

 **HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT**



2019 MEDIA GUIDE



# RALLY SWEDEN

## Rally Sweden

February 14 - 17, 2019

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# HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Rally Sweden for round two of the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship, which got off to a fantastic start for the Hyundai Motorsport team with a great performance from everyone on Rallye Monte-Carlo.

I hope you all enjoyed the exciting battle as much as we did with the closest finish in Monte-Carlo history as Thierry and Nicolas claimed the runner-up spot behind Sébastien Ogier, with just 2.2 seconds separating them. It was incredibly tight all weekend and a fantastic way to begin the new WRC season.

If someone had told us before Monte that we would finish in second place, with Sébastien Loeb and Daniel just missing out on a podium result in fourth, I think we would have taken that. Andreas also demonstrated his huge potential by fighting for a podium early on before his unfortunate retirement, but I am sure that he and Anders will turn things round in Sweden.

It was our most competitive Monte performance so far and I am pleased that we could play such an influential role in the rally. All our crews demonstrated strong, competitive pace and were capable of finishing on the podium. I hope this is a sign of things to come for the entire season.

And so, we move on to Rally Sweden – an event we won last year with Thierry and where we know our Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC will be extremely competitive. It should be noted that Thierry and Sébastien are among the few non-Nordic winners of this event. Our Scandinavian star Andreas has also come close to prevailing on what is in part home soil, with some of the stages contested in Norway.

We look forward to defending our success on these snowy stages with the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC and another strong showing from the whole Hyundai Motorsport team.

**Andrea Adamo**

Team Director, Hyundai Motorsport



## ON STAGE WITH... ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

**Your previous best result in Sweden was second in 2014 – what do you need to do to win this year?**

“First of all, you need to get the feeling right with the car. Also, our lower starting position on the road should be a good help so we will just hope for fresh snow to take advantage of that. But you need to be flat out from the first stage to the very end because the pace is always high.”

**What would it mean to you to win in Sweden, particularly as some of the stages are run on home soil in Norway?**

“It’s the closest I come to a home rally with one day in Norway. We have a lot of Norwegians watching and it’s always great to see them coming out to cheer you on. But I don’t feel any more pressure because of that.”

**How are you finding having Sébastien Loeb, a nine-time world champion, in your team?**

“It’s really great. He is making a big contribution, he has a lot of experience from all the rounds and he knows what it takes to be a champion. It worked well on Rallye Monte-Carlo, we are all quite similar when it comes to feedback, so that proves we are working in the right direction.”

**What are the particular challenges on Rally Sweden?**

“The challenge is to understand the grip and how hard you can push. You can use the snowbanks but not too much. If it’s a soft bank you can get pulled in. You can use them a bit to support you, but you have to watch out for punctures and hitting the snowbanks too much.”

**How do you best prepare for a specialist, high-speed rally such as Sweden?**

“It’s the only rally on snow and ice so we go through onboard videos a lot. We had a test in Sweden in an area where the roads were pretty similar to the rally so hopefully we can be ready to attack the stages.”



**ANDREAS MIKKELSEN**

**TEAM POSITION:** Driver

**AGE:** 29

**WRC STARTS:** 101



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# HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport began the 2019 World Rally Championship season with a thrilling fight for victory on Rallye Monte-Carlo where Thierry Neuville finished just behind Citroën's Sébastien Ogier. The closest-ever Monte went down to the wire with Neuville extracting maximum performance from his Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul to end up just 2.2 seconds behind his rival after more than 300km of typically testing stages.
- A fighting fourth-place finish for Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena in their first rally with the team underscored a positive opening weekend for Hyundai Motorsport, which took an early lead in the Manufacturers' championship with 30 points. Despite just one day of testing prior to the rally, the French crew claimed two stage wins and were firmly in the podium hunt.
- Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland also impressed during the weekend, pushing hard for a podium on Saturday morning prior to their untimely retirement. It was an encouraging performance for the Norwegians with plenty of positives to take on to Rally Sweden.
- Hyundai Motorsport tested for Rally Sweden at the start of February, with Neuville, Mikkelsen and Loeb each completing one day of running.
- Hyundai Motorsport crew Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio will join the field on next month's Rali Serras de Fafe at the wheel of a Hyundai i20 R5. The duo will contest the gravel rally, round one of the Portuguese national championship, as part of their preparations for Rally México. The competition – just two weeks before the León-based event – will give the Spanish pairing an opportunity to focus on performance ahead of their 2019 WRC debut.
- Stéphane Sarrazin and Jacques-Julien Renucci gave the i20 R5 a first top-ten finish in the WRC on Rallye Monte-Carlo. Driving a car prepared by Sarrazin's team the pair were among the quickest R5 crews throughout the event, held on typically varied road conditions. They took three consecutive second-fastest R5 times to claim ninth overall and third in class.
- German Luca Engstler made a victorious start to his 2019 season in the TCR Malaysia series. Taking his Liqui Moly Team Engstler Hyundai i30 N TCR to Asia for the first time after debuting it in TCR Germany last year, Engstler won both races at the Sepang Circuit on January 19-20, and scored another double the following weekend. The results not only left Engstler within reach of the title, but also put the i30 N TCR atop the Car Model of the Year points with two races remaining.



