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Welcome to the bp Ultimate Rally Raid Portugal

The second round of W2RC 2026

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The Automóvel Club de Portugal (ACP) thanks everyone for your trust and hopes to provide an excellent event!

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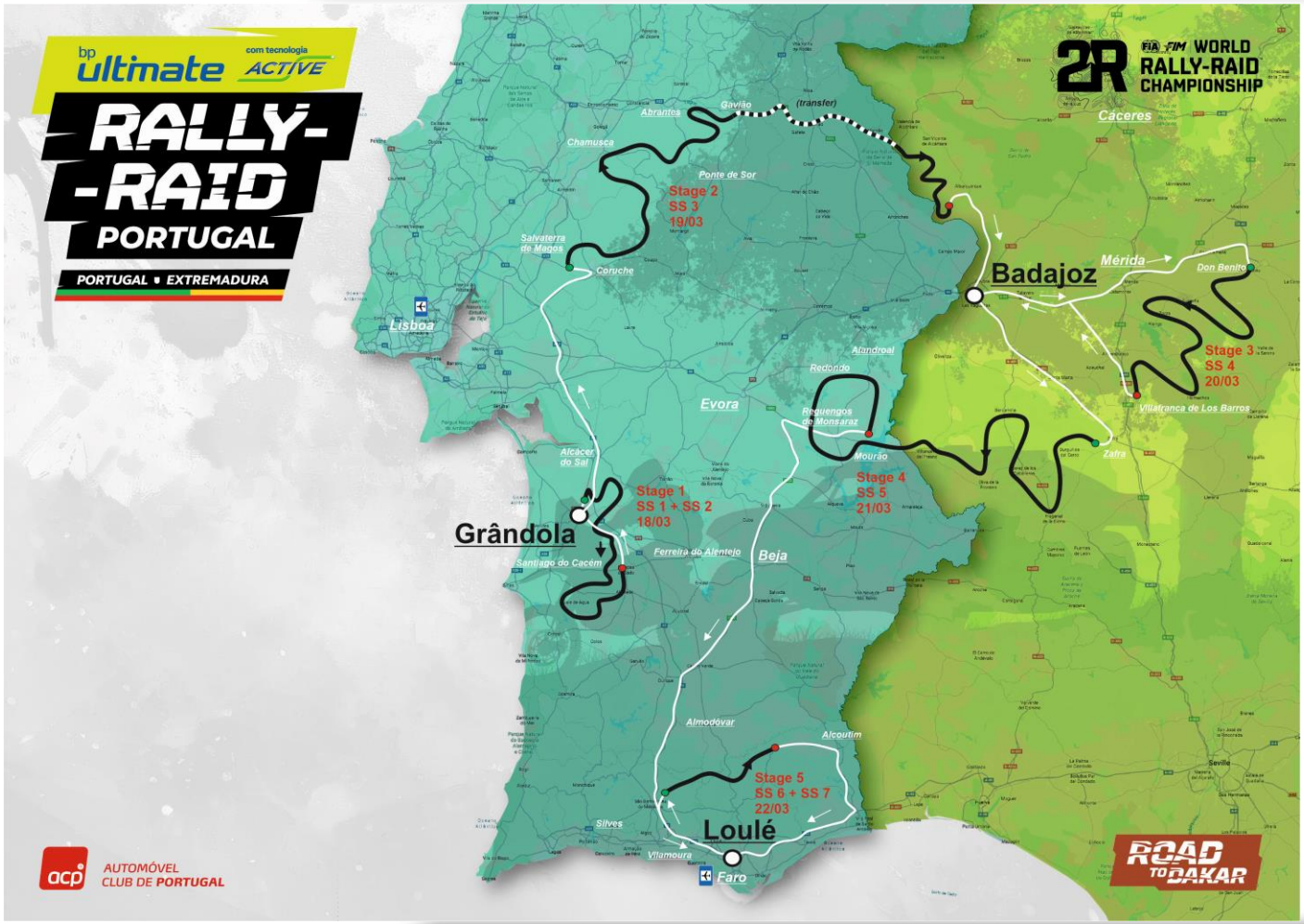
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In addition to this Briefing, Info Competitors (Sportity) contains further information that will be useful.

