

 **HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT**



2019 MEDIA GUIDE



# Rally de España

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# HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Spain for the penultimate round in this year's FIA World Rally Championship – and an event where Hyundai Motorsport must perform at its best as we fight to secure our first Manufacturers' title.

We left Wales with another podium finish – our 11th this year – thanks to Thierry and Nicolas' charge to second, and as a result we are still leading the Manufacturers' points. This is the positive on which we will focus.

A big thank you to Thierry and Nicolas, who drove an amazing rally from start to finish. Andreas and Anders also scored some useful points in sixth that helped keep us in the lead, albeit by a smaller margin. Sadly, Craig and Paul's crash compromised their event.

I can't say we were happy with the overall result in Wales but being top of the standings will give us more commitment – if any were needed – to be stronger in the final rallies. Of course, Thierry is still mathematically in the race for the Drivers' title and he will be pushing hard in Spain for a first win there.

We welcome Dani and Carlos and Sébastien and Daniel back to the team for Rally de España. I know Dani would love to win his home event. He has come close in the past and his legion of fans will no doubt spur him on to his best. As for Seb, his record nine wins on this event include a victory last year, so I'm sure he will also be able to contribute greatly to our team effort.

I am pleased that Dani has signed a one-year extension to his contract with the team. He has shown this season that he remains one of the most versatile and competitive drivers in the WRC. His win in Sardinia was an exceptional performance, but he has demonstrated pace and potential in most of the rallies he has undertaken, so it was a logical decision for him to continue with our team for another year – his seventh consecutive season as a Hyundai Motorsport driver. Dani will take part in seven of the 14 rallies in 2020, and I am personally very happy he will remain part of our WRC programme.

Rally de España offers a challenge like no other world championship round, given its mixed-surface nature, so everyone on the team must be ready to tackle this challenge in terms of the set-up of our Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC.

Hopefully the next time I write it will be to report that we are one step closer to that first Manufacturers' crown.

**Andrea Adamo**

Team Director, Hyundai Motorsport



# ON STAGE WITH... SÉBASTIEN LOEB

**You obviously have a great record on this rally, but what was your best win and why?**

"For me, my best victory has to be last year because it was six years since I did Rally de España and to come back and win was just an incredible moment."

**What are your aims and objectives for the rally?**

"To do the same would be good but I know it's always complicated. Last year, everything went well, but I have to remember that I haven't driven the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC a lot. I just hope to be performing and be fast on gravel on the first day to give myself a good situation on Tarmac for the next two days. But for sure I will do my best for the team."

**What are the main challenges you face adapting from gravel to asphalt and back again?**

"The main challenge itself is to adapt from gravel to Tarmac because it's completely different. But when you are used to driving then it's quite easy to manage the change. I will be discovering a bit the two surfaces with this car so it's not going to be easy. But at least with the test and the practice rally (Rally Ciudad de Granada) we should be on a good rhythm from the start."

**You've been in many world championship fights before so what advice do you have for Thierry?**

"For sure, I had many world championship fights, but I don't think there is anything I can tell Thierry because I am sure he knows what to do. If I had to say something he just needs to keep his mind focused when he's fighting. It's important not to think too much about the consequences of each thing that he is doing. He just needs to drive his rally and do his best."

**Looking back, what have been the best and worst parts of your WRC comeback?**

"The best part was the comeback victory in Spain last year but I have also done some good performances this year with Hyundai, like in Chile. I was a bit disappointed in Corsica [with eighth place] because normally that is a good rally for me."



