

RALLY GUIDE 1



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1 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal!

We have reached our 59th edition and are preparing a programme designed to meet the expectations of the thousands of fans who follow us throughout the year, as well as the promoter and the teams.

The fifth round of the FIA World Rally Championship will take place in the Northern and Central regions of Portugal from May 7 to 10. The rally's operational base remains at Exponor, in Matosinhos, where rally headquarters, manufacturers and drivers will be located.

The WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal counts towards the FIA World Rally Championship with Rally1 cars, as well as the WRC2 and WRC3 championships, and also the Junior WRC, which returns to our country.



A word of thanks to all the municipalities involved in the rally itinerary (Águeda, Albergaria-a-Velha, Amarante, Arganil, Cabeceiras de Basto, Coimbra, Fafe, Felgueiras, Figueira da Foz, Góis, Lousã, Lousada, Matosinhos, Mortágua, Paredes, Sever do Vouga and Vieira do Minho), as well as to the indispensable support of our sponsors – Turismo de Portugal, Turismo do Porto e Norte, Turismo do Centro, and Vodafone, BP, Hertz, Via Verde and KP World.

Special thanks also to the various entities responsible for ensuring the safety of the event, without whom it would not be possible to organize it: the GNR, PSP, Civil Protection, Firefighters and INEM, not forgetting other key partners essential to the organisation of this event – the Portuguese Environment Agency, IGEOE, Exponor, Brisa, Infraestruturas de Portugal and ACP Assistência.

The Automóvel Club de Portugal, as the organiser of the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, holds the highest rating of three stars in the FIA Environmental Accreditation Programme, a distinction it has maintained since 2017.

As one of the largest national tourism and sporting events, due to its significant contribution to positioning Portugal as a tourist destination and to territorial cohesion, ACP's strong commitment to this rally also represents its contribution to society, as a promoter of events that help combat seasonality and regional isolation.

Carlos Barbosa
Chairman of the Organising Committee

2 CONTACTS

2.1 Permanent Contact Details

Permanent Secretariat (Monday to Friday from 09h00 to 13h00 and from 14h00 to 18h00):

ACP Motorsport

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E-mail: acpmotorsport@acp.pt

Website – www.rallydeportugal.pt

During the Rally

Exponor Feira Internacional do Porto

Av. Dr. António Macedo, 574

4454-515 Matosinhos

2.2 Rally HQ Contact details

See Supplementary Regulations.

2.3 Media Contact Details (Monday to Friday – Before the Rally)

	Tel.	e-mail
Press Office	+351 916 296 518	press.motorsport@acp.pt



3 PROGRAMME AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

Schedule before the Rally Week

Wednesday, January 28th 2026		
	Rally Guide 1 published	Website
Saturday, March 07th 2026		
	Publication of the Supplementary Regulations	Website
	Entries open	https://registrations.fia.com/
	Helicopter registrations open	Website
	Media accreditation opens	Website
Monday, April 06th 2026		
23.59h	Entries close	https://registrations.fia.com/
Thursday, April 09th 2026		
	Road Books, Maps and Rally Guide 2 available for competitors.	Website
	Close date for Hankook tyre orders	See Art 7 of the Regulations
	Closing date for FIA fuel orders	See Art 8 of the Regulations
Wednesday, April 15th 2026		
	Entry list published	DNB
Thursday, April 16th 2026		
	Media accreditation closes for national media	
Monday, April 20th 2026		
18:00h	Closing date for submitting service area additional requests	service.park@acp.pt
	Closing date for nominating competitor's official representative	See Art 2.9 of the Regulations
	Deadline to apply for onboard camera authorisation.	See Art 18.1 of the Regulations
Wednesday, April 22nd 2026		
	Media accreditation closes for international media	
Thursday, April 23rd 2026		
	Media Safety Book published	Website
Friday, May 01st 2026		
09.00h	Service Park opens to Manufacturers	Exponor
	Closing date for helicopter registrations	Rally Office

Schedule during the Rally Week

Sunday, May 03rd 2026		
09.00h	Service Park opens to all Competitors	Exponor
10.00h / 18.00h	All competitors: Reconnaissance registration, administrative checks, collection of materials and documents (schedule to be published in a Bulletin).	Rally HQ - Exponor
	Collection of individual event access codes (and smart-phones, if opted) for reconnaissance tracking app, RS lite.	Service Park, SAS Workshop

