, on the island of Anglesey, near Llandudno, is the European village with the longest name

DOWN MEMORY LANE

1998 Rally GB: Cliff-hanger!

Carlos Sainz missed out on a third world crown and left Finland's Tommi Mäkinen to claim a third straight title after a dramatic finish to the 1998 Rally GB. The event was won by Richard Burns (Mitsubishi/Michelin).

The rally started with two-time world champions Tommi Mäkinen (Mitsubishi/Michelin) and Carlos Sainz (Toyota/Michelin) split by just two points in the Drivers' title chase.

When the Finn clouted a concrete block and ripped off the rear-right suspension of his Mitsubishi Lancer on Day 1's Silverstone spectator stage, all Sainz had to do to top the 1998 standings was finish inside the top four.

At the start of the season's final stage (Margam, 27.09km), the Spaniard was effectively sitting fourth overall. Just 300 metres from the finish line, however, his Toyota Corolla WRC was side-lined by engine failure. Mäkinen learnt that he was the 1998 world champion when someone phoned him with the news back at his hotel!

The rally was won by Briton Richard Burns (Mitsubishi Lancer/Michelin), ahead of Juha Kankkunen and Bruno Thiry (Ford Escort/Michelin).

ENTRY LIST

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM — WRC

 # 1 OGIER Sébastien / INGRASSIA Julien — *FRA / FRA*

FORD FIESTA WRC

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 # 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

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)	2 + 2 (9)	18 + 1 (2)	0 + 5 (16)				177
2	OTT TÄNAK	18+0 (2)	2+1 (9)	0+5 (14)	18+1 (2)	25+2 (1)	0 (R)	2+3 (9)	25 + 5 (1)	25 + 4 (1)	25 + 3 (1)				164
3	SÉBASTIEN OGIER	25+1 (1)	1+4 (10)	25+0 (1)	25+3 (1)	12+4 (4)	- (R)	18+4 (2)	10 (5)	12 + 5 (4)	1 + 4 (10)				154
4	ESAPEKKA LAPPI	6+0 (7)	12+5 (4)	0 (11)	8+5 (6)	4 (8)	10+5 (5)	15 (3)	R (R)	15 + 3 (3)	0 (R)				88
5	JARI-MATTI LATVALA	15+2 (3)	6+0 (7)	4+4 (8)	0 (R)	0 (R)	0 (24)	6 (7)	15 + 3 (3)	0 (R)	18 + 2 (2)				75
6	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN	0+3 (13)	15+3 (3)	12+2 (4)	6 (7)	10+3 (5)	0 (16)	2 (18)	1 (10)	8 (6)	10 (5)				75
7	DANI SORDO	- (R)	- (-)	18+0 (2)	12 (4)	15 (3)	12+3 (4)	- (-)	- (-)	0 (R)	- (-)				60
8	TEEMU SUNINEN	0 (18)	4+0 (8)	0 (12)	- (-)	2 (9)	15+2 (3)	1 (10)	8 (6)	10 (5)	12 (4)				54
9	ELFYN EVANS	8+0 (6)	0 (14)	0 (R)	10 (5)	8 (6)	18+1 (2)	0+1 (14)	6 (7)	0 (25)	0 + 1 (12)				53
10	HAYDEN PADDON	- (-)	10+0 (5)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	0 (R)	12 (4)	12 (4)	- (-)	15 (3)				49
11	MADS OSTBERG	- (-)	8+0 (6)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	8 (6)	10 (5)	18 + 4 (2)	0 (R)	0 (23)				48
12	CRAIG BREEN	2+0 (9)	18+0 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	- (R)	6 (7)	8 (6)	4 + 1 (8)	6 + 2 (7)	0 (R)				47

WRC2 DRIVERS

1.	Jan KOPECKY	125 pts
2.	Pontus TIDEMAND	93 pts
3.	Gus GREENSMITH	55 pts
4.	Lukasz PIENIAZEK	48 pts
5.	Fabio ANDOLFI	46 pts

MANUFACTURERS

1.	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	284 pts
2.	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	279 pts
3.	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	244 pts
4.	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	169 pts

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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)