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Estonian Junior Challenge 2024 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 2024 partners are M-Sport Poland and Pirelli.

In 2024, the prize for the Estonian Junior Challenge (EJC) is a scholarship designated for participation in the European Rally Championship 2025 within the ERC4 Junior category, utilizing a Rally4 car provided by M-Sport Poland.

The total cost of the project is **117 720 €**, covering car rental, event entry fees, and tires for six events. The prize value is **53 010 €**, and it will be distributed among the top three drivers as follows:

- 1) Winner of EJC 2024 will be able to drive three (3) ERC rounds with following cost:
 - a. Total cost of one (1) event is **19 620 €**. Discount per event is **8835 €**, consists of 2 parts:
 - i. EASU support of **4000 €** including VAT, what will be paid out after each ERC event the driver has started.
 - ii. M-Sport Poland and Pirelli discount from each event overall price is **4835 €**, what will be deducted from event price.
 - b. The winner of EJC 2024 will select the events he or she wishes to participate in after the FIA has released the ERC calendar for the 2025 season.
 - 2) Second in EJC 2024 will be able to drive two (2) ERC rounds with following cost:
 - a. Total cost of one (1) event is **19 620 €**. Discount per event is **8835 €**, consists of 2 parts:
 - i. EASU support of **4000 €** including VAT, what will be paid out after each ERC event the driver has started.
 - ii. M-Sport Poland and Pirelli discount from each event overall price is **4835 €**, what will be deducted from event price.
 - b. The second-place finisher in EJC 2024 will select the events he or she wishes to participate in after the FIA has released the ERC calendar for the 2025 season and following the selection of events by the winner of EJC 2024.
 - 3) Third in EJC 2024 will be able to drive one (1) ERC round with following cost:
 - a. Total cost of one (1) event is **19 620 €**. Discount per event is **8835 €**, consists of 2 parts:
 - i. EASU support of **4000 €** including VAT, what will be paid out after each ERC event the driver has started.
 - ii. M-Sport Poland and Pirelli discount from each event overall price is **4835 €**, what will be deducted from event price.
 - b. The third-place finisher in EJC 2024 will choose the events he or she want to participate in after the FIA has released the ERC calendar for the 2025 season and following the selection of events by the winner and the second-place finisher in the EJC 2024 classification.
- Should the winner not be able to join the program, the scholarship will be granted to the next driver down of the EJC 2024 classification, etc.

- Event selection must be done latest 2 months before first European Rally Championship will take place.
- Travel and recce costs are not included.
- All payment and agreement terms will be individually negotiated with each winner.

To qualify for the EJC in 2024 the following criteria are mandatory:

- 1) The date of birth of the 1st driver must be 1 January 1998 or later (26 years or younger). The age of the co-driver is not defined but the co-driver is never allowed to drive the special stage. All drivers holding a valid driver's license and a valid competition license issued by the EASU or another ASN may participate. Championship registration fee is **100 €**
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- 2) The competition car is a defined technical specifications of Ford Fiesta R2 or Ford Fiesta Rally4 of homologations: A-5729, A-5762 and A-5775.
- 3) Tyres used for the series are a defined specification of Pirelli tyres which OT Racing OÜ supplies to the participants of the series with the following dimensions and prices:
Snow & ice: Pirelli 185/65-15 WJ 7mm - 340,00 € (excluding VAT)
Gravel: Pirelli 185/70-15 SCORPION K6 - 210,00 € (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
- 4) M-Sport Poland to have branding on Front and Rear Windshields, drivers to wear M-Sport branded clothing during the events. Clothing will be provided by M-Sport Poland.
- 5) Pirelli to have branding on 4 x Bumper Corners, Drivers to wear Pirelli Caps for all Press Conference, TV Interviews and Podium Celebrations. Branding and caps are provided by the Pirelli.
- 6) By entering to series participants acknowledge that EASU has the right to use them with racing cars for promotional events 2 x 8 hours during the season 2024.

Classification and calendar

- 1) EJC drivers will score points according to Estonian Rally Championship Regulations art. 4.1
- 2) In EJC classifications each stage win will give one extra point. In case of retirement driver will keep the stage win points unless if he or she was NOT disqualified for the infringement of technical regulations or unsporting behaviour.
- 3) No Power Stage points will be given in the EJC classification.
- 4) **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.
- 5) EJC 2024 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.
- 6) Six (6) best results out of seven (7) rallies will count for win.
- 7) **Estonian Junior Challenge calendar 2024:**

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| 19-20 January | Aluksne (Latvia) - winter |
| 2-3 February | Otepää - winter |
| 24-25 May | Turu (Finland) - gravel |
| 7-8 June | Võru - gravel |
| 5-7 July | Otepää (ERC) – gravel |
| 9-10 August | Cesis (Latvia) – gravel |
| 23-24 August | Paide - gravel |
| 11-12 October | Saaremaa - gravel |