



RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN



RALLY SWEDEN 2018

KARLSTAD, TORSBY
FEBRUARY 15»18

2018

66th RUNNING

2018 FIA WRC: ROUND 2

67 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,400.79KM

including 314.25km divided
 into 19 stages

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00am		Shakedown	6.86km
8:08pm	SS1	Karlstad super-special	1.90km
9:54pm		Parc ferme, Torsby	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00am		Service/tyre change, Torsby	15min
7:55am	SS2	Hof-Finnskog	21.26km
9:07am	SS3	Svullrya	24.88km
9:54am	SS4	Rojden	19.13km
11:31am		Service/tyre change, Torsby	30min
1:41pm	SS5	Hof-Finnskog	21.26km
3:03pm	SS6	Svullrya	24.88km
3:50pm	SS7	Rojden	19.13km
4:56pm	SS8	Torsby	9.56km
5:31pm		Service, Torsby	45 min

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:05am		Service/Tyre change, Torsby	15min
7:54am	SS9	Torntorp	19.88km
9:12am	SS10	Hagfors	23.40km
10:08am	SS11	Vargasen	14.21km
11:40am		Service/Tyre change, Torsby	30min
12:44pm	SS12	Torntorp	19.88km
2:12pm	SS13	Hagfors	23.40km
3:08pm	SS14	Vargasen	14.21km
5:45pm	SS15	Karlstad super-special	1.90km
7:26pm	SS16	Torsby Sprint	3.43km
7:56pm		Service, Torsby	45 min

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30am		Service/Tyre change, Torsby	15min
7:50am	SS17	Likenas	21.19km
9:51am	SS18	Likenas	21.19km
12:18pm	SS19	Torsby	9.56km
1:00pm		Podium ceremony/Service, Torsby	

TIME (GMT +1) - SOURCE: wrc.com - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





JACQUES MORELLI,

(WRC Programme Manager,
Michelin Motorsport)

"Rally Sweden is a highly specific event where the drivers reach average speeds in excess of 130kph on icy forest tracks. Each Michelin X-Ice North 3 is equipped with 384 studs. They provide incredible grip despite the wintry conditions found at this time of year in the

Värmland and Finnskogen regions. For 25 years, Michelin has worked with its Swedish specialist partner Däckproffsen to develop increasingly competitive tyres and we are currently working on our tyres for 2019. I think we will see a fierce fight in WRC2 in which three different tyre firms are involved this season."

MICHELIN'S TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLY SWEDEN

X-ICE NORTH 3 384 STUDS PER TYRE



- ✓ THE MAXIMUM STUD LENGTH IS 2CM (MAXIMUM WEIGHT: 4G)
- ✓ TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS, NOT INCLUDING SHAKEDOWN (4) IS 24 TYRES (WRC2: 22)
- ✓ THE STUDS FOR MICHELIN'S RALLY SWEDEN TYRES ARE INSERTED BY THE SWEDISH SPECIALIST DÄCKPROFFSEN.
- ✓ STUD LOSS AND BREAKAGE HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY A FACTOR OF 10 IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

MICHELIN AND RALLY SWEDEN

Rally Sweden is the WRC round that Michelin has won the most often: **27 WINS** since 1973

Even so, Michelin runners only won two stages in 1973 and 1983!

Studded tyres were prohibited for the 1973 Rally Sweden

In 2008, new regulations dictated the use of wider tyres for Rally Sweden (15x65-15 instead of 10/65-16)

Michelin has won Rally Sweden with Saab, Audi, Peugeot, Mazda, Lancia, Mitsubishi, Toyota, Citroën, Ford and VW

Michelin has claimed **13** 1-2-3 finishes in Sweden since 1973



2018 FORMAT

23.9% of the stage distance is new

Competitive action in Sweden's Värmland region and Norway's Finnskogen region

The service park is in Torsby (100km, north of Karlstad)

The Torsby, Rojden and Hagfors stages have been modified

Torntorp (19.88km) is new

Hof-Finnskog and Svullrya (Norway) are identical to 2017

The menu naturally includes the famous Colin's Crest jump (Vargasen)

As in 2017, the Power Stage ends next to the service park

RALLY SWEDEN TRIVIA

Only 13 non-Swedes and two non-Scandinavians (Loeb and Ogier) have won Rally Sweden since 1950!