**SÉBASTIEN LOEB**

**TEAM POSITION:** Driver

**AGE:** 45

**WRC STARTS:** 177



@SébastienLoeb



/SebLoebOfficial



# HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport claimed a podium finish on Wales Rally GB with Thierry Neuville securing second place on the final day. The Belgian, alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul, landed the team's 11th individual podium of the season.
- Andreas Mikkelsen had hoped to make up ground in his close battle with Elfyn Evans on the event, but the Norwegian had to settle for sixth. Craig Breen brought his Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC home in eighth after a roll on day two.
- Hyundai Motorsport's lead in the Manufacturers' championship has been reduced to eight points with 86 up for grabs on the final two rallies of the season. Neuville, meanwhile, has increased his points tally to 199, 41 from Ott Tänak.
- Testing for Rally de España was held over four days in mid-October in Tarragona. Sordo and Sébastien Loeb, who both return to the team for the event, shared testing duties on gravel for a day before Neuville joined them. All three drivers then had one day of running on Tarmac to prepare for the mixed-surface event.
- Neuville and Gilsoul won the WRC section of Rallylegend in San Marino earlier in the month driving a Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC. Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland were second in a New Generation i20 WRC.
- Josh Files secured the TCR Europe crown with victory in the Monza finale driving a Hyundai i30 N TCR. The Briton's team, Target Competition, had already wrapped up the entrants' award.
- Max Hesse and Hyundai Team Engstler won the Drivers' and Teams' titles in a dramatic TCR Germany finale at the Sachsenring in September. HMO Customer Racing i30 N TCR pilot Will Brown clinched the inaugural TCR Australia title with a round to spare after a consistent showing at Sandown Raceway.
- There was more TCR success for Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing in the USA. The Hyundai America-supported Bryan Herta Autosport squad, which fields a pair of Velostar N TCRs, took the Teams' title in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge with Mark Wilkins and Michael Lewis sharing the Drivers' accolade after winning the season-closing two-hour race at Road Atlanta.
- Second place among the Slovenian championship runners on Rally Nova Gorica gave Hyundai Slovenia-backed Rok Turk the national title in his first year with an i20 R5.



# HYUNDAI IN NUMBERS

**1967:** Company founded in Korea and has gone on to establish sales networks in 190 countries and employs over 110,000 people.

**10,000:** Of those global employees, some 10,000 people work at Hyundai's R&D base in the Korean city of Namyang.

**50:** Hyundai Motorsport's hub in Alzenau, Germany, is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's HQ in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim. It's home to more than 200 employees representing some 29 nationalities.

**11:** With crews allowed to select their own permanent car numbers for 2019, Thierry Neuville has opted for 11 as a reminder of the first time he and Nicolas Gilsoul finished as championship runners-up in 2013: "It means a lot to us because it was our first strong season in WRC," he explains. "Both Nicolas and I wanted the number 11, which also has the number one in it. We hope it will bring us success."

**89:** Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland's car number is partly based on their successful driving partnership. "It was a natural choice for us," says the Norwegian. "It represents the year we were both born: 1989. We are good friends, we work together very well and this number seemed the perfect fit."

**19:** Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena's car number was an obvious choice, given that this season marks the 20th anniversary of their WRC debut. But as he explains there were other reasons for the decision: "The number 19 is the birth date of my daughter, Valentine. It's also representative of the one JWRC title and nine WRC titles that I have acquired over the years, which is nice."

**6:** Dani Sordo, meanwhile, is sticking with a car number that has served him well. "I chose the number six because it's what I've been using in recent seasons with Hyundai and it has brought us some good results," says the Spaniard, who is co-driven by Carlos del Barrio. "We have nice memories using this number, so maybe it will bring us even better results this season!"

**54:** Neuville's second place on Wales Rally GB was Hyundai Motorsport's 54th podium result since entering the WRC in 2014. It was also the Belgian's sixth podium of 2019 and the 11th for the team this season.

**199:** Neuville is once again in the hunt for the WRC Drivers' title with victory in Corsica and Argentina, plus podium finishes in Monte Carlo, Sweden, Portugal and Great Britain, helping him to amass 199 points in the Drivers' championship.

**5.1:** Hyundai Motorsport has fans around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.1 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 75,000 followers on Twitter and more than 261,400 on Instagram.



# N BRAND

- Hyundai Motor's high-performance N brand enforces the company's goal to create vehicles that match up to the high standards of excellence expected, but are as fun to drive as they are practical.
- N represents two important elements. Firstly, the Namyang district in South Korea where Hyundai Motor Group's global R&D base is located and the N brand was born. Secondly, the Nürburgring race track in Germany, which is home to Hyundai's Technical Center and used to hone the N vehicles. Meanwhile, the N logo itself is also a graphical representation of a classic race track chicane; a tight serpentine turn in the road.
- The N name and reputation have become established in global motorsport. Since its launch in 2015, N has performed at the highest level with success in the FIA World Rally Championship, the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, the Pirelli World Challenge series and the gruelling Nürburgring 24 Hours.
- Hyundai's competition-honed N vision and philosophy come to life in a systematically structured product portfolio.
- N models including the i30 N and Veloster N offer exclusive engine performance and dynamic technology innovations to satisfy performance-oriented enthusiasts. The introduction of the latest N car, the i30 Fastback N, completes the first phase of the N performance vehicle rollout.
- The new N Line, characterised by N-specific design and performance-enhancing elements, further widens the range of choices available to customers. These vehicles will be instantly distinguishable by their differentiated design elements.
- Finally, N Options will offer N-produced customisation parts for drivers who desire improved performance and uniqueness.