# 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!"

**30:** Neuville's second place on Rallye Monte-Carlo along with Loeb's fourth-place finish means Hyundai Motorsport has taken an early lead in the Manufacturers' championship with 30 points.

**44:** Second place for Thierry and Gilsoul in Monte was also Hyundai's 44th podium result in the WRC.

**5.2:** Hyundai Motorsport has fans all around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.2 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 68,900 followers on Twitter and more than 179,000 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 its X-ICE North 3 tyre for Rally Sweden. Each tyre is equipped with 384 studs to provide grip on the ice and snow-layered stages. The metal studs weigh four grams, are 20mm in length and protrude 6.5mm through the tyre. Teams can use a maximum of 30 tyres for the rally including six for shakedown

**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 016)



#### THIERRY NEUVILLE

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

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

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 98

**WRC wins:** 9

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 nine (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 got his 2019 season off to a strong start with second place on Rallye Monte-Carlo.

#### RALLY SWEDEN RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 1, Best result: 1



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



#### NICOLAS GILSOUL

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

**Place of birth:** Chênée, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 94

**WRC wins:** 9

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 SWEDEN RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 1, Best result: 1



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland

## #89 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 012)



### ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

**Date of birth:** June 22, 1989

**Place of birth:** Oslo, Norway

**Nationality:** Norwegian

**WRC starts:** 101

**WRC wins:** 3

Having joined Hyundai Motorsport for three late-season events in 2017, Mikkelsen is embarking on his second full campaign with the squad this year when better luck will be the order of the day following a frustrating 2018, which the Norwegian completed with a solitary podium to show for his efforts. A successful skier at youth level, Mikkelsen switched to rallying when injury curtailed his promising career on the slopes. Relocating to the UK for 2006, he was a winner shortly after getting his driving licence following his 17th birthday. After becoming the youngest WRC point-scorer in 2008, Mikkelsen won back-to-back Intercontinental Rally Challenge titles in 2011-12. He took his maiden WRC victory with Volkswagen in 2015 and triumphed again in Poland and Australia the following season.

### RALLY SWEDEN RECORD:

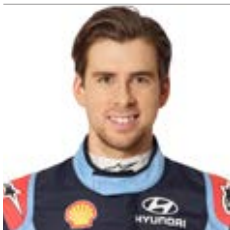
Starts: 7, 2018 result: 3, Best result: 2



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### ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

**Date of birth:** July 29, 1989

**Place of birth:** Oslo, Norway

**Nationality:** Norwegian

**WRC starts:** 45

**WRC wins:** 2

Jæger-Amland has enjoyed a rapid rise to rallying's top level having started his career in 2014 in his native Norway alongside Bernt Kollevold. He made his world championship debut that year with Ole Christian Veiby in Spain before going on to contest a mix of mainly Junior WRC and European championship events the following season, scoring five podiums including a win in the former. Jæger-Amland's partnership with long-time friend Mikkelsen began in fine style in 2016 when they were second on Rallye Monte-Carlo, one of six podium visits that year which included two victories.

