

RACECARD

2019 MICHELIN

WRC
FIA WORLD RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP

XION RALLY ARGENTINA

APRIL 25»28

VILLA CARLOS PAZ

39th RUNNING

Organised by the Automovil Club Argentino

ROUND 5: 2019 FIA WORLD
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

**26
ENTRIES**

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,300.27KM

including 347.50km divided
into 18 stages

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 (1.90KM)

10:00am		Shakedown	4.25km
7:08pm	SS1	Villa Carlos Paz Super-special	1.90km

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (145.92 KM)

6:25am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
8:08am	SS2	Las Bajadas-Villa del Dique 1	16.65km
8:55am	SS3	Amboy-Yacanto 1	29.85km
10:08am	SS4	Santa Rosa-San Agustin 1	23.44km
12:03pm	SS5	Fernet Super-special 1	6.04km
12:43pm		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	40 minutes
2:51pm	SS6	Las Bajadas-Villa del Dique 2	16.65km
3:38pm	SS7	Amboy-Yacanto 2	29.85km
4:51pm	SS8	Santa Rosa-San Agustin 2	23.44km
6:41pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	45 minutes

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 (146.52 KM)

6:57am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
7:47am	SS9	Tanti-Mataderos 1	13.92km
8:38am	SS10	Mataderos-Cuchilla Nevada 1	22.67km
9:25am	SS11	Cuchilla Nevada-Characato 1	33.65km
11:26am	SS12	Fernet Super-special 2	6.04km
12:02pm		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	40 minutes
1:17pm	SS13	Tanti-Mataderos 2	13.92km
2:08pm	SS14	Mataderos-Cuchilla Nevada 2	22.67km
2:55pm	SS15	Cuchilla Nevada-Characato 2	33.65km
5:05pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	45 minutes

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (53.16 KM)

7:45am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
9:08am	SS16	El Copina-El Condor 1	16.43km
10:31am	SS17	Mina Clavero- Giulio Cesare	20.30km
12:08pm	SS18	El Copina-El Condor 2	16.43km
2:01pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	10 minutes
3:00pm		Podium ceremony, Villa Carlos Paz	

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





**"WE EXPECT THAT OUR
MEDIUM COMPOUND WILL BE
THE CHIEF CHOICE"**

ARNAUD RÉMY

WRC Programme Manager,
Michelin Motorsport

"Argentina is the first of five gravel rallies in a row. It is quite technical and the drivers tend to enjoy it. There is always a huge turnout of spectators. As far as tyres are concerned, the stages aren't very abrasive and we expect that our medium compound will be the chief choice. The route is pretty similar to 2018, with a menu of 18 stages, including the awesome Copina-El Condor test which climbs to an altitude of more than 2,100 metres above sea level."

MICHELIN'S TYRES FOR THE 2019 RALLY ARGENTINA

WRC

**MICHELIN
LTX FORCE**

✓ DRIVERS MAY
USE UP TO 28
TYRES FROM
AN OVERALL
ALLOCATION
OF 28 M6s
AND 16 H4s

WRC2

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

✓ DRIVERS MAY USE UP TO 26 TYRES FROM AN
OVERALL ALLOCATION OF 26 H90s AND 16 S80s

MICHELIN AND RALLY ARGENTINA

Michelin is targeting
its 25th Rally Argentina win



Michelin has won Rally Argentina
with 10 different carmakers

Michelin and Audi monopolised the top
four places in Argentina in 1983

Michelin tyres have won 471 Rally
Argentina stages

Michelin has scored 68 podium finishes
in Argentina

Michelin's first Rally Argentina win
as a WRC round was in 1981

Since 1981, Michelin has only failed to
figure on the Argentine podium three times

Michelin also won the 1979 Rally Codasur
with Guichet/Todt in a Peugeot 504

MICHELIN'S RALLY ARGENTINA WINS (AS A WRC ROUND)