Please pay attention to any Bulletins and Daily Briefings, as well as INFO's (Sportity)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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BIKES: PROLOGUE + 5 STAGES
CARS: 5 STAGES

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STAGE 1 – 18-03-26

GRÂNDOLA / GRÂNDOLA

225KM

SS1 – 177KM

REGROUPING (early check-in is not allowed)

SS2 (same place as the prologue FIM) – 3KM (Live TV)

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When competitors enter the regrouping area, their presentation time at TC/2 (regrouping out) will be noted on the control card.

Cars and Bikes competitors may enter the regrouping area 15 minutes before the stated time.

During the regrouping, competitors may access the Bivouac

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STAGE 2 – 19-03-26
GRÂNDOLA / BADAJOZ
548 KM
SS3 – 377 KM
The time used is GMT Portuguese time.

(Assistances vehicles have a common route for the first 50km of the RSA)

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STAGE 3 – 20-03-26

BADAJOZ / BADAJOZ

500 KM

SS4 – 296KM

The time used is GMT Portuguese time.

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STAGE 4 – 21-03-26

BADAJOZ / LOULÉ

637 KM

SS5 – 314 KM

The time used is GMT Portuguese time.

*(Assistance vehicles have a common route for the last **86km** of the RSB)*

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STAGE 5 – 22-03-26
LOULÉ / LOULÉ
290 KM
SS6 – 98 KM
SS7 – 2 KM
PODIUM CEREMONY (Vilamoura marina, 16km from the Bivouac)
PRIZE GIVING (Bivouac)

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Bikes and Quads, cold-weather or rain gear:
Riders may leave their rain or cold-weather gear at the start of the special stage (SS).
Teams wishing to have rain or cold-weather gear available at the finish of the SS must drop it off at the race office by 17h00 the day before, in a bag labeled with the competitor's number, which will be handed to the rider at the end of the SS.

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FIA COMPETITORS

Phone pouches from stage 1 (all FIA priority drivers + 10 first of previous stage) only smartphone

It is under the responsibility of the competitors to collect the pouches at the TC before the DSS every morning.

In accordance with Art. 9.1.6 of 2026, FIA CCRSR / V1 (Electronic Equipment) « Only the watch models specified on the list published on fia.com may be worn by the navigator on board the compétition véhicule. »

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VIA VERDE

Motorways will be used for some stages of the Rally (Stage 2 RSA, Stage 4 RSB and Stage 5 RSA). Competition vehicles are equipped with a device that allows them to pass through tolls without stopping.

The procedures for using VIA VERDE will be published today on Sportity.

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3 Bivouacs
Grândola – 16 to 19
Badajoz – 19 to 21
Loulé – 21 to 22

(Please note the during the bivouac opening hours to the public, as mentioned in the "INFO Competitors", teams must protect their working areas)

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SS1: The stage runs through a forested area, with plenty of trees and some narrow passages. The first half of the SS is on sandy ground, and the second on harder ground, although sand is a constant feature throughout the stage.

SS2: Basically, the entire route is sandy

SS3: The Portuguese section runs through a forest, with plenty of trees and a sandy, though hard, surface. This section features some ruts and puddles. On the Spanish side, the route starts in the mountains and ends in farmland, which is more open but still rough.

SUMMARY OF THE SS



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SS4: A stage entirely on Spanish territory. The fastest stage of the race, featuring wide, fast roads. In rainy conditions, it can become very slippery, as the terrain consists of clay.

SS5: Back in Portugal, the bp Rally Raid Portugal bids farewell to Spain with a grueling route featuring numerous narrow passages through gates. Once in Portugal, the route remains challenging but is relatively faster. There are many ruts throughout the entire special stage.