### RALLY SWEDEN RECORD:

Starts: 3, 2018 result: 3, Best result: 3



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena

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



#### SÉBASTIEN LOEB

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

**Place of birth:** Haguenau, France

**Nationality:** French

**WRC starts:** 173

**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 six-event campaign with Hyundai Motorsport, only the third car make he's represented in the WRC. Loeb took two stage wins on his way to a fighting fourth place on the first round of 2019 in Monte-Carlo, adding to the 911 stage victories scored during his career so far as well as 79 wins and 117 podiums. 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 SWEDEN RECORD:

Starts: 12, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



@SébastienLoeb



/SebLoebOfficiel



#### DANIEL ELENA

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

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

**Nationality:** Monegasque

**WRC starts:** 173

**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 SWEDEN RECORD:

Starts: 12, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



@DanosElena



/DanielElenaOfficiel

# MY BEST MOMENT



**NAME:** Thierry Neuville  
**Title:** Driver  
**Event:** Rally Italia Sardegna, 2018



Thierry Neuville has won nine times for Hyundai Motorsport in the FIA World Rally Championship. But it was his victory alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul in Sardinia in 2018 that really stands out, after he overcame a 3.9s deficit to beat Sébastien Ogier to victory by 0.7s in a thrilling final stage.

## What has been your best moment with Hyundai Motorsport?

“My win in Sardinia last year after a close battle with Sébastien Ogier. It was really tight – there was 0.7 seconds between us at the finish – so there was a lot of excitement. We knew we had to give it everything and it was a truly fantastic fight.”

## How did you do it?

“We kept pushing as hard as we could without doing anything stupid. It was the perfect Sunday morning with four stage wins but battling against Seb is one of the most difficult things to do. Starting first on the road on Friday put us at a disadvantage. The rain helped a bit but we never gave up. After 313 kilometres of stages we won by 0.7 seconds, which was amazing, one of the finest wins of our career. But we had to thank Hyundai Motorsport for giving us such a great car.”

## Why was the win so special?

“It was a really important moment in the fight for the title as we headed into the second half of the season in the lead of the championship with a lot of momentum. The win felt great of course, especially when everybody from the team jumped into the sea afterwards to celebrate! We beat Elfyn Evans by the same amount in Argentina the year before so it’s obviously a gap we like to win by!”

## So what got you interested in driving in the first place?

“I always dreamed about being a rally driver and when I was young I followed Bruno Thiry. He was a driver from my area in Belgium who gave me a lot of inspiration. I went with my father to several events and I always enjoyed watching him, he was very spectacular.”



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# HYUNDAI IS HERE... i Sverige

- Hyundai has been represented in Sweden since 1990. As of 2018, Hyundai Bilar Import AB is responsible for distribution to more than 80 official dealers.
- Currently, the broadest range of electrified cars in Sweden is offered by Hyundai. Both IONIQ and the recently launched compact SUV, Kona Electric (pictured), have achieved Car of the Year status in both 2017 and 2018 through publications such as Auto Motor & Sport, Teknikens Värld and Elbilen.

















- All Hyundai models sold come with a five-year warranty and unlimited mileage. There are 101 service centres throughout Sweden.
- Hyundai is a pioneer of hydrogen fuel-cell technology in road cars in Sweden. The ix35 FCEV has been on sale in the country since 2014 and currently more than 20 fuel-cell cars are in use in Sweden.
- The world's first hydrogen-powered SUV, Hyundai NEXO, will be launched in Sweden this spring – taking the fuel-cell revolution to a new level in Scandinavia. The country's fifth hydrogen fuel station was opened in Mariestad and many more will follow soon.
- Hyundai's green strategy is now in full effect and by launching both the Kona Electric and the Tucson mild hybrid, Hyundai is strengthening its position as a pioneer and leader within the eco car segment.
- For more information please visit [www.hyundai.se](http://www.hyundai.se) or [www.mynewsdesk.com/se/hyundai](http://www.mynewsdesk.com/se/hyundai)



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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	<b>Rally Sweden</b> <a href="http://www.rallysweden.com">www.rallysweden.com</a>	<b>February 14-17</b>
	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	Rally Mobil (Chile) <a href="http://www.rallydeportugal.pt">www.rallydeportugal.pt</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
	Round 13	RallyRACC Catalunya-Rally de España <a href="http://www.rallyracc.com">www.rallyracc.com</a>	October 24-27
	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
Monte-Carlo	2	-	4	-
Sweden	-	-	-	-
México	-	-	-	-
Corsica	-	-	-	-
Argentina	-	-	-	-
Chile	-	-	-	-
Portugal	-	-	-	-
Sardinia	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 standings  
(after round 1 of 14)

## DRIVERS

1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 29pts; **2 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 21**; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 17; 4 Kris Meeke (GBR) 13; **5 Sébastien Loeb (FRA) 12**; 6 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 10; 7 Gus Greensmith (GBR) 6; 8 Yoann Bonato (FRA) 4; 9 Stéphane Sarrazin (FRA) 2; 10 Adrien Fourmaux (FRA) 1 etc.

