



## **Estonian Junior Challenge 2019 guide**

Estonian Junior Challenge (formerly Estonian R2 Challenge) is a series for young rally drivers launched by the Estonian Autosport Union (EASU) at the beginning of 2017. All the rounds of the challenge are driven within the Estonian Rally Championship (EMV). The aim of the series is to help the best young talents to step forward in their careers and challenge themselves against the best drivers in the world.

In 2019, the prize of the Estonian Junior Challenge is a scholarship intended for participating in the M-Sport supported Junior World Rally Championship (JWRC) series in 2020. The value of the prize is €90,000 and it will be granted to the winner of the series. Should the winner not be able to join the next year's program in JWRC, the scholarship will be granted to the next driver down of the Estonian Junior Challenge classification, etc.

Estonian Junior Challenge 2019 partners are M-Sport, Pirelli, MM Motorsport and OT Racing.

The prize consists of three parts:

- 1) A €30,000 scholarship from the supporters of the series intended for participating in an M-Sport supported Junior World Rally Championship in 2020 with a Ford Fiesta R2 car, "ESTONIA" being a part of the car's livery.
- 2) M-Sport will support the winner of the series with a €30,000 scholarship towards an M-Sport supported Junior World Rally Championship in 2020 (or a similar single supply R2 program shall JWRC contract not be extended).
- 3) Pirelli will support the winner of the series with a with a €30,000 scholarship towards an M-Sport supported Junior World Rally Championship in 2020 (or a similar single supply R2 program shall JWRC contract not be extended).

To qualify for the Junior Challenge in 2019, the following criteria are mandatory:

- 1) The date of birth of the 1<sup>st</sup> driver must be between 1 January 1991 and 31 December 2001. The age of the co-driver is not defined. All drivers holding a valid driver's license and a valid competition license issued by the EASU or another ASN may participate.
2. The competition car is a defined technical specifications of Ford Fiesta R2 (of homologations: A-5729, A-5762 and R2T 2019 – homologation number A-5775).
3. Tyres used for the series are a defined specification of Pirelli tyres which Pirelli supplies to the participants of the series with the following dimensions and prices:
  - i. Gravel: Pirelli 185/70-15 SCORPION K6 – 190,00€ (excluding VAT)
  - ii. Winter: 185/65-15 STUD7 SOTTOZERO WJ – 343,00€ (excluding VAT)

The supplier of Pirelli tyres in Estonia is OT Racing, contact Ivar Tänäk, phone +372 50 77 287, e-mail [tyres@otracing.ee](mailto:tyres@otracing.ee)

4. M-Sport to have branding on Front and Rear Windshields, drivers to have M-Sport badges on the competition overalls. The branding and badges are provided by the EASU.
5. Pirelli to have branding on 4 x Bumper Corners, Pirelli badges on the competition overalls + Drivers to wear Pirelli Caps for all Press Conference, TV Interviews and Podium Celebrations. Branding, badges and caps are provided by the EASU.

The Estonian Junior Challenge series 2019 is run within the EMV3 class (2WD to 1600ccm (R2, R1, A6)) of the Estonian Rally Championship.

All EMV3 class drivers will start the rally each day as a separate group at increasing speed from the starting position 15-25, determined by the COC (not valid in Latvian rounds).

In the Junior Challenge, each stage win grants one extra point. No Power Stage points will be given in the Junior Challenge classification.

Participation in the series is also open to foreign competitors.

The rounds of the Estonian Rally Championship and Estonian Junior Challenge 2019 are as follows:

1. Rally Aluksne in Latvia 18-20.01.2019
2. Sarma Rally in Latvia 09-10.02.2019
3. Tallinn Rally 10.-11.05.2019
4. Viru Rally (Rakvere) 14-15.06.2019
5. Rally Estonia 11-14.07.2019
6. South-Estonian Rally in Võru 23-24 (30-31)08.2019
7. Saaremaa Rally in Kuressaare 11-12.10.2019

Six rounds from seven will count towards the Championship. If six or less rounds take place, all rounds will count. The round that will not be counted can not be a round where the competitor was disqualified for the infringement of technical regulations or unsporting behaviour.