Monday, May 04th 2026		
08.00h / 20.00h	Reconnaissance, Day 1	See Appendix 2 of the Regulations
(individual times to be published)	Administrative checks and collection of materials and documents for FIA P1, P2, P3, P4 and non-priority drivers.	Rally HQ - Exponor
14.00h / 20.00h	FIA tracking Device collection - SAS Workshop	Service Park
20.30h	Deadline for all drivers and codrivers to have completed the FIA e-learning online course for FIA Safety Tracking Device.	See Art. 12.1

Tuesday, May 05th 2026		
08.00h / 20.00h	Reconnaissance, Day 2	See Appendix 2 of the Regulations
16.00h	Team Managers meeting (by invitation only)	Rally HQ - Exponor
17.30h	Helicopter pilots briefing	Rally HQ - Exponor
18.00h	Media safety briefing	Media Center
18.00h	Publication of Start List for Shakedown (P1 and invited drivers)	DNB
18.00h / 19.00h	PR activity for selected Crews	Details TBC in Bulletin
20.00h	Driver's Safety Briefing (mandatory for all drivers and co-drivers participating in their first WRC competition in 2026)	Exponor Auditorium

Wednesday, May 06th 2026		
07.00h / 13.00h	Reconnaissance, Day 3	See Appendix 2 of the Regulations
08.00h / 11.00h	Scrutineering and Sealing for P1 Competitors, scrutineering/sealing for P4 competitors (schedule to be published in a Bulletin)	Service Park
From 11.30h	Technical scrutineering and component sealing for all other Competitors (schedule to be published in a Bulletin)	Exponor
13.01h / 15.00h	Shakedown for P1 and invited drivers	Baltar
15.01h / 17.00h	Shakedown for P1, P2, P3 and P4 drivers	Baltar
17.01h / 19.00h	Shakedown for P2, P3 and P4 drivers	Baltar
19.00h / 20.30h	FIA Media Pen	Service Park
19.00h / 21.00h	Return of reconnaissance smartphones (if rented)	Service Park, SAS Workshop
20.30h	WRC Promotor Driver and Co-Driver photoshoot. Helmet and Overalls required (mandatory for all priority crews participating in their first WRC competition in 2026).	Rally HQ

Thursday, May 07th 2026		
10.00h	Publication of Start lists for Ceremonial Start / Section 1	DNB
13.30h / 14.45h	Rally cars enter Coimbra holding area	Coimbra
13.45h / 14.15h	WRC Autograph signing with all P1 Crews and selected Support Championship Crews (driver and co-driver)	Coimbra
14.15h / 14.45h	Grid Walk for all P1 Crews and selected other crews	Coimbra
14.30h / 14:45h	Meet the Crews (Selected P2 Drivers)	Coimbra
14.45h / 14.55h	Meet the Crews (Selected P1 Drivers)	Coimbra
14.55h / 15.00h	WRC Drivers official Photograph	Coimbra
15.00h	Ceremonial Start / Podium - Start of the Rally- Section 1	TC 0 - Coimbra
18.35h / 18.45h	Meet the Crews (selected P1 crews)	Figueira da Foz
19.05h	SSS3 Figueira da Foz (SSS)	Figueira da Foz
19.33h	Arrival to the Park Fermé	TC3C - Figueira da Foz
23.00h	Start List Section 2 published	DNB

Friday, May 08th 2026		
06.15h	Start of Section 2	TC3D - Figueira da Foz
20.15h	Meet the Crews (P1 Team Principals + Top 3 drivers + Support Championship Drivers)	Exponor
23.00h	Start List for Section 4 published	DNB

Saturday, May 09th 2026		
06.00h	Start of Section 4	TC10D - Exponor
21.00h	Meet the Crews (P1 Team Principals + Top 3 drivers + Support Championship Drivers)	Exponor
23.00h	Start List for Section 6 published	DNB

Sunday, May 10th 2026		
06.30h	Start of Section 6	TC19D - Exponor
13.15h	Start of Wolf Power Stage (Live TV)	SS23 - Fafe 2
14.30h	Trophies presentation, Podium Ceremony, FIA Post-rally Press Conference with winning competitors	Fafe
15.05h	Park Fermé IN - FINISH	Exponor
16.30h	Final scrutineering	Exponor
From 17.00h	Returning of the FIA Safety Tracking Devices	Exponor
19.00h	Publication of Provisional Classification	DNB

