



2019 MEDIA GUIDE



Rallye Monte-Carlo

January 24 - 27, 2019

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HYUNDAI'S HELLO

A very warm welcome from all at Hyundai Motorsport to Rallye Monte-Carlo and to the start of our sixth season in the FIA World Rally Championship.

Having fought so hard for both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' titles in 2018, the winter break not only provided an opportunity to recharge our batteries, it was also a great chance to assess how we could be stronger during the season ahead. We therefore begin 2019 rejuvenated and with a firm battle plan in place.

Being appointed Team Director of Hyundai Motorsport is a completely new challenge for me and a step forward from what I've done so far, which gives me even more motivation to work together with the team to reach our goals. Our objectives for WRC remain the same as they have always been, namely to fight for the Manufacturers' and Drivers' titles. This is important for Hyundai and our N brand. The WRC is incredibly competitive and the other teams will want to approach the new season with the same winning mind-set. We have to make sure we're delivering and performing at our best at all times.

In my new role, it is a real privilege to welcome Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena to the Hyundai Motorsport family. Nine-time world champions, they will contest six rounds with our team, starting on Rallye Monte-Carlo, an event they have won a record seven times. As well as their obvious talent, they bring considerable experience to the Hyundai attack and we can't wait to maximise this opportunity.

As well as Seb and Daniel, we can count on the qualities of Thierry and Nicolas and Andreas and Anders. Both crews have a clear understanding of the challenge that awaits on Rallye Monte-Carlo thanks to the unpredictable weather and stage surfaces. It's great to start the year with such a competitive driver line-up, which will also include Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio on selected events beginning in Mexico.

While the winter break provided a chance for rest and recuperation, the work hasn't stopped at our headquarters in Alzenau, Germany. I thank all the staff for their vital contributions and look forward to reaping the rewards from Rallye Monte-Carlo onwards.

Andrea Adamo

Team Director, Hyundai Motorsport





ON STAGE WITH... SÉBASTIEN LOEB

What experience do you have of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC?

"We had a very short window of opportunity to test the i20 Coupe WRC before Rallye Monte-Carlo because I was competing on the Dakar Rally. But I believe that we are as well prepared as we can be for the opening round of the season, even in such a short time."

Before the Dakar you visited the team's factory in Alzenau. How did that go?

"It was very productive and definitely helped me and Daniel to get up to speed quickly prior to testing the car. I had a special seat fitting during my visit, which I did once in WTCC but have never done before in rally. We made some adjustments to get me comfortable in the car ahead of testing."

A new team means new colours, have you got used to your new Hyundai Motorsport colours yet?

"Having spent such a long period with the same manufacturer, it will take time to get used to. I like my new colours, though, and I am really looking forward to the challenge. It promises to be an exciting season."

Are victories possible?

"Of course, I hope that we can fight for wins, but at the same time I know it will be a difficult challenge to come back into WRC with a new car and a new team. I did three rallies last year and won one of them. I hope I will quickly get used to the i20 Coupe WRC and be able to show competitive pace – and perhaps even be in the hunt for first place."

You're a seven-time Rallye Monte-Carlo winner. How can you be so quick but make so few errors on what is a very tricky event?

"I think you need to be able to read the road conditions very well and manage your rhythm, understanding where the grip changes are. I have always felt quite comfortable there and had some good results in tricky conditions, so I hope I can do well this year too. It's almost a new rally for me as I know very little of Monte-Carlo as it is now. I've only previously driven the last 10 kilometres of the Col de Turini."



