

# RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC  
FIA WORLD RALLY  
CHAMPIONSHIP

## 2018 YPF RALLY ARGENTINA

VILLA CARLOS PAZ

APRIL 26»29

38<sup>th</sup> RUNNING

ROUND 5: 2018 FIA  
WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

30 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,300.65KM

including 358.25km divided  
into 18 stages

TIMETABLE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am		Shakedown	6.01km
7:08pm	SS1	Villa Carlos Paz Super-special	1.90km
8:18pm		Parc ferme, Villa Carlos Paz	

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:25am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
8:13am	SS2	Las Bajadas-Villa del Dique	16.65km
9:00am	SS3	Amboy-Yacanto	33.58km
10:13am	SS4	Santa Rosa-San Agustin	23.85km
12:08pm	SS5	Parque Tematico Super-special	6.04km
12:48pm		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	30 minutes
2:51pm	SS6	Las Bajadas-Villa del Dique	16.65km
3:38pm	SS7	Amboy-Yacanto	33.58km
4:51pm	SS8	Santa Rosa-San Agustin	23.85km
6:41pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	45 minutes

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

7:30am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
8:23am	SS9	Tanti-Mataderos	13.92km
9:08am	SS10	Los Gigantes-Cuchilla Nevada	16.19km
9:35am	SS11	Cuchilla Nevada-Rio Pintos	41.49km
11:38am	SS12	Parque Tematico Super-special	6.04km
12:15pm		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	30 minutes
1:23pm	SS13	Tanti-Mataderos	13.92km
2:08pm	SS14	Los Gigantes-Cuchilla Nevada	16.19km
2:35pm	SS15	Cuchilla Nevada-Rio Pintos	41.49km
4:35pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	45 minutes

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:50am		Service/tyre change, Villa Carlos Paz	15 minutes
9:08am	SS16	El Copina-El Condor	16.43km
9:55am	SS17	Giulio Cesare-Mina Clavero	22.41km
12:18pm	SS18	El Copina-El Condor	16.43km
2:01pm		Service, Villa Carlos Paz	10 minutes
3:00pm		Podium ceremony, Villa Carlos Paz	

TIME (GMT-3) - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





## **JACQUES MORELLI,**

Manager, WRC Programme,  
Michelin Motorsport

"After an asphalt interlude in Corsica, it's back to dirt with the first of four gravel rounds that will take us up to Rallye Deutschland in August. Rally Argentina is well liked by the drivers because of its unique atmosphere

and varied, technical stages, although they can be quite rough in places. The gaps are often small at the finish despite the fast pace. The ground isn't particularly hard-wearing and the drivers opt predominantly for our soft-compound tyre."

## **MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLY ARGENTINA**

### **WRC: MICHELIN LTX FORCE**



✓ ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS:  
**24 LTX FORCE S5s  
AND 16 H4s**

✓ **ONLY FOUR TYRES  
AND A SINGLE TYPE  
OF COMPOUND ARE  
AUTHORISED  
FOR SHAKEDOWN**

## **MICHELIN AND RALLY ARGENTINA**

**In 1983, Michelin won the fastest stage in WRC history (189.52kph / Stig Blomqvist / Audi Quattro)**

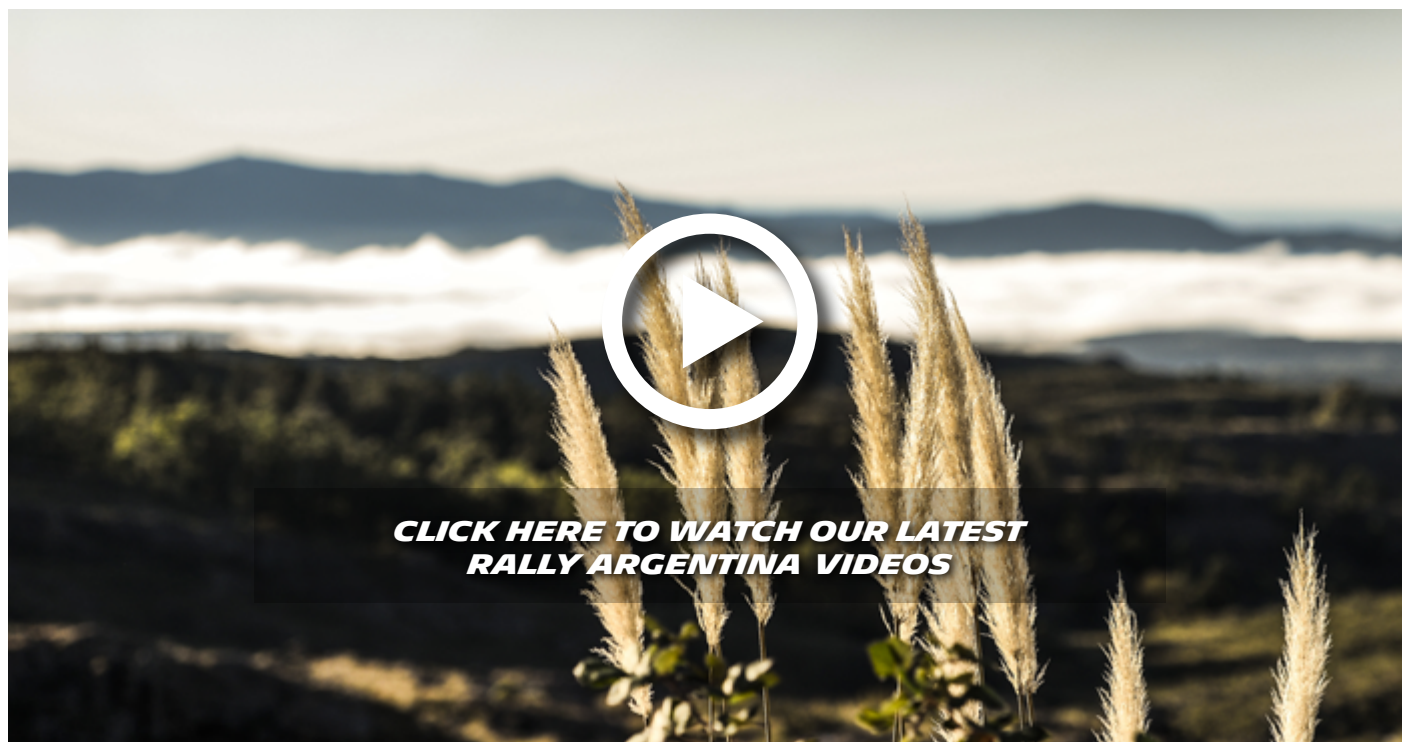
**Michelin has won Rally Argentina *23 TIMES* as a WRC round since 1980**