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# HYUNDAI I20 COUPE WRC UNCOVERED

**Engine:** Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection 1,600cc and fitted with a mandatory 36mm air restrictor

**Power:** 380hp at 6,500RPM with a maximum torque of 450NM at 5,500RPM

**Transmission:** Six-speed sequential gearbox, four-wheel drive, mechanical front and rear differentials, electro-hydraulic centre differential

**Suspension:** MacPherson struts with adjustable dampers front and rear

**Steering:** Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion

**Brakes:** Ventilated Brembo disc brakes (370mm on asphalt, 300mm on gravel) and air-cooled, four-piston calipers, hydraulic handbrake

**Tyres:** Team partner Michelin will supply five different tyre types for Rally de España: the LTX Force H4 is the first choice of gravel tyre for warm and dry weather, with the LTX Force M6 as the alternative in the event of cold temperatures and damp conditions. For Saturday and Sunday's asphalt stages, Michelin will supply the Pilot Sport H5 (hard) and S6 (soft), plus the Pilot Sport FW3 in the event of wet weather. Teams can use a maximum of 16 gravel tyres (including four for shakedown) on Friday and 16 asphalt tyres on Saturday and Sunday for a combined total of 32

**Electronics:** Magneti Marelli SRG Engine Control Unit and dash

**Safety:** Sabelt seats and multiple fixing points with adjustable straps

**Chassis:** Steel bodyshell with welded multi-point roll cage, steel and composite fibre bodywork components

**Dimensions:** length: 4,100mm, width: 1,875mm, track width: 1,665mm, wheel base: 2,570mm

**Weight:** 1,190kg (1,350kg with driver and co-driver on board)

**Lubricants:** Shell Helix-Ultra

**Fuel:** FIA approved





# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

### #11 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 020)



#### THIERRY NEUVILLE

**Date of birth:** June 16, 1988

**Place of birth:** Sankt Vith, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 109

**WRC wins:** 11

No driver has driven for or won more with Hyundai Motorsport than Neuville, an ever-present for the team since 2014, when he scored the first of 11 (and counting) WRC wins. Four came in 2017, but while no driver bettered his total that season, he would have to settle for second to Sébastien Ogier, something he did in 2016 and 2018 when he lost out on Rally Australia's final-round decider. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian finished second in 2013. That achievement caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut season in 2014. He scored the team's first podium in Mexico that year and led a memorable one-two (ahead of Dani Sordo) on Rallye Deutschland – the squad's maiden victory. Neuville has won in Corsica and Argentina so far this year, and also made the podium in Monte Carlo, Sweden, Portugal and Great Britain.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 8, 2018 result: 4, Best result: 3



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



#### NICOLAS GILSOUL

**Date of birth:** February 5, 1982

**Place of birth:** Chênée, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 105

**WRC wins:** 11

Gilsoul's WRC adventure began in 2007, two seasons before Neuville's step up to world level, while the Belgians did not join forces until 2011. The partnership quickly blossomed, however, with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the IRC, in only their second event together. Their move to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014 has so far produced nine wins while Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in the championship. As well as myriad stage rallies in Europe and beyond, Gilsoul has tackled the East African Safari Classic Rally on three occasions, finishing a best of third in 2015 alongside Grégoire de Mevius.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 4, Best result: 3



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/nicolas.gilsoul

# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio

### #6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 015)



#### DANI SORDO

**Date of birth:** May 2, 1983

**Place of birth:** Torrelavega, Spain

**Nationality:** Spanish

**WRC starts:** 166

**WRC wins:** 2

One of the WRC's most consistent performers, Sordo's relaxed and outgoing nature has won him legions of fans – and not just in his native Spain. His motorsport career began aged 12 in motocross and karting, and he won the Junior world rally crown in 2005. Sordo became a WRC winner in Germany 2013 and is now regarded as one of the most trusted drivers in the championship. The Spaniard joined Hyundai Motorsport at the end of 2013 and has become an integral member of the organisation. Having been part of the team's milestone 1-2 result on Rallye Deutschland in 2014, he has gone on to secure many more podiums. Scoring two top-three finishes in 2018 in Mexico and Argentina only added to Sordo's already impressive list of achievements and he has topped that this year with his second WRC victory in Sardinia.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 16, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 2



