



The 2023 Sligo Pallets Forest Rally Championship

Craig Breen to Sponsor Irish Junior 1000 Series

World Rally Championship star Craig Breen is delighted to announce a sponsorship deal that will see him directly supporting the Junior 1000 category within the 2023 Sligo Pallets Forest Rally Championship, which kicks off this weekend.

On top of a recently announced Pirelli deal for the series that sees the introduction of an all-new Control Tyre and an exciting Tuition Day being offered to registered Junior 1000 competitors, the deal being put together by Breen alongside the Championship Team is an incredibly exciting opportunity for the next generation of Rally stars.

“I’m delighted to be getting involved in supporting what is a remarkable Grassroots series, a unique opportunity we afford to these drivers to compete and learn in the sport from an a really early age” said Craig upon announcing the prize package that he is sponsoring this year.

The Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team star, fresh from a 2nd place finish on the recent Rally Sweden, was delighted to add “This sport has given me a remarkable amount, and now is the time for me to give back to the next generation of youngsters aiming to make a mark in Rallying. These drivers are the future, and I’m delighted to be able to help them on the initial steps on the journey”.

The commitment that Breen is making to the Junior 1000 series is multi-faceted, with all registered Sligo Pallets Forest Rally Championship competitors potentially in line to benefit as part of the deal. The initial impact will be through a Prize Fund to be contested on each of the five rounds of the Championship, with €1,250 in Vouchers per event on offer to be awarded in a number of ways. The details of the prizes, and criteria, will be publicised before each event.

These criteria will range from Performance related prizes on events, to draws taking place across the year, with both Rookie and Experienced competitors equally open to claiming a prize.

The overall winner of the 2023 Sligo Pallets Junior 1000 Forest Rally Championship will be off to Norway thanks to the support of Craig Breen, with a two-day package on offer at the legendary John Haugland Winter Rally School which includes two-day car hire (FWD), flights from Dublin Airport, Accommodation and transfers for the Driver and a Guardian.

The unique Rally School has seen hundreds of frontline World Rally Stars, including Craig Breen, pass through over the past 30 years, and the tuition and skills to be picked up on this trip are an incredible opportunity for any young driver to receive.

Finally, Craig has committed to appearing at the 2023 Junior 1000 Tuition Day, pending any additional WRC Testing commitments, at Tynagh, Co. Galway on Tuesday April 11th. Available exclusively to all registered J1000 competitors in the 2023 Forest Rally Championship, its an opportunity for drivers to receive one-on-one tuition from Breen, members of the Motorsport Ireland Rally Academy and professional Coaches in their own cars.

Cian Donnellan

Championship PRO



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The 2023 Sligo Pallets Junior 1000 Irish Forest Rally Championship Calendar:

Round 1 - 19th Feb – Killarney Forest Rally

Round 2 - 15th Apr – Moonraker Forest Rally

Round 3 - 14th May – Tipperary Sean Conlon Forest Rally

Round 4 - 20th Aug – Jim Walsh Cork Forest Rally

Round 5 - 8th Oct – Willie Loughman Carrick-on-Suir Forest Rally