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1. INTRODUCTION / WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Croatia, the land of thousand islands and fifty shades of asphalt!

I had a dream. Since year 2013 I started forming a team with just one goal, to bring the World Rally Championship to Croatia. This dream became reality in year 2021. The first WRC Croatia Rally was very challenging for our organizing team, but the impressions of the crews, teams, FIA and WRC staff were very positive, since everything ran smoothly without bigger issues. I was warned by Juha Kankkunen that our greatest mistake was to make such an excellent event, since we shouldn't settle for anything less in years to come. We have faced several issues for the first time in year 2022, but we were aware that organizing the WRC event is a learning process. My team has proven the great response rate and common sense while dealing with the whole set of unexpected situations. The amount of the support provided by FIA officials and WRC Promoter staff was enormous.

As an ex-rally driver I don't think it's too clever to change the concept of our event a lot. We wish is to offer the crews and the spectators demanding rally, so the special attention is paid to picking the itinerary. Although Croatia is a small country, it can offer a variety of challenging routes. Some of them already became iconic Stages and we are trying to find the new ones in order to add some flavour to the itinerary. The area of the rally will remain the same as previous two years, from the Adriatic coast on the south to the Trakošćan castle in the north. Service park should be moved to the outskirts of Zagreb, while the Ceremonial Start and Finish should take place at the same locations as in 2023. Five counties and the City of Zagreb will once again showcase their best – hospitality, amazing scenery and gastro-enological offer. I hope many of our guests will use their stay in Croatia to visit our beautiful coast as well as our unforgettable National Parks or astonishing inland.

It is my duty to thank every single staff member starting with volunteers, Special Stages staff, Service Park staff, senior officials, Organizing committee members, FIA and WRC Promoter officials. Altogether more than 2000 people are doing their best to make Croatia Rally great. I am aware it wouldn't be possible to make this kind of the event without everybody aligned for the same goal. But we are not lacking the motive to push even harder! We have already set two record high visits to the event. In 2022 more than 300.000 visitors came to the Special Stages, while in year 2023 more than 400.000 spectators came to Croatia Rally. So far we've had two rallies decided at the Power Stage Zagorska Sela – Kumrovec. Last year Elfyn Evans has won without having to push to hard on Sunday Stages. By now we've had all three teams at the podium, but only Toyota crews have won the rally, while Hyundai and M-Sport have settled with second and third places. I'm hoping from the bottom of my heart for another thrilling rally in 2024.

Best of luck to the competitors, the spectators, the whole organizing and supporting team! Enjoy Croatia to the fullest and may the best crew win the Croatia Rally!

Best regards,

President of the Organizing Committee
Daniel Šaškin

1.1. Croatia Rally, yesterday, today, tomorrow

Croatia Rally is the oldest, most difficult and most popular car racing event in Croatia. Its history dates back to 1974, when the first event was held under the name INA Delta TLX Rally. In following three years a rally grew from regional character into a national championship event of former Yugoslavia. Extremely long itineraries to mid eighties passed through Gorski Kotar, Lika, Primorje and Continental Croatia. In 1986, the event entered the FIA calendar for the first time and attracted crews from Austria, Germany, Czech Republic and Slovakia. The same year it was nominated for the European Championship.

In the second half of the eighties the event has moved to Zagreb and its surroundings. Special stages were located at Žumberak, Plešivica, Zagrebačka gora and Hrvatsko Zagorje. Delta Rally which was slowly becoming recognized internationally passed a very difficult period during the war in Croatia. However, at the time, the event was rapidly growing year after year. European prefix was awarded to the rally in 1992. Perfect organization of AC Delta from Zagreb brought the increasement of the coefficient to the rally in the years to come. In 1995 the event was held with a coefficient of 10, and organizer nominated it in 1996 as the Croatia Delta Rally for the highest step of the contemporary European Championship - 20. But another 11 years passed before that level was reached.