SÉBASTIEN LOEB

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 44

WRC STARTS: 172



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HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport welcomes rallying royalty to its driver line-up for 2019 with Sébastien Loeb, the nine-time world champion, joining the team for six events. Partnered by long-term co-driver Daniel Elena, Loeb scored his record-extending 79th WRC victory in Spain last year and begins the latest chapter of his phenomenal career on Rallye Monte-Carlo. "Joining Hyundai will give us a fresh challenge," said the 44-year-old. "The Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC is a proven winner. As a crew we know can still be up there with the best, so 2019 promises to be exciting."
- Dani Sordo is signed up for a sixth season with Hyundai Motorsport, the Spaniard earning an eight-event campaign alongside compatriot Carlos del Barrio, which starts on Mexico's world championship counter in March. Sordo scored a quintet of top-five finishes, including two podiums, in 2018.
- While Sébastien Loeb and Dani Sordo will tackle selected rounds only, Thierry Neuville and Andreas Mikkelsen are on board for a full roster of WRC events this season.
- Aside from sporting a new colour scheme, Mikkelsen's Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC will display a new name in 2019: co-driver Anders Jæger got married during the off-season and will now be known as Anders Jæger-Amland.
- There was a change to Hyundai Motorsport's senior management at the start of January, with Team Principal Michel Nandan departing the company after six years. Nandan oversaw 10 wins and the runner-up spot in the Manufacturers' championship in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- With a proven record as Customer Racing Manager, Andrea Adamo has taken on the new role of Team Director, heading up Hyundai Motorsport's WRC activities, in addition to his existing duties with the i20 R5 and i30 N TCR programmes.
- Hyundai Motorsport's new-for-2019 livery was shown for the first time at the Autosport International show in Birmingham, UK, earlier this month as part of the official season launch. Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul, Andreas Mikkelsen/Anders Jæger-Amland and Dani Sordo/Carlos del Barrio were all present in their new overalls. New Team Director Andrea Adamo was also in attendance.
- Neuville and Mikkelsen each completed a day of Rallye Monte-Carlo testing in early January. They also got an extra half day in the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC the weekend before the event, while Loeb was due to get behind the wheel for the first time last Sunday following his Dakar Rally campaign.



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!"

9: Neuville and Gilsoul were the most successful Hyundai pairing in last year's WRC. As well as winning three times, the Belgians made a further six visits to the podium.

79: With 79 wins and nine world titles to his name, new Hyundai Motorsport recruit Loeb is the most successful driver in WRC history.

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 67,300 followers on Twitter and more than 165,500 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 Pilot Sport S6 soft and Pilot Sport SS6 supersoft tarmac tyres, plus its Pilot Alpin A41 CL studded and Pilot Alpin A41 non-studded winter tyres for Rallye Monte-Carlo, depending on the traditionally changeable stage and weather conditions. Teams can use a maximum of 39 tyres for the entire rally

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: 97

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 his current tally of nine WRC wins. Four of those triumphs came in 2017, but while no driver bettered his total that season, he would have to settle for the runner-up spot behind Sébastien Ogier, something he did in 2016 and again in 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 the 2013 WRC after a highly competitive campaign. That achievement caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut campaign 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.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 3



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NICOLAS GILSOUL

Date of birth: February 5, 1982

Place of birth: Chênée, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 93

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.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 8, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 3



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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: 100

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.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2018 result: 13, Best result: 2(WRC2 1)



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ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

Date of birth: July 29, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 44

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.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 4, 2018 result: 13, Best result: 2(WRC2 1)



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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: 172

WRC wins: 79

Twenty years after he burst onto the world stage in Spain in 1999, 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. At the start of the 2019 season, Loeb's record from 172 starts read nine world titles, 79 victories, 117 podiums and a staggering 911 stage wins. He's demonstrated impressive versatility during his career too, notching up victories in the World Touring Car Championship and World Rallycross Championship. 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 has also brought his considerable ability to the Dakar Rally and Pikes Peak Hillclimb, where he broke the course record in 2013 by a minute and 30 seconds. Loeb has transferred his talents to team management, with the eponymous team he co-owns winning in several disciplines.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 11, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



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DANIEL ELENA

Date of birth: October 26, 1972

Place of birth: Monte Carlo, Monaco

Nationality: Monegasque

WRC starts: 172

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.

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO RECORD:

Starts: 11, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



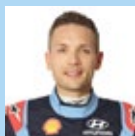
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MY BEST MOMENT



NAME: Nicolas Gilsoul
Title: Co-driver
Event: Rallye Deutschland, 2014

Nicolas Gilsoul has been part of the Hyundai Motorsport family since 2014, co-driving Thierry Neuville to nine wins and the runner-up spot in the WRC standings on three occasions. Here he reveals his standout memory with the team.

What was your best moment with Hyundai Motorsport?

"In five years, we spend a lot of very nice moments together, but probably the most special was my first win with Thierry in Germany in 2014. It was really, really something incredible to be part of this achievement because it was also the first win for Hyundai."

Why was it so special?

"We rolled the car massively in shakedown and we were a little confused about the best way to start the rally. But it's always been a favourite rally of Thierry, he's always been competitive there. So, we mentally reset our minds and pushed hard for the whole weekend. Obviously, it's a really tricky event with the road conditions sometimes changing, but stage after stage we managed to be in the lead and in the end we finished first."

Is there one achievement that could surpass this memory?

"Winning the WRC title for sure. Every year we are fighting very hard for it, we're living for this 365 days a year. We are sleeping for that, eating for that, working for that. It's our main target, our life goal. I am sure that when we achieve it, it will replace the current one."

So, what got you interested in co-driving in the first place?

