



RACECARD

2019 MICHELIN

WRC
FIA WORLD RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP

RALLY ITALIA-SARDEGNA

JUNE 13-16

ALGHERO

16th RUNNING

Organised by Rally Italia Sardegna c/o ACI SPORTS SpA

ROUND 8, 2019 FIA WORLD RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP



**92
ENTRIES**

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,383.64KM

including 310,52 km
divided into 19 special stages

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 (2.00KM)

9:00am		Shakedown	3.92km
5:00pm	SS1	Ittiri Arena Show	2.00km
6:00pm		Parc fermé, Alghero	

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 (124.20KM)

6:00am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:03am	SS2	Tula 1	22.25km
9:20am	SS3	Castelsardo 1	14.62km
10:09am	SS4	Tergu-Osilo 1	14.14km
11:18am	SS5	Monte Baranta 1	10.99km
12:14pm		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	40 minutes
2:42pm	SS6	Tula 2	22.25km
3:59pm	SS7	Castelsardo 2	14.62km
4:48pm	SS8	Tergu-Osilo 2	14.14km
6:04pm	SS9	Monte Baranta 2	10.09km
6:40pm		Service, Alghero	

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 (142.42KM)

5:20am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:08am	SS10	Coiluna-Loelle 1	14.97km
9:11am	SS11	Monti di Ala' 1	28.21km
10:03am	SS12	Monte Lerno 1	28.03km
12:55pm		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	40 minutes
4:08pm	SS13	Coiluna-Loelle 2	14.97km
5:11pm	SS14	Monti di Ala' 2	28.21km
6:03pm	SS15	Monte Lerno	28.03km
8:35pm		Service, Alghero	45 minutes

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 (41.90KM)

7:15am		Service/Tyre change, Alghero	15 minutes
8:15am	SS16	Cala Flumini 1	14.06km
9:08am	SS17	Sassari-Argentiera 1	6.89km
11:15am	SS18	Cala Flumini 2	14.06km
12:18pm	SS19	Sassari-Argentiera 2	6.89km
1:15pm		Service, Alghero	10 minutes
3:00pm		Podium ceremony, Alghero	

LOCAL TIME - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





**"THE LAST EVENT BEFORE
THE SUMMER BREAK IS
NOTORIOUSLY DEMANDING"**

ARNAUD RÉMY
WRC Programme Manager,
Michelin Motorsport

"The last event before the summer break is notoriously demanding because of its twisty, narrow stages which are covered in a loose top-coating on top of a particularly hard-packed base that tends to push tyres to the limit, especially when the weather is hot. As we saw last year, though, rain can change all that and make the going extremely muddy and sticky instead! A stage not to miss is Saturday's 'Monte Lerno' which includes the famous Micky's Jump."

MICHELIN'S TYRES FOR THE 2019 RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA

WRC

**MICHELIN
LTX FORCE**

✓ Drivers can use up to 28 tyres from an allocation of 28 LTX Force H4s and 16 LTX Force M6s

WRC2

**MICHELIN LATITUDE CROSS H90 (HARD)
ET LATITUDE CROSS S80 (SOFT)**

✓ Drivers can use up to 26 tyres from an allocation of 26 H90s and 16 S80s

MICHELIN AND RALLYE ITALIA SARDAIGNA

Michelin is targeting its 10th Rally Italia Sardegna win as a WRC round

Michelin has won Rally Italia Sardegna as



a WRC round with Citroën, Volkswagen, Hyundai and Ford

Michelin won Rally Italia Sardegna with Skoda as an IRC round (2010)

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

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

MICHELIN'S RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA WINS (AS A WRC ROUND)

2005

Loeb/Elena
Citroën Xsara WRC

2013

Ogier/Ingrassia
Volkswagen Polo R WRC

2016

Neuville/Gilsoul
Hyundai NG i20 WRC

2011

Loeb/Elena
Citroën DS3 WRC

2014

Ogier/Ingrassia
Volkswagen Polo R WRC

2017

Tänak/Järveoja
Ford Focus RS WRC

2012

Hirvonen/Lehtinen
Citroën DS3 WRC

2015

Ogier/Ingrassia
Volkswagen Polo R WRC

2018

Neuville/Gilsoul
Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC



2019 FORMAT

A familiar Rally Italia Sardegna format that visits the rough and twisty stages to the north of the island