In late 2006 FIA has granted much-anticipated status for next year's Croatia Delta Rally - naming it as one of European Rally Championship (ERC) events in season 2007. After three successfully organized ERC rallies, the event was relocated from Zagreb to Rijeka. The event changed the name to Croatia Rally and was organized in year 2010 by the Automotive Association of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and in the next two years AC MRC. Special stages were held at Gorski Kotar, Učka, Ćićarija and Istria, with particularly attractive Super special stage at legendary track Preluk.

In year 2013 Croatia Rally has moved once again. This time to Istria and the town of Poreč, which was the host and co-organizer of the event. The rally was organized by the Croatian Automobile & Karting Federation and the special stages were driven at Učka, Ćićarija in the triangle of the cities of Buzet, Motovun and Pazin. Another relocation of the event happened in 2021 when the event became a part of World Rally Championship (WRC). Rally HQ and Service Park were based in Zagreb, while the itinerary brought a mixture of historical special stages and the ones set for the very first time. The Power Stage was staged at Hrvatsko Zagorje and it has promoted Sebastian Ogier the rally winner literally at the last corner. Later the Power Stage Zagorska Sela – Kumrovec was voted The Turning Point of the Season 2021 by rally fans all around the world.

The second WRC edition of Croatia Rally had spread the Itinerary to Varaždin and Primorje Gorski Kotar counties. Shakedown was held near historical site Okić southwest of Zagreb with the Ceremonial Start at Zagreb Fountains following in the evening. A total of 20 stages during three days of rallying brought Kalle Rovanpera as a leader until the penultimate stage. For the second consecutive year Croatia Rally was decided at Wolf Power Stage Zagorska Sela – Kumrovec. Ott Tanak lost to Rovanpera although the young Finn was driving hard tire compound.

Not many changes to the Itinerary were made in year 2023. The new Special Stage in Primorje Gorski Kotar County, Ravna Gora - Skrad was brought on board, while the concept remained the same. Shakedown and Ceremonial Start were held on Thursday, April 20, followed by eight Special Stages on Friday and Saturday with four more on Sunday. The winner was Elfyn Evans who dominated the rally after Ogier and Rovanpera have experienced wheel damage on SS 2 and Neuville crashed on SS 11.

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Year 2024 will be marked with the Service Park location change from Zagreb Fair to the West Gate Shopping City. The total of 20 Stages will be divided to three days keeping the 8 + 8 + 4 formula. The midday service will be dropped on Friday, with cars returning to the base in the evening after clearing all the stages. Couple of old Stages will be brought back to the Itinerary with one combining known routes to the brand new challenging Stage. Rally area remains the same as in 2022 and 2023 and spreading across five Croatian counties and the City of Zagreb.

1.2. Past winners

Year	Driver	Co-driver	Nationality	Car
2023.	Elfyn EVANS	Scott MARTIN	GBR	TOYOTA GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID
2022.	Kalle ROVANPERÄ	Jonne HALTTUNEN	FIN	TOYOTA GR Yaris Rally1
2021.	Sebastien OGIER	Julien INGRASSIA	FRA	TOYOTA Yaris WRC

2. CONTACT DETAILS

2.1. National sporting Authority (ASN), address and contact details

CROATIAN AUTOMOBILE & KARTING FEDERATION (Short: CAKF)
Address: Slavenska avenija 2/16, HR-10000 Zagreb

2.2. Organizer name, address and contact details

AUTOMOBILE CLUB D.T. MOTORSPORT, Rade Končara 11, HR-52440 Poreč
AUTOMOBILE CLUB CRO DAKAR TEAM, Mlinarska 57, HR-10000 Zagreb

2.3. Technical realization name, address and contact details

AUTOMOBILE CLUB DELTA SPORT ZAGREB
WRC CROATIA RALLY
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Web: www.rally-croatia.com

2.4. Key officials

Name	Position	E-mail
Daniel ŠAŠKIN	President of Organizing Committee	daniel.saskin@rally-croatia.com
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Matija ŠTEFANIĆ	Rally HQ Manager	entry@rally-croatia.com
Marko ŠIVAK	National Press Officer	press@rally-croatia.com