Sweden's Stig Blomqvist has posted the highest number of Rally Sweden victories (7), podium finishes (16), starts (35) and stage wins (131)

The speed limit for recce is 70kph, yet the fastest drivers exceed 180kph in places on the event itself, despite the ice

The 2017 Rally Sweden was the fastest in history (winner's average speed: 115.40kph)

Norway's Eyvind Brynildsen holds the record for the longest leap over Colin's Crest (45 metres)

Rally Sweden has twice been cancelled: in 1974 (oil crisis) and 1990 (no snow)

Rally Sweden originally took place in summer and was known as the Rally to the Midnight Sun

RALLY SWEDEN INFORMATION

The service park in Torsby is located next to a sports complex which includes a 1.3km temperature-controlled tunnel that enables 'cross-country' skiing in summer!

The WRC's first Drivers' champion was Swede Bjorn Waldegard

10 drivers from Sweden have won 43 WRC rallies, making it the 3rd most successful nation

The 2018 Rally Sweden coincides with the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea

WRC NEWS

Mads Ostberg (5 Rally Sweden podiums) is back in the Citroën Abu-Dhabi works team for the first time since 2015

Entries include World Rallycross Champion Johan Kristoffersson in a Skoda Fabia R5

Rally Sweden marks the first 2018 appearance of New Zealander Hayden Paddon for Hyundai Motorsport

Toyota Gazoo Racing and M-Sport Ford WRT are level on points in the 2018 Manufacturers' standings



ENTRY LIST

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM		WRC
# 1	OGIER Sébastien / INGRASSIA Julien FORD FIESTA WRC	FRA / FRA 
M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM		WRC
# 2	EVANS Elfyn / BARRITT Daniel FORD FIESTA WRC	GBR / GBR 
M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM		WRC
# 3	SUNINEN Teemu / MARKKULA Mikko FORD FIESTA WRC	FIN / FIN 
HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT		WRC
# 4	MIKKELSEN Andreas / JAEGER Anders HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC	NOR / NOR 
HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT		WRC
# 5	NEUVILLE Thierry / GILSOUL Nicolas HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC	BEL / BEL 
HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT		WRC
# 6	PADDON Hayden / MARSHALL Sebastian HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC	NZL / GBR 
TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT		WRC
# 7	LATVALA Jari-Matti / ANTTILA Miikka TOYOTA YARIS WRC	FIN / FIN 
TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT		WRC
# 8	TANAK Ott / JARVEOJA Martin TOYOTA YARIS WRC	EST / EST 
TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRC		WRC
# 9	LAPPI Esapekka / FERM Janne TOYOTA YARIS WRC	FIN / FIN 
CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT		WRC
# 10	MEEKE Kris / NAGLE Paul CITROEN C3 WRC	GBR / IRL 
CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT		WRC
# 11	BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott CITROEN C3 WRC	IRL / GBR 
CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT		WRC
# 12	ØSTBERG Mads / ERIKSEN Torstein CITROEN C3 WRC	NOR / NOR 
HENNING SOLBERG		WRC
# 14	SOLBERG Henning / MENKERUD Cato FORD FIESTA WRC	NOR / NOR 
YAZEED RACING		WRC
# 21	AL RAJHI Yazeed / ORR Michael FORD FIESTA WRC	KSA / GBR 

 [THE FULL ENTRY LIST HERE](#)



FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS:

Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila
(Toyota Yaris WRC/Michelin)



STAGE WINNERS:

Latvala and Neuville (6), Tanak (4), Sordo (1)

RALLY LEADERS:

Latvala (SS1), Neuville (SS2-SS3), Latvala (SS4), Neuville (SS5-SS14), Latvala (SS15-finish)

- ✓ First WRC victory for Toyota/Michelin since 1999
- ✓ Latvala's 4th Rally Sweden win
- ✓ Thierry Neuville made a mistake on the Karlstad super-special while leading
- ✓ New average speed record for a WRC stage: 137.8kph (Ott Tanak, SS9)
- ✓ A mistake on SS13 ended Thierry Neuville's comfortable lead



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	SÉBASTIEN OGIER 	26													26
2	OTT TÄNAK 	18													18
3	JARI-MATTI LATVALA 	17													17
4	KRIS MEEKE 	17													17
5	THIERRY NEUVILLE 	14													14
6	ELFYN EVANS 	8													8
7	ESPEKKA LAPPI 	6													6
8	BRYAN BOUFFIER 	4													4
9	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN 	3													3
10	CRAIG BREEN 	2													2
11	JAN KOPECKY 	1													1

WRC2 DRIVERS

1. Jan KOPECKY  **25 pts**
2. Eddie SCIESSERE  **18 pts**
3. Teemu SUNINEN  **15 pts**
4. Guillaume DE MEVIUS  **12 pts**

MANUFACTURERS

1. M-Sport Ford World Rally Team **33 pts**
2. Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT **33 pts**
3. Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT **18 pts**
4. Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT **14 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-STUDED



STUDED

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

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

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 (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 Rallye 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)