**Michelin's first Rally Argentina win as a WRC round was with Guy Fréquelín (Talbot Lotus) in 1981**

**Michelin also won the former Codasur Rally in 1979 with Jean Guichet/Jean Todt (Peugeot 504)**

**Hayden Paddon, Kris Meeke, Jorge Recalde and Guy Fréquelín all scored their first WRC victories in Argentina with Michelin**

**Michelin and Audi monopolised the top four places in Argentina in 1984**



# 2018 FORMAT

'Las Bajadas' and 'Santa Rosa' are identical to 2017

'El Condor' and 'Mina Clavero' are being run in the opposite direction

'Amboy' and 'Los Gigantes' have been shortened

'Cuchilla Nevada' uses parts of 'Los Gigantes' and 'Boca del Arroyo' from 2017

The super-special in Villa Carlos Paz is new

## FLASHBACK TO 2017

### WINNERS:

**Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul**  
(Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC/Michelin)



### STAGE WINNERS:

**Evans (7), Neuville (5), Tanak (3), Paddon and Meeke (2), Ogier (1)**

### LEADERS:

**Ogier (SS1), Evans (SS2-SS18), Neuville (SS19)**

- ✓ Neuville snatches victory from Evans by seven-tenths of a second on the last stage
- ✓ Three Ford Fiesta RS WRCs in the top five
- ✓ Only 17 crews classified

## 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

This is the 36<sup>th</sup> time that Rally Argentina is a WRC qualifier

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

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

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

Citroën won Rally Argentina 10 times from 2004 to 2015

Rally Argentina is the only WRC round Ogier/Ingrassia have yet to win

## RALLY ARGENTINA INFO

Villa Carlos Paz is a holiday resort at the southern tip of Lago San Roque

The Dakar frequently overnights in Villa Carlos Paz

Cordoba (30km from Villa Carlos Paz) is Argentina's second-biggest city, with a population of more than 1.3 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

## DOWN MEMORY LANE



### 1988 Rally Argentina: Recalde 'el Rey'

It was 30 years ago that Jorge Recalde won Rally Argentina driving a Martini Racing-run Lancia Delta Integrale/Michelin. He is still the only Argentine driver to have won a WRC round.

The 1988 Rally Argentina took place in the middle of the southern-hemisphere winter. The prospect of poor conditions kept the factory teams away, with the exception of Martini Racing which sent Michelin-equipped Lancia Integrales for Massimo Biasion and Mina Clavero native Jorge Recalde.

The local star topped the order from SS2 to SS15 before being passed by Biasion. He managed to recover the lead two stages from home to become the first (and only) Argentine driver to win a WRC round. He also won the 1995 event, but it didn't count towards the world championship that year. Jorge Recalde died on March 10, 2001, aged 60, after falling ill while competing on a rally in Villa Dolores. He started 69 WRC events, finishing eight times on the podium.



# 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 **TÄNAK Ott / JÄRVEOJA Martin** EST / EST   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT 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 **BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott** IRL / GBR   
CITROEN C3 WRC

## CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

# 12 **AL QASSIMI Khalid / PATTERSON Chris** ARE / IRL   
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	SÉBASTIEN OGIER 	25+1 (1)	1+4 (10)	25+0 (1)	25+3 (1)										84
2	THIERRY NEUVILLE 	10+4 (5)	25+2 (1)	8+3 (6)	15 (3)										67
3	OTT TÄNAK 	18+0 (2)	2+1 (9)	0+5 (14)	18+1 (2)										45
4	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN 	0+3 (14)	15+3 (3)	12+2 (4)	6 (7)										41
5	KRIS MEEKE 	12+5 (4)	0 (R)	15+0 (3)	2+2 (9)										36
6	ESAPEKKA LAPPI 	6+0 (7)	12+5 (4)	- (-)	8+5 (6)										36
7	JARI-MATTI LATVALA 	15+2 (3)	6+0 (7)	4+4 (8)	- (-)										31
8	DANI SORDO 	- (-)	- (-)	18+0 (2)	12 (4)										30
9	CRAIG BREEN 	2+0 (9)	18+0 (2)	- (-)	- (-)										20
10	ELFYN EVANS 	8+0 (6)	0 (14)	- (-)	10 (5)										18
11	SÉBASTIEN LOEB 	- (-)	- (-)	10+1 (5)	0+4 (14)										15
12	HAYDEN PADDON 	- (-)	10+0 (5)	- (-)	- (-)										10

## WRC2 DRIVERS

1.	Jan KOPECKY 	50 pts
2.	Pontus TIDEMAND 	43 pts
3.	Takamoto KATSUTA 	29 pts
3.	Ole Christian VEIBY 	27 pts

## MANUFACTURERS

1.	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	111 pts
2.	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	107 pts
3.	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	93 pts
4.	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	81 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)