

RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC
FIA WORLD RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP

CORSICA LINEA TOUR DE CORSE

BASTIA, AJACCIO

APRIL 5»8

61st RUNNING

ROUND 4: 2018 FIA
WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

92 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,120.24KM

including 333.48km divided
into 12 stages

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:00am		Shakedown, Sorbo-Ocagnano	5.45km
6:30pm		Start ceremony, Bastia Place Saint Nicolas	

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:00am		Service/tyre change, Bastia	15 minutes
9:50am	SS1	La Porta-Valle di Rostino	49.03km
11:09am	SS2	Piedigriggio-Pont de Castirla	13.55km
1:47pm		Service/tyre change, Bastia	30 minutes
3:12pm	SS3	La Porta-Valle di Rostino	49.03km
4:31pm	SS4	Piedigriggio-Pont de Castirla	13.55km
7:01pm		Service, Bastia	45 minutes

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

6:10am		Service/tyre change, Bastia	15 minutes
7:37am	SS5	Cagnano-Pino-Canari	35.61km
9:18am	SS6	Désert des Agriates	15.45km
11:08am	SS7	Novella	17.39km
1:31pm		Service/tyre change, Bastia	30 minutes
3:21pm	SS8	Cagnano-Pino-Canari	35.61km
5:02pm	SS9	Désert des Agriates	15.45km
6:39pm	SS10	Novella	17.39km
8:10pm		Service, Bastia	45 minutes

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00am		Service/tyre change, Bastia	15 minutes
9:23am	SS11	Vero-Sarrola-Carcopino	55.17km
12:18pm	SS12	Pénitencier de Coti Chiavari	16.25km
3:00pm		Podium ceremony, Ajaccio	

TIME (GMT +2) - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





JACQUES MORELLI,
WRC Programme Manager, Michelin Motorsport

"As the first clear asphalt round of the 2018 FIA World Rally Championship, the Tour de Corse is eagerly awaited by the teams, engineers and crews. It will also be the first time that the two Sebbs go head-to-head on this event. That said, former winners Thierry Neuville and Jari-Matti Latvala, and last year's early leader Kris

Meeke have absolutely no intention of simply making up the numbers! Michelin has won 25 of the 38 Tour de Corses that have counted towards the WRC since 1973. This year, our WRC partners will be able to choose between the Pilot Sport H5, S6 and FW3 as a function of the different conditions that can be encountered in Corsica at this time of year."

MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 TOUR DE CORSE

WRC: MICHELIN PILOT SPORT



- ✓ ALLOCATION FOR WRC DRIVERS: **24 PILOT SPORT** H5s, 20 S6s AND 8 FW3s
- ✓ **ONLY 4 HARD TYRES AND 4 SOFT TYRES** ARE AUTHORISED FOR SHAKEDOWN
- ✓ MICHELIN HAS SHIPPED **1,894 TYRES** TO CORSICA

MICHELIN AND THE TOUR DE CORSE

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse **25 TIMES** since 1973, with 11 different carmakers

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse **SIX TIMES** with Didier Auriol

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse with front-wheel, rear-wheel and all-wheel drive cars

Sébastien Loeb and Michelin won all **12 STAGES** of the 2012 Tour de Corse

Michelin has scored 75 Tour de Corse podiums since 1973

Michelin partners have posted **484 FASTEST STAGE TIMES** on the Tour de Corse since 1973

Michelin has won at least one stage in Corsica every year since 1973



2018 FORMAT

Distance: 1,120.24km, including 333.48km divided into 12 stages

'Piedigiglio-Pont de Castirla' hasn't been run since 1999

'Cagnano-Canari' and 'Désert des Agriates' haven't been visited since 1995 and 1994

'La Porta' and 'Novella' are identical to 2017

'Vero-Sarrola-Carcopino' (55.17km) is the longest Tour de Corse stage since 1986

'Pénitencier de Coti Chiavari' was a Tour de Corse stage from 2001 to 2008

FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS:

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



STAGE WINNERS:

Neuville (4), Meeke (3), Ogier (2), Latvala (1)

RALLY LEADERS:

Meeke (SS1-SS6), Neuville (SS7-SS10)

- ✓ Neuville's second Tour de Corse win after 2011
- ✓ Neuville made it four different winners of the championship's first four rounds (the first time since 1998)
- ✓ Kris Meeke was eliminated (engine) while leading
- ✓ Michelin's 25th Tour de Corse victory