3.1 Opening Hours HQ & Media Centre

OPENING HOURS - HQ & MEDIA				
Date	Day	Rally HQ	Media Accreditation	Media Center
May 03 th	Sunday	09.00h - 19.00h	-	-
May 04 th	Monday	08.00h - 20.30h	14.00h - 19.00h	-
May 05 th	Tuesday	08.00h - 20.30h	09.00h - 18.00h	09.00h - 19.00h

May 06 th	Wednesday	07.00h - 21.00h	09.00h - 19.00h	09.00h - 19.00h
May 07 th	Thursday	08.00h - 21.30h	09.00h - 18.00h	08.00h - 22.00h
May 08 th	Friday	08.00h - 23.00h	Upon request only to accreditation@acp.pt	08.00h - 23.00h
May 09 th	Saturday	06.00h - 23.00h	-	07.00h - 23.00h
May 10 th	Sunday	06.30h - 20.00h	-	06.30h - until last journalist leaves

4 ENTRY DETAILS

4.1 Titles for which the Rally counts

- FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers
- FIA World Rally Championship for Teams
- FIA WRC2 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA WRC2 Challenger Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA WRC2 Championship for Teams
- FIA WRC Masters Cup for drivers and co-drivers
- FIA WRC3 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA Junior WRC World Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- Portuguese National Rally Championship

4.2 List of Entry Fees

4.2.1 WRC Teams

Manufacturers, other WRC cars and support championships as per 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

4.2.2 With the optional advertising proposed by the Organisers

a) Legal entrant	6.500 €
b) Private entrants	5.500 €
c) Legal Portuguese entrants*	4.500 €
d) Private Portuguese entrants*	4.000 €

* To encourage Portuguese drivers to participate in the Portuguese round of the World Rally Championship, the sponsors of the event will assume the remaining amount of the entry fees to competitors with a Portuguese licence.

4.2.3 Without the optional advertising proposed by the Organisers

– Legal entrants	8.500 €
– Private entrants	7.500 €

4.2.4 Other fees

– “Only Reconnaissance”	2.500 €
– “Auxiliary” Plate	500 €

5 SERVICE PARK

5.1 Information about the service park

The Service Park will be located in the Exponor Exhibition Centre, in Matosinhos, by the A28.

The address and GPS location details are as follows:

Exponor Feira Internacional do Porto
Av. Dr. António Macedo, 574 • 4454-515 Leça da Palmeira - Matosinhos
GPS: 41°11.972' N – 8°41.535 W

Manufacturer teams, WRC teams, and FIA support Championships teams will benefit from the FIA recommended area. Remaining competitors will be attributed an area of 80m².

For additional space please refer to point 5.3.

WRC Teams will be able to access the Service Park from 09.00 a.m. on Friday, 01st May, 2026. Should any team need to access the park before this or should they arrive at night, when normal access is closed, please contact the Rally Organisers, by e-mail service.park@acp.pt.

Service vehicles arriving at Service Park on Sunday, 11th May, in the morning, i.e., before teams have attended the administrative checks to get the corresponding documents and necessary vehicle plates, will be able to access the Park without a plate. From Tuesday, 3rd May, at 09.00h, all vehicles will have to be duly identified with the corresponding plates. From that moment on, there will be an exhaustive control in order to guarantee that all vehicles parked or trying to access the Service Park carry the necessary plate.

Trailers are not allowed to park inside the Service Park.

Only vehicles with “SP – Service Park” plate will be authorised to stay inside the Service Park.

5.2 Facilities at Service Park

- General Lighting in the whole Service Park
- Toilets for public use
- Waste containers – Selective waste collection
- Collection of: used oil tanks, brake fluid, polluted containers
- General security in the whole Service Park
- Spare parts and wheels washing area

Additional services may be provided to teams in the service area upon request. Information on costs of these services will be provided upon reservation. Teams requiring these services are requested to complete the Service Park Application Form. This form will be available on the rally website www.rallydeportugal.pt under the section “Competitors/Docs”.