2.5. Rally HQ contact details

Permanent contact details from 16th till 21st April 2024:
 Address: Westgate Shopping City, Zaprešićka 2, 10290 Jablanovec
 Mob: +385 91 230 7569 / E-mail: info@rally-croatia.com

Working hours:

Monday	15 April	09:00 - 20:00	Friday	21 April	06:45 - 23:00
Tuesday	16 April	06:30 - 20:00	Saturday	22 April	06:00 - 23:30
Wednesday	17 April	07:00 - 22:00	Sunday	23 April	05:00 -
Thursday	18 April	07:00 - 22:00			

2.6. Media center contact details

Permanent contact details from 18th till 23rd April 2024:
 Address: Westgate Shopping City
 Zaprešićka 2, 10290 Jablanovec

Marko ŠIVAK, National Press Officer
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 E-mail: press@rally-croatia.com

3. PROGRAMME AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

3.1. Schedule before the rally week

Monday 18 December		
	Rally Guide 1 publication	www.rally-croatia.com
Sunday 18 February		
	Publishing of the Supplementary Regulations Opening day for Entries Opening date for Media accreditation	www.rally-croatia.com
Tuesday 19 March		
	Closing date for entries	
Thursday 21 March		
	Rally Guide 2 publication Road Book and Route Map available	www.rally-croatia.com
Monday 25 March		
	Publication of Entry List with allocated competition numbers	www.rally-croatia.com
Thursday 28 March		
	Closing date for National media accreditation Closing date for FIA fuel orders	press@rally-croatia.com
Wednesday 3 April		
	Closing date for Helicopter registration Closing date for Service Park facilities order Closing date for submitting Service area additional request form Closing date for reconnaissance only application Closing date tyre orders	www.rally-croatia.com service@rally-croatia.com service@rally-croatia.com info@rally-croatia.com See FIA WRC SR Art 14.1.1
Thursday 5 April		
	Closing date for International media accreditation Closing date for TV and international radio accreditation	FIA WRC Promoter

Sunday 14 April

09:00	Service Park opening for Manufacturer teams and Priority competitors	Westgate Shopping City
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3.2. Schedule during the rally week

Monday 15 April

09:00	Service Park opening for all competitors	Westgate Shopping City
09:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
14:00 - 20:00	Registration for Reconnaissance Administrative Checks Collection of Materials & Documents	Only P1 & P2 competitors on reservation by email to info@rally-croatia.com
14:00 - 20:00	Collection of Reconnaissance trackers	SAS truck, Service Park

Tuesday 16 April

06:30 - 20:00	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
07:00 - 09:00	Registration for Reconnaissance Administrative Checks Collection of Materials & Documents Collection of Reconnaissance trackers	One nominated representative from each team at Rally Office SAS truck, Service Park
08:00 - 19:00	Reconnaissance Day 1	
14:00 - 21:00	Media Centre & Accreditation opening	Westgate Shopping City
14:00 - 19:00	Collection of FIA WRC Safety trackers for rally cars	SAS truck, Service Park
21:00	Deadline for all drivers and co-drivers to have completed the FIA e-learning course on the FIA Safety Tracking system	elearning.fia.com

Wednesday 17 April

07:00 - 22:00	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
08:00 - 19:00	Reconnaissance Day 2	See schedule in Appendix 2
08:30 - 20:00	Media Centre opening	Westgate Shopping City
08:30 - 12:00	Scrutineering - Sealing & Marking of Components for P1	Westgate Shopping City
14:00 - 22:00	Scrutineering - sealing & marking of components (P2, P3, P4 and non-priority cars)	Westgate Shopping City
16:00	Team Managers Meeting	By invitation only
17:00	Publication of the Start list for Shakedown (P1 and invited drivers)	Digital Notice Board
17:00 - 21:00	Return of reconnaissance smartphones (if rented)	SAS truck, Service Park
17:00	FIA Photographers safety briefing	Westgate Shopping City
20:00	Drivers Safety Briefing	Westgate Shopping City
20:30	WRC Promoter Driver and Co-driver photoshoot. Helmet and overalls required (mandatory for all Priority crews participating in their first WRC competition in 2024)	HQ

