



Estonian Junior Challenge 2025 guide

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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 (ERC). The aim of the series is to help the best young talents to step forward in their careers and to give support for stepping up to international level.

Estonian Junior Challenge 2025 partner is M-Sport Poland

1. The 2026 Estonian Junior Challenge (EJC) prize fund is as follows:

- The winner of the series will receive a financial prize of €3,000.
 - The competitor finishing second in the series will receive a financial prize of €2,000.
 - The competitor finishing third in the series will receive a financial prize of €1,000.
- 1.1. The payment of financial support will be agreed with each winner's entrant after the final series points have been approved.
- 1.2. **In addition, the winner of each round will receive four Pirelli competition tyres free of charge**
- 1.3. EASU may add additional prizes during the season.

2. To participate in the EJC classification in 2026, the following criteria are mandatory:

- 2.1.** The date of birth of the 1st driver must be January 1st 2005 or later (21 years or younger). The age of the co-driver is not defined but the co-driver is never allowed to drive the special stage. The EJC classification is driver-based only; co-drivers do not receive points or results.
- 2.2.** All drivers who hold a valid driving licence or an EASU special permit, and who have a valid licence issued by EASU or another ASN, may participate.
- 2.3.** To enter the EJC series, competitors wishing to take part must register for the series no later than 12 hours before the start of the first round in which they participate, using the following link: <https://broneerimine.autosport.ee/estonian-junior-challenge/> and must pay the series registration fee of **€100** to the EASU account (Swedbank EE202200221002111381 – payment reference: EJC 2026 series registration fee and the competitor's first and last name).





- 2.4. Only 2WD cars complying with the technical requirements of classes EMV4, EMV7 and EMV8 (Group A, N or R cars with an engine capacity not exceeding 2000 cm³) may participate in the series.
- 2.5. When competing in EJC events, it is compulsory to use the Pirelli tyres used in the Terminal Estonian Rally Championship (see General Regulations article 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6).
- 2.6. EASU has the right to use the participants of the series together with their competition cars for up to 1 × 8 hours at promo or advertising events during 2026 for the promotion of motorsport. The exact time and place will be agreed separately.
- 2.7. The top three drivers of the series must display EJC branding on their competition car during the 2027 season. The exact design and logo sizes will be agreed separately.

3. Points classification

- 3.1. The EJC points classification follows article 4.1 of the 2026 General Regulations of the Terminal Estonian Rally Championship. No separate points are awarded in the EJC classification for Power Stage results or for special stage wins.
- 3.2. **Double points are rewarded** in EJC classification on the last Estonian Championship event (Saaremaa rally). 1st place 60 points, 2nd place 48 points, 3rd place 42 points, 4th place 38 points, 5th place 34 points etc.
- 3.3. EJC 2026 winner will be driver who has scored the highest number of points. In case of a tie, the driver with most wins, most second places, most third places etc. will be winner. Should this not be enough to decide the Challenge winner, the results of events, where both drivers competed, will decide. Should this not be enough to decide the Championship, results of the last, the penultimate etc. event will decide.
- 3.4. The Five (5) best results out of six (6) rallies will count for win.

4. Estonian Junior Challenge 2026 Calendar:

- 23–24 January – Rally Alüksne* – snow and ice
*If Rally Alüksne does not take place on the above dates, the alternative dates are 20–21 February.
- 9 May – Saaremaa Sprint Rally – gravel
- 12–13 June – Jyväskylä – gravel
- 3–4 July – Lõuna-Eesti – gravel
- 21–22 August – Paide Rally – gravel
- 9–10 October – Saaremaa Rally – gravel