No new stages this year, only some minor adjustments compared with 2018

Friday's stages are the hardest-wearing of the week, especially Tergu-Osilo

Saturday's menu includes two long stages:
Monti di Ala' and Monte Lerno

The Power Stage finishes on Argentiera Beach

The service park is situated on the seafront in Alghero

THE STAGES

Tula (SS2/6) is identical to 2018, except for 3.7km that are new and 100 metres run in the opposite direction

Tergu-Osilo (SS4/8) is identical to 2018

Castelsardo (SS3/7) is identical to 2018, except for 2.71km that are new

Monte Baranta (SS5/9) is identical to 2018, except for 1.87km that are new

Coiluna-Loelle (SS10/13), Monti Di Ala' (SS11/14), Monte Lerno (SS12/15), Cala-Flumini (SS16/18) and Sassari-Argentiera (SS17/19) are identical to 2018

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA INFO

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

Many of Alghero's inhabitants are of Catalanian origin. Alghero is the only town in Italy where Catalan is the official language

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

MICHELIN GREEN GUIDE

Explore Italy and its Mediterranean islands with the Michelin Green Guide Southern Italy



THE 2018 EVENT



WINNERS:
Thierry Neuville/
Nicolas Gilsoul
(Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC) 🏆

STAGE WINNERS:
Neuville (9), Ogier (4),
Mikkelsen and Tänak (2),
Suninen, Latvala and
Lappi (1)

RALLY LEADERS:
Ogier (SS1), Mikkelsen
(SS2-SS5), Ogier (SS6-
SS19), Neuville (SS20)

- ✓ Neuville beat Ogier by seven-tenths of a second, the third-smallest winning margin in WRC history
- ✓ Leg 1's stages were made slippery by heavy rain
- ✓ Martin Järveoja collected the timecard Julien Ingrassia forgot at the end of SS19...



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)

The Mini John Cooper Works WRC made its WRC debut in Sardinia in 2011

It was in Sardinia in 2011 that Volkswagen/Michelin's upcoming WRC
programme was officially announced

DOWN MEMORY LANE

2011

LOEB AND CITROËN PRODUCE
WINNING RETURN FOR
MICHELIN IN SARDEGNA



THE 2011 RALLY ITALIA
SARDEGNA WAS WON BY
SÉBASTIEN LOEB IN THE NEW
CITROËN DS3 WRC EQUIPPED
WITH THE EQUALLY NEW
MICHELIN LATITUDE CROSS.

There was plenty to talk about in Sardinia eight years ago, from the debut appearance of the Prodrive-tended Mini John Cooper Works WRC and the official confirmation of Volkswagen Motorsport's imminent world championship programme in 2013, to the event's return to the WRC fold.

After their victory on the Mediterranean island in 2005, Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Elena, Citroën Racing and Michelin returned to the top of the leaderboard to finish clear of Ford/Michelin's Mikko Hirvonen and Citroën DS3 WRC/Michelin privateer Petter Solberg. Ott came seventh overall in a Ford Fiesta S2000.

To tackle the roughest and hardest-wearing stages of the season, Michelin provided its partners with an evolution version of its Latitude Cross gravel tyre that Michelin Motorsport's engineers developed in just a few days.



ENTRY LIST

CITROËN-TOTAL WRT Citroën C3 WRC

#1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA)
Race starts 143 - Wins 46 - Podiums 77



Julien Ingrassia (FRA)
Race starts 143 - Wins 46 - Podiums 77

6 Champions 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

#4 Esapekka Lappi (FIN)
Race starts 49 - Wins 1 - Podiums 5



Janne Ferm (FIN)
Race starts 49 - Wins 1 - Podiums 5



HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC

#11 Thierry Neuville (BEL)
Race starts 104 - Wins 11 - Podiums 38



Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)
Race starts 100 - Wins 11 - Podiums 38



#89 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR)
Race starts 105 - Wins 3 - Podiums 23