@DaniSordo



/DanielSordo



#### CARLOS DEL BARRIO

**Date of birth:** August 15, 1968

**Place of birth:** Santander, Spain

**Nationality:** Spanish

**WRC starts:** 92

**WRC wins:** 2

Santander-born del Barrio has co-driven for some of the biggest names in Spanish rallying. His career began in 1987 on Rally Vidal de la Peña, but it was in 1994 that he made his WRC debut with Jesus Puras. This partnership enjoyed tremendous success in their native Spain, winning three national titles. In 2004, Carlos joined forces with Dani Sordo for an initial four-event campaign with the young Spaniard looking for an experienced co-driver. The pairing would reunite in 2011 for a longer WRC programme, which included three podiums and a popular win on the 2013 Rallye Deutschland. The crew will be chasing further success on selected events in 2019, starting in Mexico.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 17, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 4



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena

### #19 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 022)



#### SÉBASTIEN LOEB

**Date of birth:** February 26, 1974

**Place of birth:** Haguenau, France

**Nationality:** French

**WRC starts:** 177

**WRC wins:** 79

Twenty years after he burst onto the world stage in Spain, rallying's most successful driver returns to the sport's top flight for a multi-event campaign with Hyundai Motorsport, only the third car make he's represented in the WRC. Loeb secured his first podium finish as a Hyundai Motorsport driver with third place on Rally Chile, adding to the 79 wins and 118 podiums scored during his career so far. He's demonstrated impressive versatility over the years too, winning in the World Touring Car and World Rallycross championships. He was competitive in two appearances in the Le Mans 24 Hours - finishing second in 2006 - in Formula One tests with Renault and Red Bull, and brought his considerable ability to the Dakar Rally and Pikes Peak Hillclimb, where he broke the course record in 2013 by 1m30s. Loeb has transferred his talents to team management, with the eponymous team he co-owns winning in several disciplines.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 14, 2018 result: 1, Best result: 1



@SébastienLoeb



/SebLoebOfficiel



#### DANIEL ELENA

**Date of birth:** October 26, 1972

**Place of birth:** Monte Carlo, Monaco

**Nationality:** Monegasque

**WRC starts:** 177

**WRC wins:** 79

Loeb's wingman since 1997, four years after he first began competing, Elena has also tried driving for size. Indeed, he began 1997 behind the wheel on Rallye Monte-Carlo but crashed out. He had another go 12 months later and finished second in class, but his partnership with Loeb was already in full swing by then and driving was put firmly on the backburner. The Loeb/Elena alliance soon flourished and would be the stuff of legend by the time Loeb stopped rallying full-time at the end of 2012. While Loeb then raced in the WTCC and WRX, Elena has remained 'rally fit' by competing sporadically both driving and navigating.

#### RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 14, 2018 result: 1, Best result: 1



@DanosElena



/DanielElenaOfficiel

# PLACE NOTES

with Carlos del Barrio

*Dani Sordo's co-driver has a long but mixed relationship with Spain's world championship counter. These are his Place Notes.*



I have both positive and negative memories of my home round of the FIA World Rally Championship.

On the positive side, it's where I made my WRC debut in 1991 on what was the first Rally Catalunya to count for the world championship. But on the negative side I am still waiting for my first podium on this event.

I have been fourth twice, in 2005 and 2011, and 2005 was a very bitter feeling. I was co-driving for Xevi Pons and we lost the podium by 1.2 seconds because we stalled the engine in the last special stage and lost 10s. I had to wait until 2011 for my first WRC podium in Germany but Xevi never took a podium and this is a negative.

Looking back to 1991 it was also a good achievement because we finished 12th overall with Jaime Azcona in a Peugeot 205 GTI, won the Spanish Trophy and were fourth in Group N.

Back then the rally started on Sunday and finished on Wednesday, with the first two days on Tarmac and the second two days on gravel. It was based in Lloret de Mar in the north and I really liked the event. I was only 23 back then but already it was my target to become a professional co-driver. However, I was still at university so it was just a dream.

The rally took place in mid-November in 1991 and it does make a difference the time of year when it is held. For instance, you can have situations with the sunlight and shadows, and when it was run in the spring the weather was more unpredictable: in 2000, we even had some snow on the stages.

To finish on the podium would be a dream come true – in fact, not only the podium but a win! There is support from everywhere in Spain and I know it would mean a lot to many people.