## MANUFACTURERS

**1 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 30pts**; 2 Citroën Total World Rally Team 25; 3 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 25; 4 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 14



# SWEDEN MEANS

- A founding round of the World Championship in 1973, Rally Sweden has been run since 1950 when it was a summer-time event known as the Rally to the Midnight Sun.
- Long since moved to a winter slot, it is now the only WRC round held in pure snow conditions, with drivers having to master the art of leaning their studded tyre-shod cars on the snowbanks lining the stages as they seek out grip and traction. Not enough snow can result in studs being ripped from the tyres, leading to inadequate grip levels, and a lack of wintry conditions has previously forced organisers to cancel the event.
- Hyundai Motorsport's Thierry Neuville and Sébastien Loeb are among the few non-Nordic drivers to have won in Sweden, in 2018 and 2004 respectively. Nine-time champion Loeb has claimed a further four second places on this high-speed event, which is also Andreas Mikkelsen's best result so far, set in 2014.
- While rallying legend Stig Blomqvist has racked up the most Swedish victories with seven, Finland's double champion Marcus Grönholm – returning to WRC action for the first time in nine years in Sweden with Toyota – is not that far behind on five.
- Once again, the action kicks off with the Karlstad superspecial at the Färjestad Trotting Course on Thursday evening, followed by stages run largely on neighbouring Norwegian soil on Friday. There are two loops based around the Hof-Finnskog, Svullrya and Rödjen tests, followed by an initial run through the 8.93km Torsby sprint stage back in Sweden at the end of the day.
- Classic Swedish tests follow on Saturday and Sunday. Crews pass through Rämmen, Hagfors and Vargåsen on Saturday before another blast through the superspecials at Karlstad and Torsby. There are then two visits to the Likenäs stage on Sunday before a final run through Torsby, which also counts as the live-for-TV Power Stage.

## Recent winners

2018	<b>Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
2017	Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	Toyota Yaris WRC
2016	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2014	Jari-Matti Latvala/ Miikka Anttila	Volkswagen Polo R WRC





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY ONE, PART ONE: Thursday February 14, 2019

Start - Färjestad Trotting Course, Karlstad 20h04

SS1 Super Special Stage Karlstad 1 1,90km 20h08

Parc Fermé - Torsby In 21h58

## DAY ONE, PART TWO: Friday February 15, 2019

Service A - Torsby In 0h15 06h00

SS2 Hof-Finnskog 1 21,26km 07h55

SS3 Svullrya 1 24,88km 09h08

SS4 Røjden 1 18,10km 09h59

Technical Zone and Regroup Torsby In 0h15 11h19

Service B - Torsby In 0h40 11h34

SS5 Hof-Finnskog 2 21,26km 13h54

Light Fitting Zone - Namnå (after 12,57km)