TOUR DE CORSE TRIVIA

This is the 39th Tour de Corse to count towards the FIA World Rally Championship

Bastia is hosting the Tour de Corse start ceremony for the first time since 1978

The Tour de Corse was not a round of the WRC from 2009 until 2014

The inaugural Tour de Corse (1956) was won by Belgian lady driver Gilberte Thirion (Renault Dauphine)

Jean-Pierre Manzagol has started the Tour de Corse a record 35 times

Bernard Darniche and Didier Auriol share the record for the highest number of Tour de Corse wins (6)

The fastest ever Tour de Corse was won by Loeb in 2007 (average speed: 98.28kph)

Lancia has won the Tour de Corse 10 times

TOUR DE CORSE INFO

The 2018 Tour de Corse starts and finishes in different venues (Bastia and Ajaccio)

The route also visits Saint Florent, Ile Rousse, Corte and Porticcio.

The Tour de Corse returns to the island's northern tip with a visit to the Agriates Desert for the first time since 1995

The abandoned Coti Chiavari penitentiary on the Gulf of Ajaccio, which held prisoners from 1855 until 1906, provides the backdrop to the Power Stage podium

It was 250 years ago, in 1768, that Corsica was handed to France by the Republic of Genoa

The island of Corsica is 164km from the French mainland, 83km from the Italian mainland, and 12km from Sardinia.

DOWN MEMORY LANE



1988 Tour de Corse: victory shandy for Auriol!

It was 30 years ago, in a Ford Sierra RS Cosworth/Michelin, that Didier Auriol scored his first WRC win and the first of his six Tour de Corse victories.

The 32nd Tour de Corse was dominated by French drivers, with Didier Auriol (Ford), Yves Loubet (Lancia) and Bruno Saby (Lancia) finishing on the podium after a menu of 30 stages. Auriol took control after SS12 when Loubet was slowed by gearbox trouble. He went on to earn the Ford Sierra RS Cosworth's only WRC success. His car was equipped with Michelin tyres and decked out in the green-and-white livery of French shandy brand, Panach'.

WRC NEWS

Sébastien Loeb's first Tour de Corse appearance in 10 years. It was in Corsica that he wrapped up his first world title, in 2004

Seb Loeb and Seb Ogier have never gone head-to-head in Corsica

WRC debut for the Citroën C3 R5/Michelin in the hands of Stéphane Lefebvre and Yohann Bonato

The 2018 Tour de Corse entry list features six former winners of the event: Loeb, Ogier, Latvala, Neuville, Bouffier and Sordo

Ott Tänak has posted the highest number of fastest stage times since the beginning of the 2018 championship

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 / MILLS Phil GBR / GBR 
FORD FIESTA WRC

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

3 BOUFFIER Bryan / PANSERI Xavier FRA / FRA 
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 / MCO 
CITROEN C3 WRC







 **THE FULL
ENTRY LIST
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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	SÉBASTIEN OGIER 	25+1 (1)	1+4 (10)	25+0 (1)											56
2	THIERRY NEUVILLE 	10+4 (5)	25+2 (1)	8+3 (6)											52
3	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN 	0+3 (14)	15+3 (3)	12+2 (4)											35
4	KRIS MEEKE 	12+5 (4)	0 (R)	15+0 (3)											32
5	JARI-MATTI LATVALA 	15+2 (3)	6+0 (7)	4+4 (8)											31
6	OTT TÄNAK 	18+0 (2)	2+1 (9)	0+5 (14)											26
7	ESAPEKKA LAPPI 	6+0 (7)	12+5 (4)	- (-)											23
8	CRAIG BREEN 	2+0 (9)	18+0 (2)	- (-)											20
9	DANI SORDO 	- (-)	- (-)	18+0 (2)											18
10	SÉBASTIEN LOEB 	- (-)	- (-)	10+1 (5)											11
11	HAYDEN PADDON 	- (-)	10+0 (5)	- (-)											10
12	ELFYN EVANS 	8+0 (6)	0 (14)	- (-)											8

WRC2 DRIVERS

1.	Pontus TIDEMAND 	43 pts
2.	Jan KOPECKY 	25 pts
3.	Takamoto KATSUTA 	25 pts
3.	Eddie SCIESSERE 	18 pts

MANUFACTURERS

1.	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	84 pts
2.	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	72 pts
3.	Citroën-Total Abu Dhabi WRT	71 pts
4.	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	67 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 manufacturers 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)