Having all this support brings pressure because you have a lot of friends there and they want you to do well, so you do your best to have a smart and faultless rally and be as fast as possible. On the other hand, you can turn this support into a positive feeling when you are pushing for a good result.

# HYUNDAI IS HERE...

## En España

- Hyundai Spain began life on March 1, 1992 with the opening of 18 dealerships across the country. Three models – the Sonata, Lantra and S-Coupe – went on sale with 1,172 vehicles registered by the end of the first year.
- In 2009, Hyundai Motor Company took control of the distribution of the brand in Spain, forming Hyundai Motor Spain and relocating its headquarters to Las Tablas in 2010.
- That summer, Hyundai Motor Spain was responsible for organising the largest event by a private company in the country when 500,000 fans attended the Hyundai Fan Park in central Madrid to watch the Spanish football team win the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.
- For the first time in the history of Hyundai in Spain, the company was represented at the Barcelona Motor Show in 2011 where the i40 was given its world premiere and the Elantra its first showing in Europe.
- For the past 15 years, Hyundai in Spain has sponsored the Children's Desert in Morocco. In addition to being a solidarity trip to support the children of the Moroccan desert, the event represents a test for Hyundai's range of SUVs in extreme weather conditions. In the latest edition, the Hyundai-Federico Granda School was inaugurated, built in the Moroccan desert thanks to the contribution of the Hyundai Motor Spain Dealers Network.
- In 2016 Hyundai launched IONIQ, the first vehicle in the world to have three different levels of propulsion: hybrid, plug-in hybrid and all-electric. A year later, Hyundai launched the latest generation of the i30 with four different versions available: five doors, Station Wagon, Fastback and the N - the first high-performance vehicle developed by Hyundai. Hyundai also entered the SUV-B segment with the new Hyundai KONA.
- The Kona was launched in 2017 and was chosen as the Car of the Year by the ABC newspaper. It joined other Hyundai models previously chosen as Car of the Year in Spain: the i30 (2008), the ix35 (2010) and the Tucson (2015).
- This year is proving successful for Hyundai in Spain with sales expected to reach 62,000 units. New versions of the Tucson, Santa Fe and i20 have been launched, as well as the first 100 per cent electric compact SUV, the new KONA EV.
- And for the first time in Spain a brand is marketing a hydrogen-powered vehicle, the Hyundai NEXO, which clearly demonstrates Hyundai's great technological advances, placing it at the forefront of Eco-mobility.
- For more information go to: [www.hyundai.es](http://www.hyundai.es)



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# HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo <a href="http://www.acm.mc">www.acm.mc</a>	January 24-27
	Round 2	Rally Sweden <a href="http://www.rallysweden.com">www.rallysweden.com</a>	February 14-17
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato México <a href="http://www.rallymexico.com">www.rallymexico.com</a>	March 07-10
	Round 4	Tour de Corse <a href="http://www.tourdecorse.com">www.tourdecorse.com</a>	March 28-31
	Round 5	Rally Argentina <a href="http://www.rallyargentina.com">www.rallyargentina.com</a>	April 25-28
	Round 6	Copec Rally Chile <a href="http://www.copecrallychile.com">www.copecrallychile.com</a>	May 09-12
	Round 7	Vodafone Rally de Portugal <a href="http://www.rallydeportugal.pt">www.rallydeportugal.pt</a>	May 30 - June 02
	Round 8	Rally Italia Sardegna <a href="http://www.rallyitaliasardegna.com">www.rallyitaliasardegna.com</a>	June 13-16
	Round 9	Neste Rally Finland <a href="http://www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi">www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi</a>	August 01-04
	Round 10	ADAC Rallye Deutschland <a href="http://www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de">www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de</a>	August 22-25
	Round 11	Marmaris Rally Turkey <a href="http://www.marmarisrallyturkey.com">www.marmarisrallyturkey.com</a>	September 12-15
	Round 12	Wales Rally GB <a href="http://www.walesrallygb.com">www.walesrallygb.com</a>	October 03-06
	<b>Round 13</b>	<b>RallyRACC Catalunya -Rally de España</b> <a href="http://www.rallyracc.com">www.rallyracc.com</a>	<b>October 24-27</b>
	Round 14	Kennards Hire Rally Australia <a href="http://www.rallyaustralia.com.au">www.rallyaustralia.com.au</a>	November 14-17



# THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2019 season results:

Event	Neuville	Mikkelsen	Loeb	Sordo	Breen
Monte-Carlo	2	-	4	-	-
Sweden	3	4	7	-	-
México	4	11	-	9	-
Corsica	1	-	8	4	-
Argentina	1	2	-	6	-
Chile	Rtd	7	3	-	-
Portugal	2	-	Rtd	23	-
Sardinia	6	3	-	1	-
Finland	6	4	-	-	7
Germany	4	6	-	5	-
Turkey	8	3	-	5	-
Great Britain	2	6	-	-	8
Spain	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 standings  
(after round 12 of 14)

## MANUFACTURERS

**1 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 340pts;** 2 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 332; 3 Citroën Total World Rally Team 278; 4 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 200

## DRIVERS

1 Ott Tänak (EST) 240pts; 2 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 212; **3 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 199;** 4 **Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 102;** 5 Kris Meeke (GBR) 98; 6 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 90; 7 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 84; 8 Teemu Suninen (FIN) 83; 9 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 83; **10 Dani Sordo (ESP) 72;** 11 **Sébastien Loeb (FRA) 39;** etc.



# SPAIN MEANS

- Rally de España has the honour of being the only true mixed surface event on the World Rally Championship calendar. First run in 1957 as the Rallye Catalunya-Volta a Catalunya, Spain's WRC round was a regular European championship fixture before its elevation to global status in 1991 from its old base on the Costa Brava in Lloret de Mar.
- The rally's relocation to Salou in 2005 coincided with Hyundai Motorsport's Sébastien Loeb beginning his unbroken sequence of eight wins, followed by a record ninth last year. The rally has also been a happy hunting ground for Thierry Neuville and Dani Sordo, who have both made the podium, while Andreas Mikkelsen claimed his maiden WRC victory in Spain in 2015.
- Based once again at Salou's PortAventura theme park in Tarragona province, this year's rally kicks off with a ceremonial start on the Salou seafront on Thursday, with crews heading west on Friday. Two loops of three gravel stages include the event's longest and arguably trickiest test – the 38.85 kilometres of La Fatarella-Vilalba, which with its mix of gravel and asphalt sections will test both the drivers and the cars' tyres to the limit.
- On Friday evening the teams will be under pressure to switch their cars from gravel to asphalt set-up for the second and third legs of the rally. Saturday's stages are north-west of Salou. Savallà, Querol and the famous El Montmell test – shown live on television – all featured last year and will be followed by an end-of-day 2.24km street test by the Salou seafront.
- On Sunday, there are two runs through Riudecanyes and La Mussara split by a midway service, with the latter test (running for the first time since 2014) also televised live and counting as the final points-scoring Power Stage.

## Recent winners

2018	Sébastien Loeb/Daniel Elena	Citroën C3 WRC
2017	Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	Citroën C3 WRC
2016	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Andreas Mikkelsen/Ola Fløene	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2014	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY ONE: Friday October 25, 2019

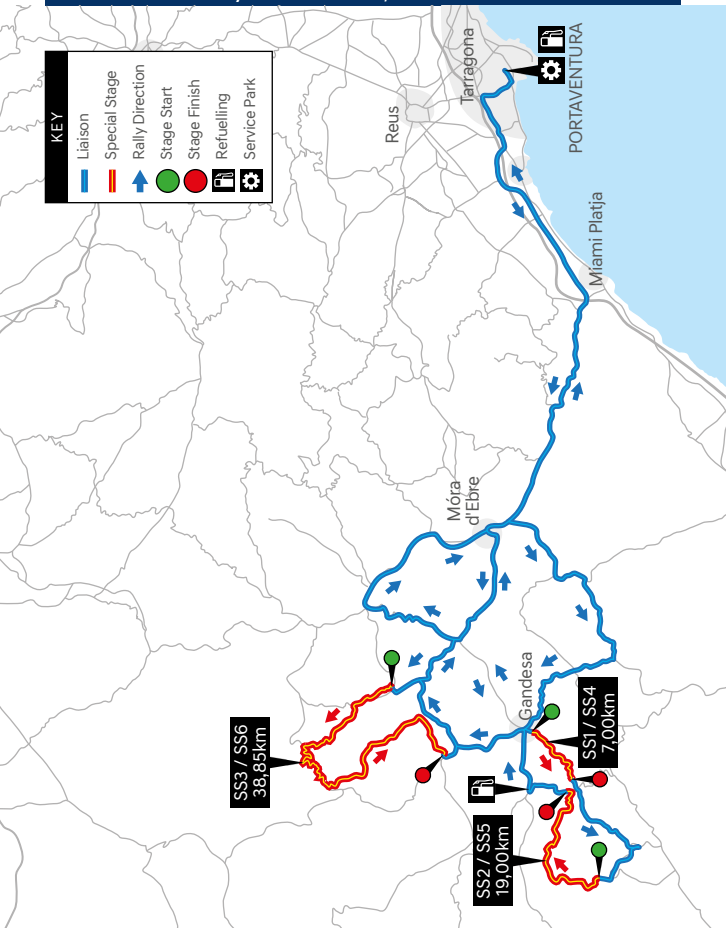
Start – Service Park, PortAventura			08h00
SS1	Gandesa 1 (gravel)	7,00km	09h23
SS2	Horta-Bot 1 (gravel)	19,00km	10h03
SS3	La Fatarella – Vilalba 1 (gravel & asphalt)	38,85km	11h13
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h15	13h08
Service A – PortAventura In		0h40	13h23
SS4	Gandesa 2 (gravel)	7,00km	15h26
SS5	Horta-Bot 2 (gravel)	19,00km	16h06
SS6	La Fatarella – Vilalba 2 (gravel & asphalt)	38,85km	17h16
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h10	19h41
Flexi-Service B – PortAventura		1h15	19h51
Parc Fermé – PortAventura In		Closes at 23h59	