Thursday 18 April

07:00 - 22:00	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
09:00 - 10:45	Shakedown P2, P3 & P4 drivers	SD Okić
11:01 - 13:00	Shakedown P1 & invited P2 drivers	SD Okić
13:01 - 15:00	Shakedown for all drivers	SD Okić
16:00	Publication of the Start lists for Ceremonial start & Section 1	Digital Notice Board
18:00	FIA Meet the Crews & Pre-Event Press Conference	Start Podium
18:30	Ceremonial start	Start Podium

Friday 19 April

06:45 - 23:00	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
07:20	Rally Start (Section 1)	TC 0 - SP OUT
21:30	Publication of the Start list for Section 3	Digital Notice Board

Saturday 20 April		
06:00 - 23:30	Rally HQ and Rally Office open	Westgate Shopping City
06:23	Start of Section 3	TC 8D - PF OUT / SP IN
21:30	Publication of the Start list for Section 5	Digital Notice Board
Sunday 21 April		
05:00 -	Rally HQ and Rally Office open until final classifications are published	Westgate Shopping City
05:35	Start of Section 5	TC 16D - PF OUT / SP IN
13:15	Start of Power Stage	SS 20
15:15	Finish of the rally	TC 20A
15:30	FIA Meet the Crews & FIA Post-rally Press Conference	INA, Zagreb
15:45	Podium Ceremony and Prize giving	INA, Zagreb
Immediately after podium	Final Scrutineering	Westgate Shopping City
16:30 - 17:30	Return of FIA WRC Safety trackers rally cars	SAS truck, Service Park
18:00	Publication of Provisional Classification	Digital Notice Board

4. ENTRY DETAILS

4.1. FIA Titles for which the Rally Counts

FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers,
 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers,
 FIA WRC 2 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers,
 FIA WRC 2 Challenger for Drivers and Co-Drivers,
 FIA WRC 2 Championship for Teams,
 FIA WRC Masters Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers,
 FIA WRC 3 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers,
 FIA Junior WRC Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers

4.2. List of entry fees

Championship for WRC Team

As agreed with WRC Promoter.

Championship FIA WRC2 and WRC3

As per 2024 FIA WRC SR, Appendix VI

FIA Junior WRC

As agreed with JWRC Promoter.

Legal entity as competitor

The competing car entered by a team (not a Championship competitor), a company or other legal entity (with competitors' license).

Entry fee: € 4.000

Excluding Organiser's optional advertising € 6.000

Legal entity as competitor

Private Entrant: The competing car is entered by the driver or the co-driver.

Entry fee: € 3.000

Excluding Organiser's optional advertising € 5.000

Participation in reconnaissance only € 1.000

4.3. Entry packages for non-FIA registered teams

	Legal entity as competitor	Private Entrants
Service Park area	12 x 10 or 6 x 20 m	12 x 10 or 6 x 20 m
Car plates		
Service plate	1	1
Passes		
Team passes	8	8
Documents		
Road Book sets	2	1
Supplementary Regulations	Available at www.rally-croatia.com	
Route Map		
Programme		
Rally Guide 1		
Rally Guide 2		
Results		

5. SERVICE PARK

5.1. General information

Westgate Shopping City, Zaprešićka 2, 10290 Jablanovec (N 45° 52.302' E 15° 49.347')

Manufacturers and other championship entrants will be allocated a designated space in accordance to 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations. Legal and private entrants will be allocated an area of 12 x 10 m or 6 x 20 m. The service park will open on Sunday, 14 April 2024 at 9:00 hrs for Manufacturer teams and Priority competitors and on Monday 15, April 2024 for all teams. If a Competitor has multiple competition cars to be located together in Service Park, the application for consecutive Service Areas must reach the Organiser by Wednesday, 3 April 2024.