SS6: A mountain stage with fast sections and generally good, though hard, surface. Pay special attention to the ravines along the stage.

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The bp Ultimate Rally Raid Portugal concludes its competitive phase with SS7, a 2-kilometer special stage held next to the Bivouac, open to the public and broadcast live on television.
After SS6, competitors enter a regrouping next to the Bivouac.

After SS7, on the way to the podium, the organizers have set up a car wash area to give the vehicles a quick wash. The Vilamoura Marina, one of the most prestigious locations in Algarve, welcomes the competitors who have finished the bp Rally Raid Portugal in a special seaside setting.

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FOR SAFETY REASONS, SOME SIGNS WILL BE PLACED ON THE GROUND.

SS SIGNS



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All route roads will be blocked with a yellow sign with a black X and further ahead the path will be completely blocked with black and white plastic tape. This will reduce the possibility of major mistakes, thus avoiding possible accidents involving head-on collisions.

SS SIGNS



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A tape will be placed on the right-hand side of the route (route confirmation) every 5 km.

At some intersections, especially those easily accessible to the public, directional signs will be placed.

SS SIGNS



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Signs to be used:

Blue plastic tape – route confirmation

Yellow signs with black arrow – direction indication

White and black tape – road closures

Sign with danger triangle – very danger zones (!!!, *Same locations as in the Road Book*)

Yellow signs with black X – road closures

SS SIGNS



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Signs will be placed between the flying finish and the stop



SS SIGNS



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Please take care when washing vehicles, due to the Marlink and ERTF equipment

WASHING



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The road book for the bp Ultimate Rally Raid Portugal has been validated by the Opening Car:

Jean-Paul Cottret and Thierry Magnaldi

OPENING CAR



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REFUELLING DURING THE SS IS ONLY POSSIBLE AT PUBLIC SERVICE STATIONS

REFUELLING



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Stages Road Book will be sent by email to the Team Managers:
Stage 1 and 5 – 17h00 (day 18 and day 22)
Stages 2, 3 and 4 – 12h00 (each day)

Assistance's Road Book will be published on Sportity:
Stage 2 and 4 – 12h00 (day 18 and 20)

Stage info at 17h00 every day on Sportity . Schematic map + timing

Daily briefing available on Sportity at 17h00 every day

ROAD BOOK TEAMS AND ASSISTANCES



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W2RC MEDALS CEREMONY STAGES EVERYDAY AT 19h00 AT THE BIVOUAC (except for stage 4 at 19h30)

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NATIONAL ROAD – 90KM/H
CITY – 30 OR 50KM/H
MOTORWAYS – 120KM/H

(Respect the speed limits and traffic lights with speed limits)

SPEED LIMITS ON ROADS



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TWO COUNTRIES, A DIFFERENT LAND, A DIFFERENT APPROACH

- PUBLIC: LOTS OF PEOPLE AT THE SS, PAY ATTENTION, PLEASE!
- COUNTRY ROADS – DO NOT DRIVE OFF THE TRACK
- FARMLAND – PRIVATE PROPERTY, AGRICULTURAL LAND, NO TRESPASSING (HEAVY FINES)
- FENCING AROUND FARMS – AVOID DESTRUCTION (HEAVY FINES)