Additional services are the following:

- Chemical Toilet for the team’s private use
- Water
- Power
- Motorhome / Hospitality Unit liquid waste
- Chemical Toilet cleaning
- Exclusive security service for the team
- Rental of Forklifts, Generators and Cherry pickers

5.3 Space Requests

Teams that, due to logistics, need to stay together or have any special request must send them by e-mail to service.park@acp.pt. The Organiser will make all reasonable efforts in order to satisfy the needs of all Teams. Additional space requests, when available, are subject to a fee whose amount shall be indicated directly to interested parties.

To request additional services and/or spaces please complete the forms at the end of this Rally Guide.

Forms must be sent until 20th April 2026.

No further changes will be accepted after this date, once the layout of the Service Park has been declared as definitive.

5.4 Service Park Contents

- TC in / TC out
- Parc fermé
- Technical zone
- Tyre marking zone
- Refuel area
- Emergency services: fire brigade, medical centre, etc.
- Auxiliary parking areas
- Press and VIP parking areas
- Rally office / Information centre

5.5 Service Park Coordinator

For any questions and further information please contact the Service Park Co-ordinator:

Nuno Vieira

service.park@acp.pt

Tel: + 351 219 429 187

6 ON BOARD CAMERA (OBC) REGISTRATION

The competitor of any car which carries an on-board camera must have the prior agreement of the Promoter. Authorised cameras will be identified by an adhesive decal and must be mounted in the car at the time of scrutineering. The fixings of the camera and camera recorder must comply with the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J, Art.262.

Competitors wishing to use an on-board camera must apply via the WRC Accreditation Portal at least one week before the start of reconnaissance. Any requests presented after this date will not be considered therefore, the competitor will not be authorized to install an OBC on their car.

Those registering for an OBC for the first time should first use this link: <https://qrco.de/WRCOBCRegistration>

Those who have already applied for an OBC in the last 12 months should use their e-mail address to register via this link (no password required): <https://qrco.de/OBCForm2026>

An authorization sticker, which must be affixed to the car in the vicinity of the authorized camera prior to scrutineering, must be obtained from the HQ when collecting documents and other materials.

Any contacts about OBC prior to the event should be addressed to Miguel Fonseca, miguel.fonseca@wrc.com

7 TWO-WAY RADIO

7.1 Application Procedure

Permission to use a radio transmitter must be requested to the Portuguese authorities in charge ANACOM.

7.2 Contact details to person / authority in charge

ANACOM

Rua Ramalho Ortigão, 51
1099-099 Lisboa
Portugal

Tel: +351 217 211 000

E-mail: edge@anacom.pt

8 FUEL / TYRES

See Supplementary Regulations.

9 IMPORT OF VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS

Competitors from the European Union do not need to make any special custom clearance for temporary import of cars and equipment for the purpose of participating in the 2026 Vodafone Rally de Portugal. Vehicles from outside the European Union must show their ATA (Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission) carnet, which normally is applied for at the Chamber of Commerce in the country of origin.

10 HELICOPTERS

10.1 Registration Procedure

Complying to the requisites imposed by FIA on the safety and use of helicopters at the Rally, helicopters wishing to operate at the rally will have to register with the Organization. A protocol for controlling the restricted airspace over the SS's (Special Stages) prevents any unregistered helicopter of operating in that airspace. The registration fee for each helicopter is € 3000,00 +VAT. Registration deadline is the 01st of May 2026.

Send registration form to:

ACP Motorsport

Rua General Humberto Delgado, nº3 - 2685-340 Prior Velho - Portugal

Tel: +351 21 942 91 87

E-mail: acpmotorsport@acp.pt - Website: www.rallydeportugal.pt

The Helicopter registration form is included at the end of this guide.

10.2 Contact details for some national helicopter rental companies

Name	Website	E-mail	Tel
Helibravo	www.helibravo.com	geral@helibravo.com	+ 351 214 451 145
Heliportugal	www.heliportugal.pt	info@heliportugal.pt	+ 351 214 447 230
Hta	www.htahelicopteros.com	geral@htahelicopteros.com	+ 351 289 435 112
Nortavia	www.nortavia.com	geral@nortavia.com	+ 351 229 683 176
Omni	www.omni.pt	info@omni.pt	+ 351 219 457 560

11 ACCOMODATION AND HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

11.1 Vodafone Rally de Portugal official travel agency:

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E-mail: paula.rodrigues@acp-viagens.pt • www.acp-viagens.pt



11.2 Corporate Hospitality Exponor Service Park

For special arrangements contact:

Marta Barbosa

Tel: +351 213 180 257

Mobile: +351 917 600 223

E-mail: hospitality@acp.pt

12 RECONNAISSANCE

See Supplementary Regulations.