SS6 Svullrya 2 24,88km 15h17

SS7 Røjden 2 18,10km 16h08

SS8 Torsby 1 8,93km 17h14

Technical Zone Torsby In 0h10 17h40

Flexi-Service C - Torsby In 0h45 17h50

Parc Fermé - Torsby In 18h35

## DAY TOTALS:

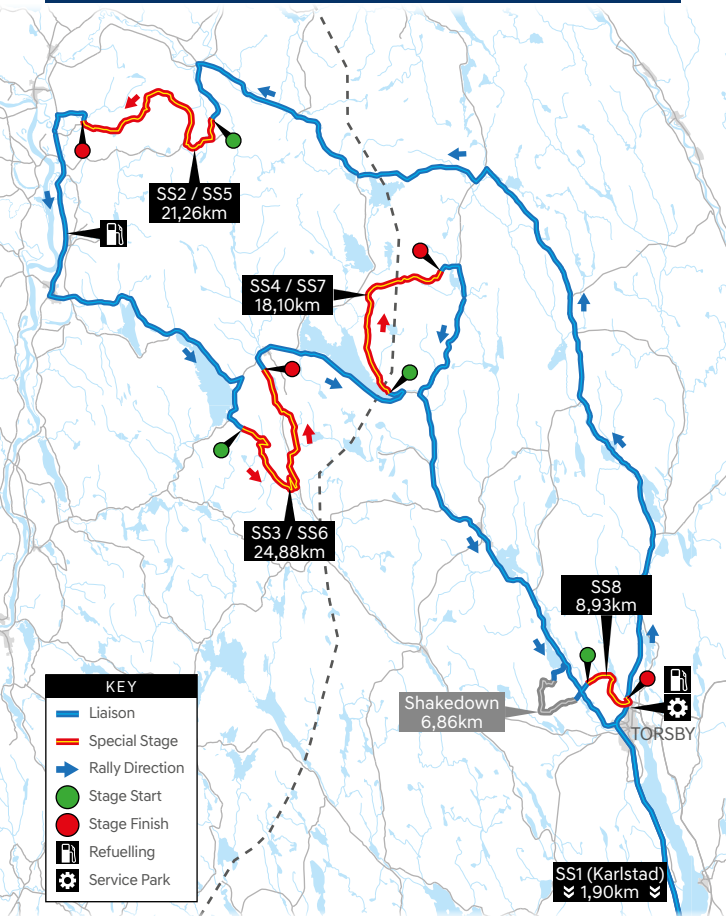
Special stage distance: 139,31km

Liaison distance: 505,97km

Total distance: 645,28km



**DAY ONE: Thursday 14 / Friday 15 February, 2019**





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY TWO: Saturday February 16, 2019

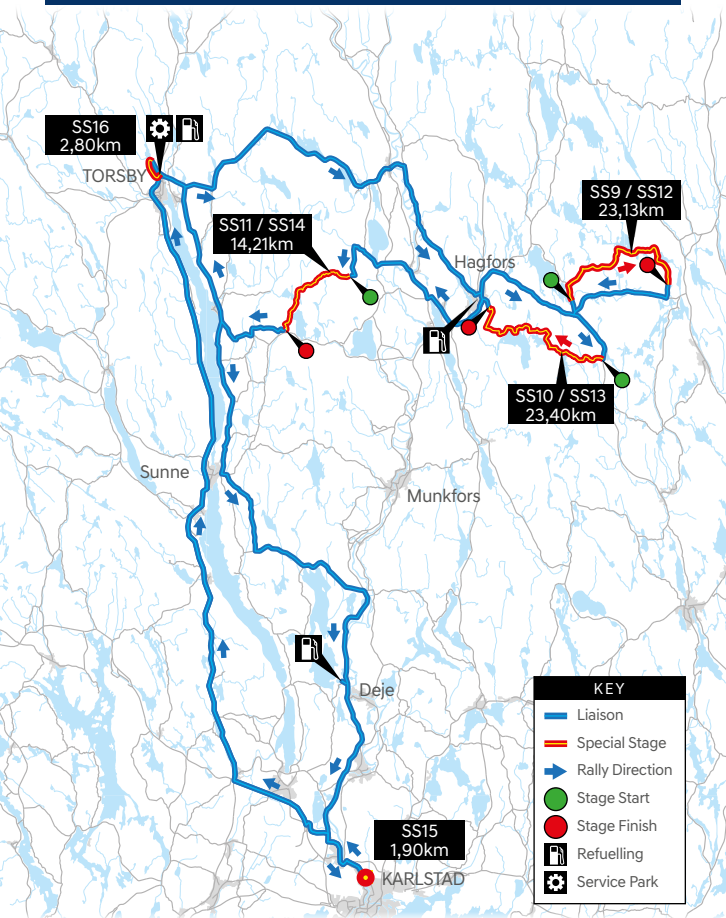
Service D – Torsby In		0h15	06h00
SS9	Rämmen 1	23,13km	07h44
SS10	Hagfors 1	23,40km	08h35
SS11	Vargåsen 1	14,21km	09h37
Technical Zone and Regroup Torsby In		0h15	10h38
Service E – Torsby In		0h40	10h53
SS12	Rämmen 2	23,13km	13h02
SS13	Hagfors 2	23,40km	13h53
Light Fitting Zone – Hagfors (after 2,30km)			
SS14	Vargåsen 2	14,21km	15h08
Regroup Karlstad In		0h33	17h02
SS15	Super Special Stage Karlstad 2	1,90km	17h45
SS16	Torsby Sprint	2,80km	19h30
Technical Zone Torsby In		0h10	19h50
Flexi-Service F – Torsby In		0h45	20h00
Parc Fermé – Torsby In			20h45

