



## **Estonian R2 Challenge 2018 guide**

Estonian R2 Challenge is a series for young rally talents which was established at the beginning of 2017 in cooperation with the Estonian Autosport Union (EASU) and the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) promoter Eurosport Events. The R2 Challenge takes place together with the rounds of Estonian Rally Championship.

The requirements and conditions for R2 Challenge are the same as for EMV6 class of the Estonian Championship. The eligible cars are front-wheel drive cars of up to 1.6 litre engines and R2 cars of 1 litre turbo engines (R2 and A6 cars except Super1600). In order to win the R2 Challenge prize money the following additional requirements must be met:

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> driver must be of the age 17-26 in year 2018 (birth year 1992 up to 2001). The age of the co-driver is not regulated. If a special permit to participate in competitions has been given to younger drivers, they will also receive points.
2. According to 2018 Estonian Rally Championship regulations, cars in class EMV6 must use DMACK tyres (gravel tyres 175/70 R15). At winter rallies the tyre choice is free. The supplier of DMACK tyres in the Baltic states is Triple M OÜ. Contact: Kristo Kraag, mobile +372 5650 3042, e-mail: [info@mm-motorsport.ee](mailto:info@mm-motorsport.ee) , [kristo.kraag@mm-motorsport.ee](mailto:kristo.kraag@mm-motorsport.ee)
3. R2 Challenge cars must have 4 DMACK stickers affixed to the corners of the bumpers. This is not applicable at winter rallies.

In year 2018 the prize fund of Estonian R2 Challenge established by the Estonian Autosport Union and its supporters is 28 000 euros, to which the prizes by Eurosport Events will be added. The prize fund is divided as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 20 000 euros, intended for participating in at least four rounds (4x5000 euros) of JWRC or FIA ERC Junior series in 2019. The money will be paid in 4 installments after each round in year 2019 according to expenditure.

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 5 000 euros, intended for participating in at least one round of JWRC or FIA ERC Junior series in 2019. The money will be paid after the round in year 2019 according to expenditure.

3<sup>rd</sup> place - 3 000 euros, intended for participating in rallies in 2019. The money will be paid after the rallies in year 2019 according to expenditure.

The 2019 calendar of the winner and usage of the prize money of all top 3 drivers will have to be confirmed by Estonian Autosport Union. Contact: Alar Arukuusk, General Secretary, mobile +372 50 35 013, e-mail: [alar@autosport.ee](mailto:alar@autosport.ee)

Eurosport Events will increase the prize fund with the following awards:

- - Registration free of charge to ERC Junior U27 championship in 2019 for the top 3 of the 2018 edition of Estonian R2 Challenge at the end of season (normal cost: 1500€ /competitor)
- - Rally Entry fee of the 4 first rounds of ERC Junior U27 in 2019 covered to the winner of 2018 Estonian R2 Challenge (normal cost: 1000€ /rally). In case of a full 6 races program, Estonian Autosport Union will cover the entries of the 2 last rounds.

Estonian R2 Challenge is also open to foreign competitors. More info in 2018 Estonian Open Rally Championship Regulations:

[http://autosport.ee/rallyreg/public/series\\_file/EAL%20autoralli%20EMV%20%C3%9CJ%2020181.pdf](http://autosport.ee/rallyreg/public/series_file/EAL%20autoralli%20EMV%20%C3%9CJ%2020181.pdf)

**The rounds of Estonian Rally Championship 2018 where also R2 Challenge will be driven are as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> round 19.-20.01.2018 Aluksne rally (Latvia)

2<sup>nd</sup> round 10.02.2018 Sarma rally (Latvia)

3<sup>rd</sup> round 11.-12.05.2018 Tallinna rally

4<sup>th</sup> round 15.-16.06.2018 Viru rally

5<sup>th</sup> round 13.-15.07.2018 Rally Estonia

6<sup>th</sup> round 24.-25.08.2018 Lõuna-Eesti rally

7<sup>th</sup> round 12.-13.10.2018 Saaremaa rally

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.