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	129,70km
Liaison distance:	459,58km
Total distance:	589,28km



**DAY ONE: Friday October 25, 2019**





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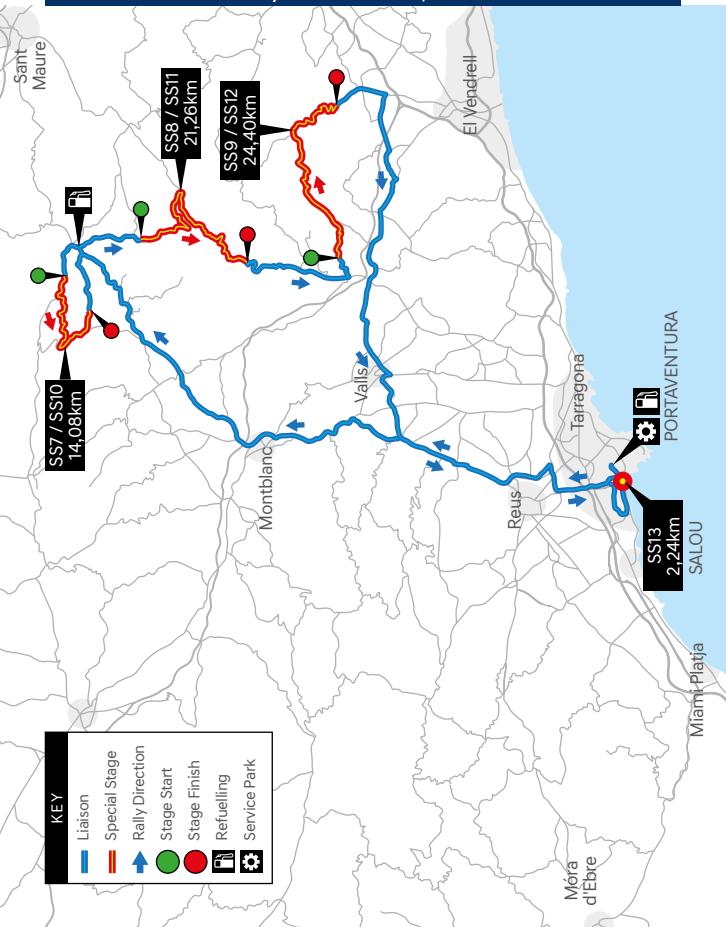
## DAY TWO: Saturday October 26, 2019

Service C – PortAventura In		0h15	07h30
SS7	Savallà 1 (asphalt)	14,08km	09h00
SS8	Querol 1 (asphalt)	21,26km	09h41
SS9	El Montmell 1 (asphalt, Live TV)	24,40km	10h38
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h10	12h00
Service D – PortAventura In		0h40	12h10
SS10	Savallà 2 (asphalt)	14,08km	14h01
SS11	Querol 2 (asphalt)	21,26km	14h42
SS12	El Montmell 2 (asphalt, Live TV)	24,40km	15h38
Regroup Salou In		0h15	17h12
SS13	Salou (asphalt)	2,24km	17h30
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h10	17h50
Flexi-Service E – PortAventura In		0h45	18h00
Parc Fermé – PortAventura In		Closes at 21h30	