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	126,18km
Liaison distance:	487,13km
Total distance:	613,31km



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Service G - Torsby In	0h15	06h30
SS17 Likenäs 1	21,19km	07h50
Regroup Ambjörby In	1h01	08h30
SS18 Likenäs 2	21,19km	09h51
Regroup Torsby SP In	0h40	11h16
SS19 Torsby 2 (Power Stage)	8,93km	12h18
Finish Service Park Torsby		12h38

### DAY TOTALS:

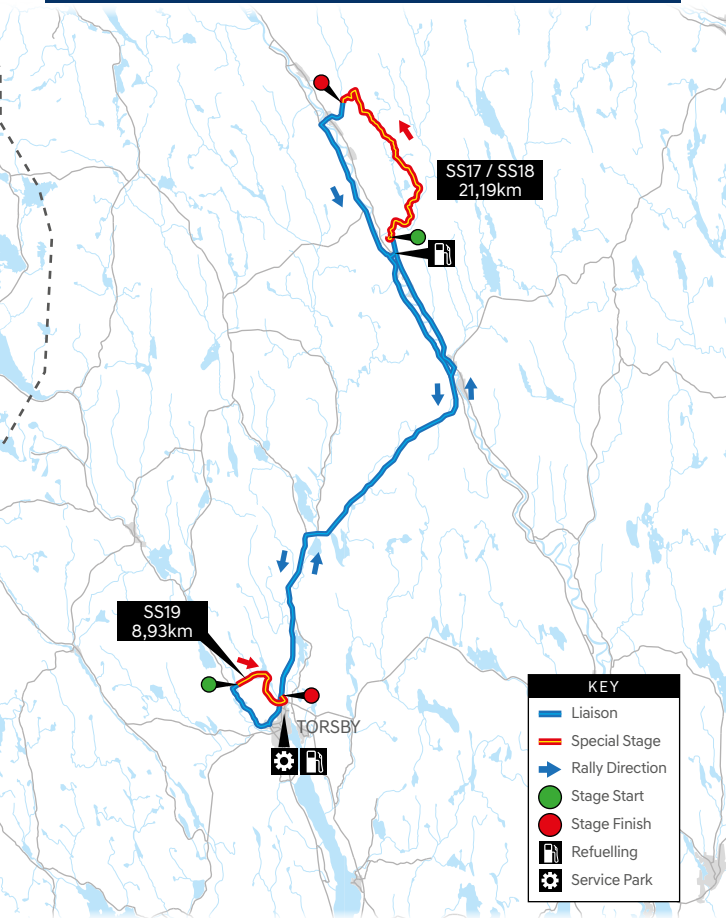
Special stage distance:	51,31km
Liaison distance:	150,69km
Total distance:	202,00km

### RALLY SWEDEN TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	316,80km
Liaison distance:	1143,79km
Total distance:	1460,59km



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# LEADING ENTRIES\*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Marko Salminen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Citroën C3 WRC
5	Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
7	Pontus Tidemand (SWE) / Ola Fløene (NOR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
10	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miiikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
<b>11</b>	<b>Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Sébastien Loeb (FRA) / Daniel Elena (MCO)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
37	Lorenzo Bertelli (ITA) / Simone Scattolin (ITA)	Ford Fiesta WRC
68	Marcus Grönholm (FIN) / Timo Rautiainen (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
<b>89</b>	<b>Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger-Amland (NOR)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
92	Janne Tuohino (FIN) / Mikko Markkula (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC



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# AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

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## TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY SWEDEN:

### Media Lounge:

18h00-18h45, Wednesday February 13, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, Torsby

## OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY SWEDEN:

### Shakedown:

09h00-13h30, Thursday February 14, Skalla, Torsby (6,86km)

### Pre-event FIA press conference:

13h00, Thursday February 14, Press Center, Service Park, Torsby

### Opening ceremony including presentation of the drivers:

19h00, Thursday February 14, Färjestad, Karlstad

### Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

13h00 onwards, Sunday February 17, Service Park, Torsby

### Post-event FIA press conference:

14h00, Sunday February 17, Press Center, Service Park, Torsby





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