Layout of Service Park displaying Service space designated to each competitor will be published on Digital Notice Board.

5.2. Access to Service Park

Only vehicles with Service passes and Auxiliary passes are allowed to access the Service Park. Auxiliary vehicles may only enter the service park to bring or collect personnel and / or equipment and only while no competition cars in the service park. The vehicles must be clearly identified by designated stickers issued by the Organizer and affixed on the windscreen. Removal of the sticker is prohibited until the end of the rally. Non-entrants will not receive any auxiliary plates. Reconnaissance cars are allowed to enter Service Park and park in their own service area.

5.3. Facilities at Service Park

- Public toilets
- Water supply
- Power supply
- Waste removal
- General lighting
- General security
- Wi-Fi - Access details will be provided on site

5.4. Environmental requirements

A car wash facility will be available near the Service Park. Washing cars within the Service Park is prohibited at any time. Wheels and other parts may be washed in the designated wash bays set up within the Service Park.

All competitors must put in place a suitable size plastic ground sheet to cover the whole area where service work is being carried out. This ground sheet must be impervious to all fluids. Cleaning of the ground sheets must be done so that no materials are allowed to come into contact with the ground surface. All waste material must be disposed of in the facilities provided at the service park.

6. TWO-WAY RADIO

It is possible to use radio devices and frequencies if you previously acquire the license that is issued by the Croatian telecommunication agency. The application needs to be submitted at least 30 days before the usage and the fee 150 €.

Croatian Telecommunications Agency

Jurišićeva 13 Phone: +385 1 4896 000
10002 Zagreb Fax: +385 1 4920 227
Croatia E-mail: hacom@telekom.hr

7. IMPORT OF VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS

From the European Union (EU)

Competitors coming from the European Union do not need to make any special custom clearance for temporary import of cars and equipment with the purpose to participate in Croatia Rally 2024.

From outside the European Union (EU)

For temporary import of competition tyres, spare parts and other tyres it should be showing ATA carnet on entry in Croatia. The goods declared that way shall be exempt from customs duties.

Custom Agency, Central office

Alexandera von Humboldta 4a Phone: +385 0800 1222
10000 Zagreb Fax: +385 1 6211 011
Hrvatska E-mail: javnost@carina.hr

8. HELICOPTERS

Only helicopters registered with the organiser and following the instructions of the organiser are permitted to fly within the airspace of the rally area and land at the service areas or other sites during the rally.

The deadline for Helicopter applications is Wednesday, 3 April 2024. The Helicopter Application form will be available in the Competitors section at www.rally-croatia.com.

The number of helicopters permitted to fly will be decided after the deadline of applications. Information about the administrative fee and / or payment will be sent to the applicants who have been accepted. Before the rally, a briefing for all pilots is mandatory. All pilots will receive a pilots pack containing timetables, maps and necessary information. Helicopter pilots briefing will be carried out at video conference. A link to the conference will be sent to the participants.

9. HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

Official hospitality partner is BTravel and will be responsible for VIP operations at Croatia Rally 2024. Any other company wishing to organize VIP hospitality arrangements must advise the organizer and get the Official Rally Pack.

Contact details:

BTravel, +385 (0)1 6661-093, rallycroatia@btravel.pro

10. HOTEL / ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS

Organiser has pre booked list of hotels and other accommodation facilities in Zagreb City and its surroundings for teams, competitors, media and sponsors. These can be booked via our accommodation coordinator. Please make your reservation in time.

For further information please contact: reservations@rally-croatia.com.

11. MEDIA

11.1. Contacts before the rally

FIA WRC Media Delegate

TBA

National Press Officer:

Marko ŠIVAK, e-mail: press@rally-croatia.com, Phone: +385 91 6348 903

11.2. Accreditation procedure

The accreditation guidelines and criteria will be published on the WRC Croatia Rally website: www.rally-croatia.com.

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