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	121,72km
Liaison distance:	341,24km
Total distance:	462,96km

DAY TWO: Saturday October 26, 2019





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## DAY THREE: Sunday October 27, 2019

Service F – PortAventura	0h15	06h45
SS14 Riudecanyes 1 (asphalt)	16,35km	07h41
SS15 La Mussara 1 (asphalt, Live TV)	20,72km	08h38
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h10	09h38
Service G – PortAventura In	0h30	09h48
SS16 Riudecanyes 2 (asphalt)	16,35km	10h54
Regroup Les Borges del Camp In	0h35	11h25
SS17 La Mussara 2 (asphalt, Power Stage)	20,72km	12h18
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h03	13h38
Service H – PortAventura In	0h10	13h41
Finish – Podium Salou		14h01

## DAY TOTALS:

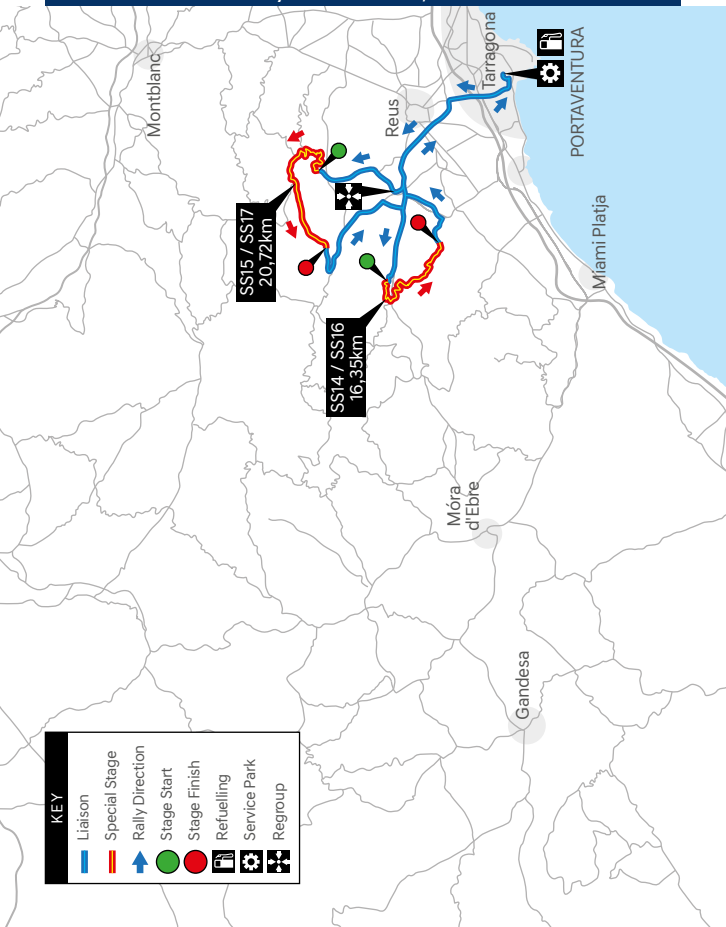
Special stage distance:	74,14km
Liaison distance:	162,47km
Total distance:	236,61km

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Special stage distance:	325,56km
Liaison distance:	963,29km
Total distance:	1288,85km



**DAY THREE: Sunday October 27, 2019**





# LEADING ENTRIES\*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Jarmo Lehtinen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Citroën C3 WRC
5	Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
6	<b>Dani Sordo (ESP) / Carlos del Barrio (ESP)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
10	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
11	<b>Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
19	<b>Sébastien Loeb (FRA) / Daniel Elena (MCO)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
17	Takamoto Katsuta (JPN) / Daniel Barritt (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC



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## TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY DE ESPAÑA:

### Media Lounge:

17h30-18h15, Wednesday October 23, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, PortAventura

## OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY DE ESPAÑA:

### Shakedown:

09h01-14h30, Thursday October 24, Shakedown Salou (2,00km)

### Pre-event FIA press conference:

14h00, Thursday October 24, Media Centre, Rally HQ, PortAventura

### Ceremonial start:

19h00, Thursday October 24, Podium Salou, Passeig Jaume I

### Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

From 15h00, Sunday October 27, Podium Salou

### Post-event FIA press conference:

16h00, Sunday October 27, Media Centre, Rally HQ, PortAventura





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