

PRESS RELEASE

58th T.I.F. RALLY

Six decades of history. Two championships. One race.

Thessaloniki welcomes back the T.I.F. Rally

Six decades after its very first start, the T.I.F Rally (Thessaloniki International Fair Rally) continues to be one of the most important motorsport events in Northern Greece and, at the same time, the longest-running rally event in our country after the WRC Acropolis Rally.

On September 12 and 13, 2026, the Automobile Club of Thessaloniki (A.O.TH.) organizes the 58th T.I.F. Rally a race that combines the heavy legacy of a historic institution with the demands and intensity of modern rallying.

The 58th T.I.F. Rally is held under the auspices of the Hellenic Motorsport Federation (O.M.A.E.), with the undivided support of TIF-Helexpo, the Region of Central Macedonia, and the Municipalities of Thessaloniki, Themi, Polygyros, Aristotle, and Lagadas.

Standing by the organizers, as institutional supporters, are the local branches of the Hellenic Police and the Fire Brigade, contributing to the safe and flawless execution of the event.

This year's event serves as the 4th round of the Hellenic Asphalt Rally Championship 2026, while concurrently counting towards the Bulgarian Rally Championship, serving as the third and final round of the series.

This double counting gives the race a strong international character, creating a unique racing landscape where Greek and Bulgarian crews will face the exact same Special Stages and the same stopwatch, battling for victory and valuable points for their respective championships.

The same demanding layout as 2025

This year's event retains the same itinerary as 2025, offering crews a familiar yet exceptionally demanding racing environment.

The schedule includes five Special Stages (SS), with a total competitive distance of 92.93 kilometers.

The competitive challenge is based on two repeated Special Stages, "Livadi – Petrokerasa" and "Holomontas," while the curtain falls on the race with the "Galatista – Livadi" Power Stage.

FROM 1966 TO TODAY

Behind the number 58 of this year's event lies a history that began six decades ago.

The T.I.F Rally started in 1966, during an era when Greek rallying was beginning to acquire its own distinct identity. From its very first edition, it was linked to Thessaloniki and the International Fair, gradually becoming one of the most important institutions in Greek motorsport.

Throughout the decades that followed, its gravel—and later asphalt—stages have seen different generations of drivers and co-drivers, different generations of rally cars, and different eras of the sport.

The entries, the times, the victories, and the retirements are now pieces of a great racing history that carries on.

The 58th T.I.F. Rally does not start from zero. It builds upon this legacy and adds its own chapter, bringing an institution that began in 1966 up to the demands of modern rallying.

GREECE AND BULGARIA AGAINST THE SAME STOPWATCH

The international dimension is one of the most important features of this year's event.

For the Greek crews, the 58th T.I.F. Rally is yet another crucial stop in their effort to claim points for the Hellenic Asphalt Rally Championship.

For the Bulgarian crews, the Thessaloniki race constitutes the third and final round of the Bulgarian Rally Championship, a fact that adds further championship interest to the event.

The convergence of the two championships creates a racing field without borders.

The stages are shared.

The stopwatch is shared.

The battle, however, is different for every crew.

Behind every second lies a different championship goal, and on the demanding special stages of the T.I.F Rally, even the slightest loss of time can prove decisive.

RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 2026

The event opens on Saturday, September 12, from 14:00 to 17:00, with the Administrative Checks and Scrutineering at the South Gate of TIF.

The first taste of the race will be given the same evening, at 19:00, with the spectacular Ceremonial Start from the South Gate of TIF.

As every year, the start is expected to attract large crowds who will have the opportunity to meet the crews up close and admire the rally cars that will star in the 58th T.I.F Rally.

THE RACE DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The competitive leg of the 58th T.I.F. Rally takes place on Sunday, September 13, moving the action to the mountains.

The first rally car will depart at 08:00 from the Service Park located at the Galatista High School, heading into the battle of this year's five Special Stages.

SS 1 & 3 – "Livadi – Petrokerasa"

19.66 km | First car due: 08:28 & 11:54

"Livadi – Petrokerasa," measuring 19.66 kilometers, is one of the core challenges of the 58th T.I.F. Rally and will be run twice.

The first pass will give the crews their first real picture of the stage conditions. During the second pass, knowledge of the road must be translated into speed, making pace choices and the precision of the pacenotes even more critical.

SS 2 & 4 – "Holomontas"

23.63 km | First car due: 09:36 & 13:02

At 23.63 kilometers, "Holomontas" is the longest special stage of the rally and undoubtedly one of the premier asphalt rally stages in the country.

It is a barometer stage that, as proven in the past, can play a decisive role in the final outcome.

The length of the stage demands absolute concentration and proper pace management. Over the nearly 24 kilometers of the route, every mistake is costly, and even the smallest loss of time can prove significant in the battle of seconds.

Like "Livadi – Petrokerasa," "Holomontas" will be run twice.

SS 5 – POWER STAGE "GALATISTA – LIVADI"

6.35 km | First car due: 15:05

The final competitive test is the "Galatista – Livadi" Power Stage, spanning 6.35 kilometers.

Featuring its signature jump that offers plenty of spectacle, the Power Stage is the moment where management gives way to a final attack.

For the crews that make it this far without significant time losses, these final kilometers are the last chance to gain time and finish the rally in the best possible way, while also claiming additional bonus points.

Following the conclusion of the competitive action, the cars will head towards the South Gate of TIF, where the first racing car will cross the finish ramp at 16:15. In the same location, at 18:30, the Prize Giving Ceremony will take place.

ENTRIES OPEN ON AUGUST 24

The countdown to finalizing the starting list begins on Monday, August 24, 2026.

The entry period closes on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Entries will be submitted exclusively through the Online Race Management System (SDDA) at www.e-omae-epa.gr.

The completion of this process will reveal the final line-up for the 58th T.I.F Rally with interest focused on the presence of the Greek protagonists as well as the crews traveling from Bulgaria.

RECONNAISSANCE (RECCE)

Reconnaissance for all special stages will take place on the following dates and times:

- Sunday 06/09/2026: 10:00 – 16:00
- Friday 11/09/2026: 10:00 – 18:00
- Saturday 12/09/2026: 08:00 – 17:00

SECRETARIAT & PRESS OFFICE (RALLY HQ)

The Rally Secretariat and the Press Office will operate at the A.O.TH. offices:
Egnatia 154, inside TIF, Pavilion 15, Mezzanine
Thessaloniki, 54636

Operations at this location will continue until Friday, September 11.

On Saturday, September 12, 2026, the Secretariat and the Press Office will operate at the South Gate of TIF, from 13:00 to 21:00.

On Sunday, September 13, they will be housed in a specially configured space inside the Galatista School.

Competitors must remain in constant contact with the Rally Secretariat to receive information bulletins.

The Official Notice Board will be located in the same area, as well as on the SPORTITY app, using the password DETH2026.

58th T.I.F RALLY

SEPTEMBER 12–13, 2026

- One historic race.
- Two championships.
- Five special stages.

- 92.93 competitive kilometers.
- One great battle against the stopwatch.

Thessaloniki is getting ready to welcome back the T.I.F Rally