

California Rally Series Announces 2019 Rally Championship Schedule

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Los Angeles – The California Rally Series (CRS) is excited to announce the 2019 Rally Championship schedule, featuring five rallies. 2019 also welcomes the return of the CRS Side by Side (SxS) Championship, which will consist of select events where the popular sport vehicles will compete on the same stages as rally cars.

The CRS season kicks off north of Los Angeles with the High Desert Trails (HDT) Rally on May 4th in Ridgecrest, CA. Competitors can expect more of the eclectic terrain that makes HDT distinctive – from high-speed blasts through the Joshua tree lined desert to tight and twisty stages dodging Sequoia trees, with a water splash thrown in for good measure. HDT will return to a one day format, and count as a coefficient 3 (3x points) event for the CRS championship.

Returning to the CRS calendar is the Idaho Rally, which will be held on June 22 & 23 near Boise, ID. Run on smooth, flowing roads in the scenic, tree-lined hills of southern Idaho, this event will count as two coefficient 3 events towards the championship. Idaho will also support SxS vehicles and count towards the CRS SxS Championship.

For the first time, Rally Colorado will join the CRS Rally Championship. Based in Rangely, CO, on July 26 & 27, the rally takes place on scenic, high-elevation mountain roads in the western part of the state. As a new addition to the CRS calendar, Friday's event will count as a coefficient 3 in the rally championship as well as the SxS championship.

The Gorman Ridge Rally holds its traditional spot on the calendar, taking place on August 24. Based just over an hour north of Los Angeles in Frazier Park, CA, this compact and beginner friendly event takes place within the Hungry Valley off-road vehicle park. This year the rally will run as a coefficient 3 event featuring tight and twisty stages with minimal transits. Gorman

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Ridge Rally will be the final event for the CRS SxS Championship.

Capping off the season is the Prescott Rally in Prescott, Arizona on September 27 & 28. Featuring some of the most scenic rally roads in the country, the stages take competitors on a high-speed run through picturesque red-rock southwest desert landscape. Prescott will run as a coefficient 2 event on Friday night and a coefficient 3 event on Saturday, which means many class championships could be decided at the finale.

2019 CRS Rally Championship

May 4: High Desert Trails (C3) Ridgecrest, CA

June 22-23: Idaho Rally (C3, C3) Boise, ID

July 26-27: Rally Colorado (C3) Rangely, CO

Aug 24: Gorman Ridge Rally (C3) Frazier Park, CA

Sept 27-28: Prescott Rally (C2, C3) Prescott, AZ

The California Rally Series is the premier performance rally championship in the southwestern United States. The Series incorporates events from various sanctioning bodies in order to create a meaningful regional championship for its members. The California Rally Series represents over 44 continuous years of performance rally, making it the longest running rally series in the United States. To learn more about the California Rally Series visit www.californiarallyseries.com and follow @crspress on twitter.

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