

RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC
FIA WORLD RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP

RALLY GUANAJUATO MÉXICO

LEÓN, GUANAJUATO

MARCH 8»11

14th RUNNING

ROUND 3: 2018 FIA WORLD
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

28 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,055.88KM

including 344.49km divided
into 22 stages

TIME TABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

9:00am		Shakedown	5.31km
8:08pm	SS1	Monster Street Stage GTO	2.53km
9:38pm		Parc ferme, Leon	

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

9:30am		Service/tyre change, Leon	15 minutes
10:33am	SS2	Duarte-Derramadero	26.05km
11:24am	SS3	El Chocolate	31.44km
12:14pm	SS4	Ortega	17.23km
2:02pm	SS5	Leon Street Stage Leon	1.11km
2:42pm		Service/tyre change, Leon	30 minutes
4:00pm	SS6	Duarte-Derramadero	26.05km
4:48pm	SS7	El Chocolate	31.44km
5:41pm	SS8	Ortega	17.23km
8:06pm	SS9	Autodromo de Leon	2.30km
8:11pm	SS10	Autodromo de Leon	2.30km
9:26pm		Service, Leon	45 minutes

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

7:30am		Service/tyre change, Leon	15 minutes
8:33am	SS11	Guanajuatito	30.97km
10:11am	SS12	Otates	26.37km
11:08am	SS13	El Brinco	9.98km
12:48pm		Service/tyre change, Leon	30 minutes
2:21pm	SS14	Guanajuatito	30.97km
3:54pm	SS15	Otates	26.37km
4:38pm	SS16	El Brinco	9.98km
5:38pm	SS17	Autodromo de Leon	2.30km
5:43pm	SS18	Autodromo de Leon	2.30km
6:33pm		Service/tyre change, Leon	45 minutes
8:26pm	SS19	Leon Street Stage	1.11km

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:15am		Service/tyre change, Leon	15 minutes
8:18am	SS20	Alfaro	24.32km
10:08am	SS21	Las Minas	11.07km
12:18pm	SS22	Las Minas	11.07km
1:53pm		Service, Leon	10 minutes
2:30pm		Finish, Leon	

TIME (GMT -6) - SOURCE : WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





JACQUES MORELLI,

WRC Programme Manager, Michelin Motorsport

"After the world championship's two winter fixtures, we head across the Atlantic for some Mexican sunshine. The first gravel round of the season is always eagerly awaited by the crews and teams. The drivers love Rally Mexico's superb stages and the mountain tracks near Leon tend to

be wide and fast, although the high altitudes sap engine power. The ground isn't very hard-wearing and this year's main choice is the soft-compound LTX Force. This will be Sébastien Loeb's WRC comeback and everyone will be watching his performance in the factory Citroën C3 WRC/Michelin."

MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLY MEXICO

WRC: MICHELIN LTX FORCE



- ✓ THE **MAIN CHOICE** THIS YEAR IS THE **S5** OPTION
- ✓ TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS (NOT INCLUDING SHAKE-DOWN): **24 LTX FORCE S5s + 16 LTX FORCE H4s**
- ✓ MICHELIN HAS SHIPPED **900 TYRES** TO LEON
- ✓ THE CONTAINERS LEFT ON JANUARY 31

MICHELIN AND RALLY MEXICO

**Michelin has *WON 8*
OF THE 14 RALLY
MEXICOS to have
counted towards the WRC**

**Michelin partners have won
155 RALLY MEXICO
stages since 2004**

**The 2016 Rally Mexico saw
Michelin win the longest WRC
stage run for 30 years (80km),
with Volkswagen**



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2018 FORMAT

Stages represent **ONE-THIRD** of the total distance

The service park is located in Leon's Poliforum

The rally returns to Guanajuato for the ceremonial start and a new super-special

The majority of the stages were previously run in 2016 and 2017

7km of 'Guanajuatito' and 2km of 'Derramadero' are new

'Las Minas' is being used for the first time as the Power Stage

'Otates' reaches an altitude of 2,597 metres

FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS: Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle
(Citroën C3 WRC/Michelin)