"When I was a teenager I was passionate about navigation, to read a map and a road book and to understand how the older guys were doing it. I immediately understood my parents didn't have the money for me to do karting so some doors in the sport were already closed. I was therefore happy to discover this different discipline and, as a teenager, I was strong to learn and to push and to beat the other guys. It was my way then and it is still my way now."



WHO'S WHO?

Andrea Adamo – Team Director

With a proven record as Hyundai Motorsport's Customer Racing Manager, Adamo takes on the new role of Team Director for 2019. In this position, Adamo will oversee all motorsport activities from the company's Alzenau base, including WRC and ongoing development of the i20 R5 and i30 N TCR cars for customers around the world.



What was your career path before joining Hyundai Motorsport?

"As a student, I collaborated with Abarth on rallying and racing. I was then a junior aerodynamicist in the DTM before working as a race engineer in the Italian and Spanish super touring championships. After a spell at FIAT Group, I became a consultant working for many companies, including a Lotus rally car project as well as N Technology. Then, in 2012, I moved to Honda Racing to work on WTCC until 2015. At the end of that year, Hyundai Motorsport contacted me and the time was perfect for a new challenge."

How did you set about establishing the Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing department?

"When I joined, there were just three of us and the focus was on the R5 programme. We had to create the entire department from scratch, building and developing a car, and growing a customer base in a short space of time. It was an ambitious, tough target but we achieved it. Since then we've added a successful TCR project, which – alongside WRC and R5 – is helping us to create a strong reputation for the Hyundai name in global motorsport."

What does your new role as Team Director mean for you personally?

"I am excited to take on this new role with the additional responsibilities that it will bring. On the one hand, it will be a big challenge, but on the other I hope to unify and merge our various motorsport activities – WRC and Customer Racing. We have a great team of people in Alzenau so my aim is to create a cohesive working environment, optimising resources and continuing to build on the foundations that have been laid up to now."

What are the immediate priorities for WRC?

"I am not the sort of person who comes in and changes things for the sake of it. I need to spend time to understand what is working and where we need to make adjustments. I've been asked to help the company be successful but this is a team effort. We need to continue the work that has been done before. This team has fought for the WRC title for the past few years so, with humility, I will do what I can to take us the extra step that is needed."



HYUNDAI IS HERE...

En France



- Rallye Monte-Carlo once again marks the first competitive outing by Hyundai Motorsport on French soil in 2019. The squad will also be in action on Tour de Corse from March 28-31.
- During 2018, Hyundai set a new record in France with the registration of more than 35,000 cars (source CCFA).
- A total of 16 Hyundai models are currently on sale in France, ranging from the i10 to the Santa Fe, along with the renowned Tucson, KONA and i20.
- In 2018, Hyundai Motor France launched a number of new products including the new KONA electric, the first 100 per cent electric urban SUV, and NEXO, the second-generation hydrogen-powered SUV. Hyundai also has a presence in the sportscar market with the i30 N and i30 Fastback N, which was launched with a world-record race between the Danish villages of Rome and Paris. The i30 N and i30 Fastback N both have an engine power output of 275 PS. And finally, Hyundai Motor France welcomed a new generation of i20, i30 Fastback, Tucson and Santa Fe with brand-new equipment and style.
- All Hyundai cars sold in France come with an unlimited mileage five-year warranty.
- The majority of the Hyundais sold in France are designed and built in Europe.
- Hyundai currently has more than 180 dealers throughout France – and the network is constantly growing.
- For more information visit www.hyundai.fr



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HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 calendar

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



THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2018 season results:

Event	Mikkelsen	Neuville	Sordo	Paddon	Huttunen (WRC2)
Monte-Carlo	14	5	R	-	-
Sweden	3	1	-	5	6 (18 overall)
Mexico	4	6	2	-	6 (18 overall)
Corsica	7	3	4	-	-
Argentina	5	2	3	-	-
Portugal	16	1	5	-	12 (25 overall)
Sardinia	20	1	-	4	-
Finland	10	9	-	4	2 (12 overall)
Germany	6	2	R	-	12 (27 overall)
Turkey	5	16	-	3	-
Great Britain	6	5	-	7	4 (12 overall)
Spain	10	4	5	-	11 (23 overall)
Australia	11	R	-	2	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 standings
(after round 13 of 13)

DRIVERS

1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 219pts; **2 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 201**; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 181; 4 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 128; 5 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 126; **6 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 84**; 7 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 80; **8 Hayden Paddon (NZL) 73**; **9 Dani Sordo (ESP) 71**; 10 Mads Østberg (NOR) 70; etc.