Anders Jaeger (NOR)
Race starts 49 - Wins 2 - Podiums 9



#6 Dani Sordo (ESP)
Race starts 163 - Wins 1 - Podiums 44



Carlos del Barrio (ESP)
Race starts 89 - Wins 1 - Podiums 9



TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT Toyota Yaris WRC

#5 Kris Meeke (GBR)
Race starts 98 - Wins 5 - Podiums 12



Sebastian Marshall (GBR)
Race starts 54 - Wins 0 - Podiums 4



#8 Ott Tänak (EST)
Race starts 99 - Wins 9 - Podiums 22



Martin Järveoja (EST)
Race starts 70 - Wins 9 - Podiums 18



#10 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN)
Race starts 202 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65



Miikka Anttila (FIN)
Race starts 213 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65



M-SPORT FORD WRT Ford Fiesta RS WRC

#3 Teemu Suninen (FIN)
Race starts 47 - Wins 0 - Podiums 1



Jarmo Lehtinen (FIN)
Race starts 169 - Wins 15 - Podiums 169



#33 Elfyn Evans (GBR)
Race starts 83 - Wins 1 - Podiums 9



Scott Martin (GBR)
Race starts 127 - Wins 0 - Podiums 4



MP-SPORTS Ford Fiesta RS WRC

#26 Martin Prokop (CZE)
Race starts 121 - Wins 0 - Podiums 0



Jan Tomanek (CZE)
Race starts 115 - Wins 0 - Podiums 0



TOMMI MAKINEN RACING Toyota Yaris WRC

#69 Juho Hänninen (FIN)
Race starts 55 - Wins 0 - Podiums 1



Tomi Tuominen (FIN)
Race starts 33 - Wins 0 - Podiums 0



**COMPLETE
ENTRY LIST
HERE**



WRC DRIVERS' STANDINGS

		 Monte-Carlo 24/01 > 27/01	 Sweden 14/02 > 17/02	 Mexico 7/03 > 10/03	 France 28/03 > 31/03	 Argentina 25/04 > 28/04	 Chile 9/05 > 12/05	 Portugal 30/05 > 02/06	 Italy 7/06 > 10/06	 Finland 26/07 > 29/07	 Germany 16/08 > 19/08	 Turkey 13/09 > 16/09	 Great Britain 4/10 > 7/10	 Spain 25/10 > 28/10	 Australia 15/11 > 18/11	TOTAL
1	Sébastien OGIER		25+4 (1)	0+2 (11)	25+5 (1)	18+1 (2)	15+5 (3)	18+4 (2)	15+5 (3)							142
2	Ott TÄNAK		15+2 (3)	25+5 (1)	18 (2)	8+4 (6)	4+1 (8)	25+5 (1)	25+3 (1)							140
3	Thierry NEUVILLE		18+3 (2)	15+4 (3)	12+3 (4)	25+2 (1)	25+3 (1)	0 (R)	18+4 (2)							132
4	Elfyn EVANS		0 (R)	10+3 (5)	15 (3)	15 (3)	0 (R)	12 (4)	10 (5)							65
5	Kris MEEKE		8+5 (6)	8 (6)	10+4 (5)	2+5 (9)	12 (4)	1+1 (10)	0 (R)							56
6	Teemu SUNINEN		0+1 (11)	0 (23)	0 (R)	10+3 (5)	6 (7)	10 (5)	12+2 (4)							44
7	Sébastien LOEB		12 (4)	6 (7)	- (-)	4 (8)	- (-)	15+2 (3)	0 (R)							39
8	Jari-Matti LATVALA		10 (5)	0 (21)	4 (8)	1 (10)	10+4 (5)	0+3 (11)	6 (7)							38
9	Andreas MIKKELSEN		0 (R)	12 (4)	0 (R)	- (-)	18 (2)	6 (7)	- (-)							36
10	Esapekka LAPPI		0 (R)	18+1 (2)	0+1 (13)	6 (7)	0 (R)	8 (6)	0 (R)							34
11	Dani SORDO		- (-)	- (-)	2+2 (9)	12 (4)	8+2 (6)	- (-)	0+1 (23)							27
12	Kalle ROVANPERÄ		- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	4 (8)	8 (6)							12