STAGE WINNERS:
Meeke (5), Neuville (4), Ogier and Evans (3), Sordo (2), Tanak and Hanninen (1)

RALLY LEADERS:
Hanninen (SS0-SS3), Meeke (SS4-SS19)

- ✓ Victory for Meeke despite an 'off' on the final stage
- ✓ The rally started with a super-special (SS0!) in the middle of Mexico City
- ✓ Delays to the convoy of trucks that brought the cars back from Mexico City to Leon resulted in the first two stages being cancelled
- ✓ All three Hyundais suffered the same fuel pump problem
- ✓ Successful debut for the new soft-compound Michelin LTX Force S5

RALLY MEXICO TRIVIA

Rally Mexico is counting towards the WRC for the 15th time this year

Rally Mexico's format is the most compact of this year's WRC

The altitudes visited by Rally Mexico's stages are the highest of the season (more than 2,000 metres)

In 2004, Rally Mexico replaced Turkey in the WRC calendar

Citroën has won seven of the 14 Rally Mexicos that have counted towards the WRC



RALLY MEXICO INFORMATION

- ✓ The WRC event takes place a week after the ABB FIA Formula E Mexico City E-Prix. Formula 1 will also visit Mexico at the end of the year.
- ✓ Colourful Guanajuato grew rich thanks to its gold and silver mines. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site since 1988.
- ✓ The uprising against the Spaniards that led to Mexico's independence started in Guanajuato on May 7, 1753.
- ✓ The 'El Chocolate' stage is a reminder that chocolate originated in Mexico. The Mayas drank a beverage known as xocoatl 3,000 years ago. Chocolate was first imported into Europe in 1528.
- ✓ Leon de Los Aldamas is Mexico's sixth-biggest city and capital of the country's leather and shoe industries.
- ✓ Michelin plans to open a new factory in Leon later this year.

WRC NEWS

- ✓ Six-time Rally Mexico winner Sébastien Loeb is making his first WRC appearance since the 2015 Rallye Monte-Carlo.
- ✓ Skoda/Michelin's Kalle Rovanperä is contesting Rally Mexico 16 years after his dad Harri won the event in 2002.
- ✓ Thierry Neuville and Hyundai Motorsport travel to Mexico as championship leaders for the first time.



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 SORDO Dani / DEL BARRIO Carlos ESP / ESP 
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 TANAK Ott / JARVEOJA 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 MEEKE Kris / NAGLE Paul GBR / IRL 
CITROEN C3 WRC

CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

11 LOEB Sébastien / ELENA Daniel FRA / FRA 
CITROEN C3 WRC







 **THE FULL
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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
1	THIERRY NEUVILLE 	10+4 (5.)	25+2 (1.)												41
2	SÉBASTIEN OGIER 	25+1 (1.)	1+4 (10.)												31
3	JARI-MATTI LATVALA 	15+2 (3.)	6+0 (7.)												23
4	ESAPEKKA LAPPI 	6+0 (7.)	12+5 (4.)												23
5	OTT TÄNAK 	18+0 (2.)	2+1 (9.)												21
6	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN 	0+3 (14.)	15+3 (3.)												21
7	CRAIG BREEN 	2+0 (9.)	18+0 (2.)												20
8	KRIS MEEKE 	12+5 (4.)													17
9	HAYDEN PADDON 		10+0 (5.)												10
10	ELFYN EVANS 	8+0 (6.)													8
11	MADS OSTBERG 		8+0 (6.)												8
12	BRYAN BOUFFIER 	4+0 (8.)													4

WRC2 DRIVERS

1.	Jan KOPECKY 	25 pts
2.	Takamoto KATSUTA 	25 pts
3.	Eddie SCIESSERE 	18 pts
4.	Pontus TIDEMAND 	18 pts

MANUFACTURERS

1.	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	54 pts
2.	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	53 pts
3.	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	46 pts
4.	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	43 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

WINTY 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 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)