1981 Fréquelín/Todt Talbot Sunbeam	1989 Ericsson/ Billstam Lancia Delta Integrale	1994 Auriol/Occelli Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD	2003 Grönholm/ Rautiainen Peugeot 206 WRC	2013 Loeb/Elena Citroën DS3 WRC
1983 Mikkola/Hertz Audi Quattro A2	1990 Biasion/Siviero Lancia Delta HF Integrale 16v	1996 Mäkinen/ Harjanne Mitsubishi Lancer Evo III	2004 Sainz/Marti Citroën Xsara WRC	2014 Latvala/Anttila Volkswagen Polo R WRC
1984 Blomqvist/ Cederberg Audi Quattro A2	1992 Auriol/Occelli Lancia Delta HF Integrale	1997 Mäkinen/ Harjanne Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IV	2005 Loeb/Elena Citroën Xsara WRC	2015 Meeke/Nagle Citroën DS3 WRC
1985 Salonen/ Harjanne Peugeot 205 Turbo 16	1993 Kankkunen/ Grist Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD	1998 Mäkinen/ Manninen Mitsubishi Lancer Evo V	2011 Loeb/Elena Citroën DS3 WRC	2016 Paddon/Kennard Hyundai i20 WRC
1988 Recalde/ Del Buono Lancia Delta Integrale			2012 Loeb/Elena Citroën DS3 WRC	2017 Neuville/Gilsoul Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
			2018 Tänak/Järveoja Toyota Yaris WRC	



THE 2019 RALLY ARGENTINA

ITINERARY

The championship returns to gravel and the American continent after an asphalt interlude in Corsica

The first of two back-to-back rounds in South America

A traditional Rally Argentina format with stages in the Calamuchita, Punilla and Traslasierra regions

Rally Argentina's stages have become increasingly rough over the years. The event is also known for its numerous river crossings

The service park is on the shores of Lago San Roque in Villa Carlos Paz

STAGES

Las Bajadas-Villa del Dique (SS2/6), Tanti-Mataderos (SS9/13) and Copina-El Condor (SS16/18) are identical to 2018

As in 2018, Copina-El Condor is being run uphill

Amboy-Yacanto (SS3/7) has been shortened from 33.58km to 29.85km

Mataderos-Cuchilla Nevada (SS10/14) is 6km longer than in 2018

Cuchilla Nevada-Characato (SS11/15) has been shortened from 40.48km to 33.65km

Mina Clavero-Giulio Cesare (SS17) has been shortened and is being run in the opposite direction to 2018 (uphill)

The Carlos Paz (SS1) and Fernet Branca (SS5/12) super-specials are identical to 2018

RALLY ARGENTINA TRIVIA

Villa Carlos Paz (altitude: 643m above sea level) is a holiday resort at the southern tip of Lago San Roque



The population of Villa Carlos Paz is around 50,000

The Dakar Rally frequently visited Villa Carlos Paz from 2009 until 2017

Cordoba (30km from Villa Carlos Paz) is Argentina's second-biggest city, with a population of more than 1.4 million

A number of stages take place in the Sierras de Cordoba mountain range which is older than the Andes

As a child, Che Guevara was treated for asthma in Alta Gracia, near Villa Carlos Paz, where a Che Guevara museum can be visited

MICHELIN GREEN GUIDE

Michelin's Green Guide is the ideal companion to discover Argentina, from the southern port of Ushuaia to the Iguazu Falls, and from the Andean peaks to the Atlantic coast



THE 2018 RALLY



WINNERS:
Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja
(Toyota Yaris WRC/Michelin)

STAGE WINNERS:
Tänak (10), Neuville (4),
Sordo (2), Ogier and
Mikkelsen (1)

RALLY LEADERS:
Neuville (SS1),
Ogier (SS2),
Mikkelsen (SS3-SS4),
Tänak (SS5-SS18)

- ✓ Ott Tänak's first win in a Toyota Yaris WRC
- ✓ An estimated 100,000 spectators on the Power Stage (El Condor)
- ✓ Still no win for Sébastien Ogier in Argentina

RALLY ARGENTINA TRIVIA

Rally Argentina was formerly known as the Rally Codasur

Since 1984, Rally Argentina has been based in Cordoba and Villa Carlos Paz

The 2017 Rally Argentina produced the third-smallest winning margin (0.7s) in WRC history

The 1999 and 2011 events also count amongst the WRC's 10 smallest winning margins (2.4 seconds)

The 1981 Rally Argentina featured 1,346.60km of stages, making it the fourth-longest rally in WRC history

The longest stage in WRC history was run in Argentina in 1983. It was won by Stig Blomqvist (Audi/Michelin) at an average speed of 189.53kph

Citroën won Rally Argentina 10 times from 2004 to 2015

El Condor is one of rallying's most beautiful world class stages



DOWN MEMORY LANE 2004



IT WAS 15 YEARS AGO IN ARGENTINA THAT CARLOS SAINZ (CITROËN XSARA WRC/MICHELIN) CLOCKED UP HIS 26TH AND LAST WRC VICTORY.

The 2004 Rally Argentina saw Carlos Sainz beat his young Citroën/Michelin team-mate Sébastien Loeb to head a one-two finish for the French manufacturer.

