

CRAIG BREEN FOUNDATION



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We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Craig Breen Foundation. Hailing from Waterford and making it all the way to the pinnacle of the World Rally Championship with Hyundai Motorsport, Craig always held grass roots rallying close to his heart. In 2023, he showed his commitment to this passion by offering to provide both support and funding for the Irish J1000 Forestry Series which is aimed at 14 to 17 year olds, starting out in the sport.

The foundation aims to continue and build on the good work started by Craig in developing the path into top level rallying for young Irish competitors, while honouring his memory. With the support of Hyundai Motorsport, Sports & You, Hyundai Portugal, Hyundai Spain, Motorsport Ireland and the FIA, the foundation has committed to support for the J1000 Forestry Series for a minimum 5 year period from 2024 onwards.

The foundation will initially see a total prize fund valued at over €35,000 made available for the 2024 J1000 Forestry Series. This includes:

1. Prizes to the value of €1,000 per round for each round of the Championship
2. €16,000 in support toward 2025 rally events for the top 3 placed drivers in the Championship (€5,000 to the winner and €3,000 each to the second and third placed drivers)
3. A funded drive on a round of the 2024 or 2025 Spanish/Portuguese Hyundai i20 Cup with the Sports & You team for the Championship winner (age dependant)
4. 1 day rally tuition at John Haughland Rally School shared between first and second place drivers in the Championship
5. 1 days pacenote tuition from Paul Nagle for the top 3 placed drivers in the Championship

The funded drive in the 2024/2025 season with the Sports&You team, owned by Craig's friend Zé Pedro Fontes, the same team that Craig contested the Portuguese Rally Championship with in 2023. This prize comes with the support of Hyundai Portugal and Hyundai Spain.

Further details will be released in due course, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those companies, organisations and individuals involved who have already supported the Foundation in honouring Craig's legacy. In particular, we would like to thank Hyundai Motorsport who have been instrumental in establishing the foundation.

If you would like to get involved in supporting the Foundation, please contact either Andrew Fanning or Andy Hayes.