STAY ON THE TRACK

PHILOSOPHY OF THE RALLY



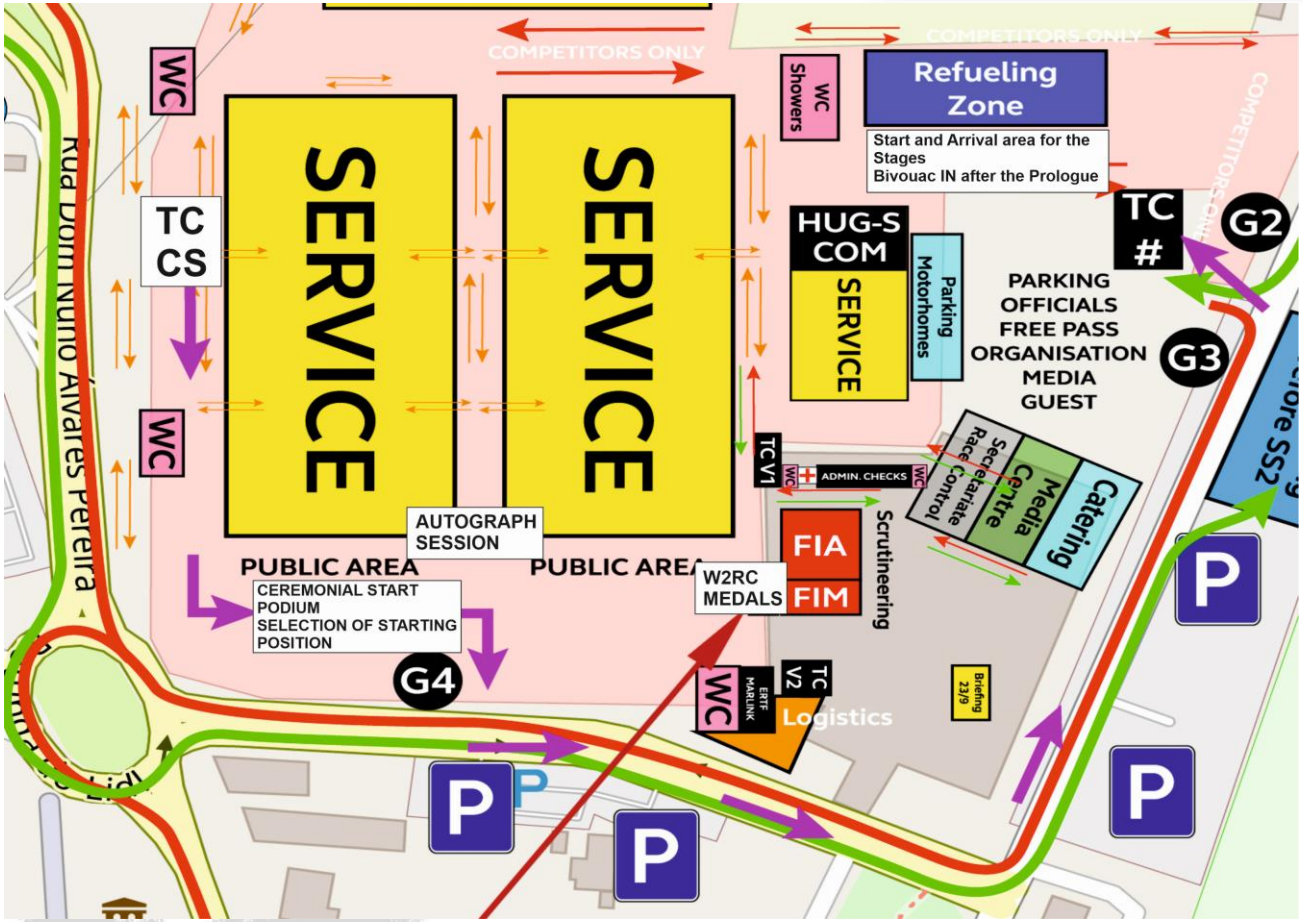
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Selection of Starting Position FIM - 17h15
Autograph Session – 17h30 / 18h00
Ceremonial Start – 1st Bike 18h15 – 1st Car 19h00

After crossing the Ceremonial Start ramp, the competitors follow a route of around 4 km through the village of Grândola and return to the bivouac

SCHEDULE
MARCH 17

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Competitors must report to the TC/CS at the time indicated on the published start list

Car competitors must be equipped.
Bike competitors must wear only a helmet.

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