Buoyed by the huge crowd of local fans, the Spaniard took a step towards the week's win when Peugeot rival Marcus Grönholm was eliminated by suspension failure on SS18. The early pace-setter Petter Solberg was delayed by technical issues.

The 42-year old two-time world champion went on to collect the 26th world class victory of his career, 14 years after his maiden Argentine success in 1990.

Michelin monopolised the 2004 podium with the Citroën pair and Ford Focus RS WRC driver François Duval.



CITROËN-TOTAL WRT Citroën C3 WRC

#1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA)
Race starts 140 - Wins 46 - Podiums 74

Julien Ingrassia (FRA)
Race starts 140 - Wins 46 - Podiums 74

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

#4 Esapekka Lappi (FIN)
Race starts 46 - Victoire 1 - Podiums 5

Janne Ferm (FIN)
Race starts 46 - Victoire 1 - Podiums 5

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC

#11 Thierry Neuville (BEL)
Race starts 101 - Wins 10 - Podiums 36

Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)
Race starts 97 - Wins 10 - Podiums 36

#6 Dani Sordo (ESP)
Race starts 160 - Victoire 1 - Podiums 44

Carlos del Barrio (ESP)
Race starts 86 - Victoire 1 - Podiums 9

#89 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR)
Race starts 103 - Wins 3 - Podiums 22

Anders Jaeger (NOR)
Race starts 47 - Wins 2 - Podiums 8

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT Toyota Yaris WRC

#5 Kris Meeke (GBR)
Race starts 95 - Wins 5 - Podiums 12

Sebastian Marshall (GBR)
Race starts 51 - Wins 0 - Podiums 4

#8 Ott Tänak (EST)
Race starts 96 - Wins 7 - Podiums 20

Martin Järveoja (EST)
Race starts 67 - Wins 7 - Podiums 16

#10 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN)
Race starts 199 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65

Miikka Anttila (FIN)
Race starts 210 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65

M-SPORT FORD WRT Ford Fiesta RS WRC

#3 Teemu Suninen (FIN)
Race starts 44 - Wins 0 - Podiums 1

Marko Salminen (FIN)
Race starts 28 - Wins 0 - Podiums 0

#33 Elfyn Evans (GBR)
Race starts 80 - Wins 1 - Podiums 9

Scott Martin (GBR)
Race starts 124 - Wins 0 - Podiums 4



**COMPLETE
ENTRY LIST
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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	Thierry NEUVILLE	 18 + 3 (2)	15 + 4 (3)	12 + 3 (4)	25 + 2 (1)											82
2	Sébastien OGIER	 25 + 4 (1)	0 + 2 (11)	25 + 5 (1)	18 + 1 (2)											80
3	Ott TÄNAK	 15 + 2 (3)	25 + 5 (1)	18 (2)	8 + 4 (6)											77
4	Elfyn EVANS	 0 (R)	10 + 3 (5)	15 (3)	15 (3)											43
5	Kris MEEKE	 8 + 5 (6)	8 (6)	10 + 4 (5)	2 + 5 (9)											42
6	Esapekka LAPPI	 0 (R)	18 + 1 (2)	0 + 1 (13)	6 (7)											26
7	Sébastien LOEB	 12 (4)	6 (7)	- (-)	4 (8)											22
8	Dani SORDO	 - (-)	- (-)	2 + 2 (9)	12 (4)											16
9	Jari-Matti LATVALA	 10 (5)	0 (21)	4 (8)	1 (10)											15
10	Teemu SUNINEN	 0 + 1 (11)	0 (23)	0 (R)	10 + 3 (5)											14
11	Andreas MIKKELSEN	 0 (R)	12 (4)	0 (R)	- (-)											12
12	Benito GUERRA	 - (-)	- (-)	8 (6)	- (-)											8




MANUFACTURERS

1	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	114 pts
2	Citroën Total WRT	102 pts
3	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	98 pts
4	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	70 pts

WRC2 PRO DRIVERS

1	Lukasz PIENIAZEK	 62 pts
2	Gus GREENSMITH	 40 pts
3	Kalle ROVANPERÄ	 36 pts
4	Mads OSTBERG	 25 pts
5	Eerik PIETARINEN	 0 pts

WRC2 DRIVERS

1	Ole Christian VEIBY	 40 pts
2	Nicolas GRYAZIN	 28 pts
3	Yoann BONATO	 25 pts
4	Benito GUERRA	 25 pts
5	Fabio ANDOLFI	 25 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.