MANUFACTURERS

1	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	202 pts
2	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	182 pts
3	Citroën Total WRT	158 pts
4	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	122 pts

WRC2 PRO DRIVERS

1	Kalle ROVANPERÄ	 86 pts
2	Mads OSTBERG	 83 pts
3	Lukasz PIENIAZEK	 74 pts
4	Gus GREENSMITH	 73 pts
5	Jan KOPECKY	 18 pts

WRC2 DRIVERS

1	Benito GUERRA	 69 pts
2	Takamoto KATSUTA	 47 pts
3	Ole Christian VEIBY	 40 pts
4	Nicolas GRYAZIN	 38 pts
5	Alberto HELLER	 33 pts

THE 2019 WRC REGULATIONS

START ORDERS

Day 1 in 2019 Drivers' championship order, then reverse order of overnight classification

MANUFACTURERS CAN NOMINATE UP TO THREE CARS

with the two best-placed cars to score Manufacturer points.

POINTS

1st, 25 points • 2nd, 18 points • 3rd, 15 points • 4th, 12 points
5th, 10 points • 6th, 8 points • 7th, 6 points • 8th, 4 points
9th, 2 points • 10th, 1 point

POWER STAGE POINTS

1st, 5 points • 2nd, 4 points • 3rd, 3 points • 4th, 2 points
5th, 1 point.



MICHELIN'S WRC RANGE 2019 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)

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 REGULATIONS

- ✓ The FIA has registered two different tyre manufacturers for the 2019 WRC: Michelin 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 (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 (construction + tread pattern) and three compound options are authorised for the season (choice of two compounds per 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 1 drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity plus four spares

DO YOU SPEAK RALLY?

Special stage (SS)

Special stages (or just 'stages') take place on roads or tracks which are closed to traffic and made secure for competitors and spectators. The length of these timed tests – which can take place in daylight or at night – tend to vary from five to up to 80 kilometres.

Super-special

This is a short stage generally organised in a town centre, especially for spectators. The intention is to take the sport to a wider audience and to organise promotional events at the same time. The times recorded count towards the official results.



Power Stage

On every round of the WRC, the last stage of every rally is known as the Power Stage. The drivers who post the five fastest times on this test are awarded five, four, three, two and one bonus points respectively. The stages are timed to the closest 1,000th of a second.

Road section

Road sections are the itinerary that crews must follow to get to the different stages. These roads are open to other users and competitors must comply with local traffic legislation at all times. Road sections must be covered in a time specified by the organisers. Penalties are incurred for late or early arrival at the next time control. The penalty for late arrival is 10 seconds per minute and the penalty for early arrival is one minute per minute.



Service park

The service park (or service area) is a place where work is permitted on the cars, including tyre changes. The time spent in a service park can vary from 15 to 45 minutes.



Regroup

'Regroups' are holding zones which enable the organisers to include a pause in the timetable, before a service halt, for example, or between two loops of stages. Work on the cars is not permitted.

Parc ferme

This is the zone where competing cars park up before the start of a rally and at the end of each leg. Work on the cars is not permitted.

Time controls (TC)

Crews must have their timecard stamped by marshals before and after each stage, as well as into and out of service areas and regroupings. These mandatory passage controls ensure that competitors comply with the official timetable.



Shakedown

A shakedown test is organised ahead of all WRC events using a short section of a sample road. This test usually takes place on the Thursday morning before the start. Each priority driver must complete at least three passes. Should the car suffer damage or break down during this test, crews can still take part in the event if repairs are completed in time.



Road book

An official road book is given to all competitors before the start of 'recce'. It provides a detailed description of the itinerary in the form of detailed illustrations of junctions, etc. A competitor who doesn't follow the road book may be disqualified.



Recce

Recce involves driving over the special stages at slow speed at the wheel of road cars ahead of the rally, the aim being to take turn-by-turn pace notes. Only two passes through each stage are authorised.

Course cars ('triple zero', 'double zero' and 'zero')

Course cars are safety cars which cover the stages before the competitors. Their mission is to warn spectators of the imminent arrival of the cars. Course cars bear the numbers '000', '00' and '0' on their doors. They pass between 30 and five minutes before the due time of the first competitor.