13 SCRUTINEERING SEALING AND MARKING

See Supplementary Regulations.

14 SHAKEDOWN

See Rally Guide 2.

15 START PROCEDURE

See Supplementary Regulations.

16 FINISH PROCEDURE

See Supplementary Regulations.

17 PR ACTIVITIES

See Rally Guide 2.

18 MEDIA

18.1 Contact Details Before the Rally

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Mobile: +351 913 772 088
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Web: www.rallydeportugal.pt

18.2 Accreditation procedure / criteria and deadline

Accreditation requests for the 2026 Vodafone Rally de Portugal must be made online from March 07th and until April 16th, for the National Press, and until April 22nd for the International Press.

- Accreditation requests for nationally-based media must be sent until April 16th, 2026 via [this link](#).
- International media, printed and digital, based outside the event's country, as well as International Radio, TV, Licensed Broadcasters, Commercial Media, Partner Media, Teams Media and any media outlet wishing to record video must apply for accreditation via [this link](#).

18.3 Media room – location and opening hours

First floor of Exponor's Main Atrium, Service Park (same location as in 2025). Opening hours: see point 3.1 on this Rally Guide.

18.4 Press conferences – time and location

See the Programme on this Rally Guide and the Supplementary Regulations.

18.5 Team's media contacts

See Rally Guide 2.

18.6 Expected media coverage (TV & radio, times, channels and frequencies)

See Rally Guide 2.

19 MEDICAL AND SAFETY SERVICE

See Rally Guide 2.

20 LIST OF USEFUL FACTS AND SERVICES

See Rally Guide 2.



ACP – Automóvel Club de Portugal, as organiser of WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, is committed to the FIA Sustainability Programme and the FPAK Environmental Sustainability Code, with the aim of continuing to improve and minimise the environmental impact of the event and, as one of the WRC events that welcomes a large number of spectators, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal maintains its aim of being a benchmark in environmental issues, both nationally and internationally.

According to FIA Environmental Accreditation Programme, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal has been certified since 2017 with the Achievement of Excellence level and subsequently with the Three-Star Environmental Accreditation, the highest level of environmental sustainability recognition. In 2019, it was also recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the first motorsport success case for environmental sustainability.

To fulfil our objectives, we have established partnerships with Portuguese Environment Agency, all the municipalities involved in the event, environmental authorities and local waste management entities. We have also defined a programme to offset greenhouse gas emissions, and we promote actions to plant native species in the areas surrounding the event.

Therefore, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, through its Environmental Management System, will be guided by the following principles:

- Comply with applicable environmental legislation, as well as other obligations voluntarily assumed, including the FIA Environmental Accreditation Programme and the FPAK Environmental Sustainability Code;
- Inform and train everyone involved in the organisation about its environmental policy;
- Promote environmental awareness among our stakeholders (organisation, drivers, teams, volunteers, media, spectators, partners and external suppliers) and encourage them to fulfil and enforce good environmental practices;
- Take into account the environmental impact when choosing partners and suppliers, as well as in the process of selecting and purchasing products and services;
- Reduce the environmental impact in terms of transportation, as far as possible, encouraging carpooling and car sharing, as well as the use of public transport;
- Promote responsibility in preserving the environment by managing and monitoring the direct and indirect impacts of the event, in particular energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption and other natural resources, and proper waste management;
- Encourage adequate and proactive management of environmental risk, in particular pollution prevention and emergency response to accidents and/or disasters;
- Promote the continuous improvement of processes, practices and environmental developments by defining and evaluating progressively more ambitious environmental objectives.

This Environmental Policy, supported by a strong “performance against objectives” attitude, will regularly be reviewed and updated, ensuring continuous improvement of the entire Environmental Management System.

January 2026

The Organising Committee of WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal



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Separate all the waste**



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