MANUFACTURERS

1 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 368pts; **2 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 341**; 3 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 324; 4 Citroën Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team 237



MONTE MEANS

- The world's oldest rally and a founding round of the world championship continues as the traditional WRC-season curtain-raiser over a route that's 40 per cent different compared to 2018.
- While the itinerary has been tweaked, the rally's penchant for testing crews to the limit remains intact, due to expected changeable weather and stage conditions that have long since characterised this hugely demanding event.
- Of the drivers taking on the challenge of this all-asphalt showpiece, none have claimed more wins than Hyundai Motorsport's new-for-2019 signing Sébastien Loeb. The Frenchman has seven victories to his name, which is one more than countryman and defending champion Sébastien Ogier.
- But while Ogier has been a Monte-Carlo ever-present since 2012, Loeb's last appearance in the French mountains was in 2015.
- This year's route is split over four days with Gap housing the permanent service park for the sixth season, plus the ceremonial start, and Monaco the final-leg service, finish and prize giving.
- Two night stages in the departments of Alpes-de-Haute-Provence and Hautes-Alpes on Thursday January 24 mark the start of battle, which intensifies on Friday with six stages in the Drôme and Alpes-de-Haute-Provence south-west of Gap.
- Following four more stages north-west and north-east of Gap, plus a final stop in the city for service, crews head south to Monaco for an early evening arrival when preparations for Sunday's deciding leg – which coincides with Saint Devote Day, the Patron Saint of Monaco – begin in earnest.
- The leg features four stages over a competitive distance of 63.98 kilometres in the Alpes-Maritimes, including the La Cabanette / Col de Braus Power Stage. With no service halt, there will simply be no margin for error at the start of this 14-event season.

Recent winners

2018	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Ford Fiesta WRC
2017	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Ford Fiesta WRC
2016	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2014	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC



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EVENT ITINERARY*

DAY ONE: Thursday January 24, 2019

Start - Place Desmichels, Gap		18h50
SS1	La Breole - Selonnet	20,76km 19h38
SS2	Avançon - Notre Dame Du Laus	20,59km 20h41
Technical Zone Gap In		0h10 21h31
Flexi-Service A - Gap In		0h45+3 21h41
Parc Fermé In (early check-in allowed)		22h29

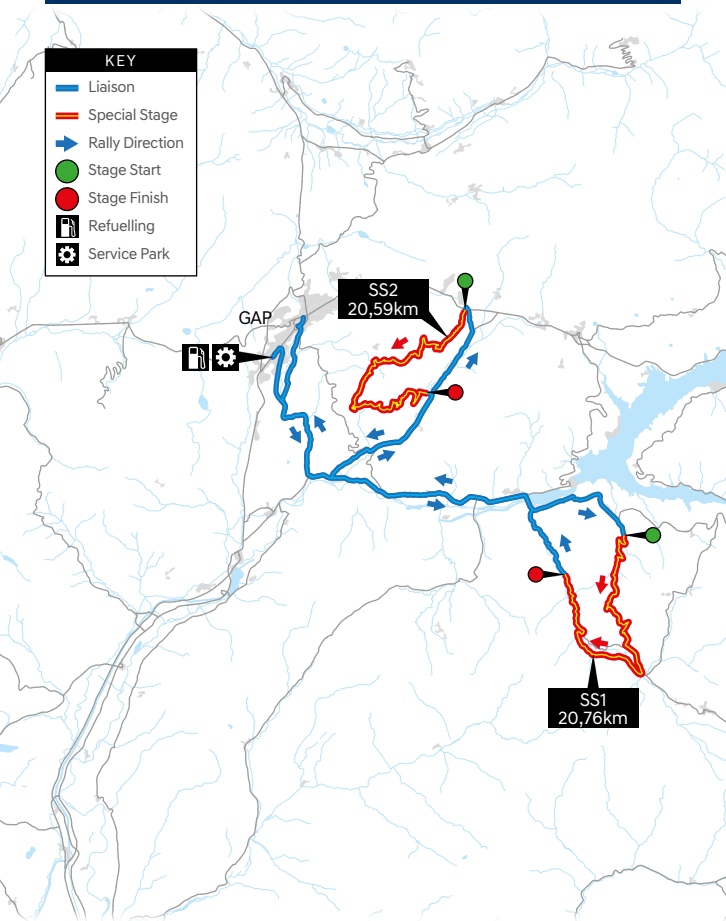
DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	41,35km
Liaison distance:	85,92km
Total distance:	127,27km

*Correct at time of going to print



DAY ONE: Thursday January 24, 2019





EVENT ITINERARY*

DAY TWO: Friday January 25, 2019

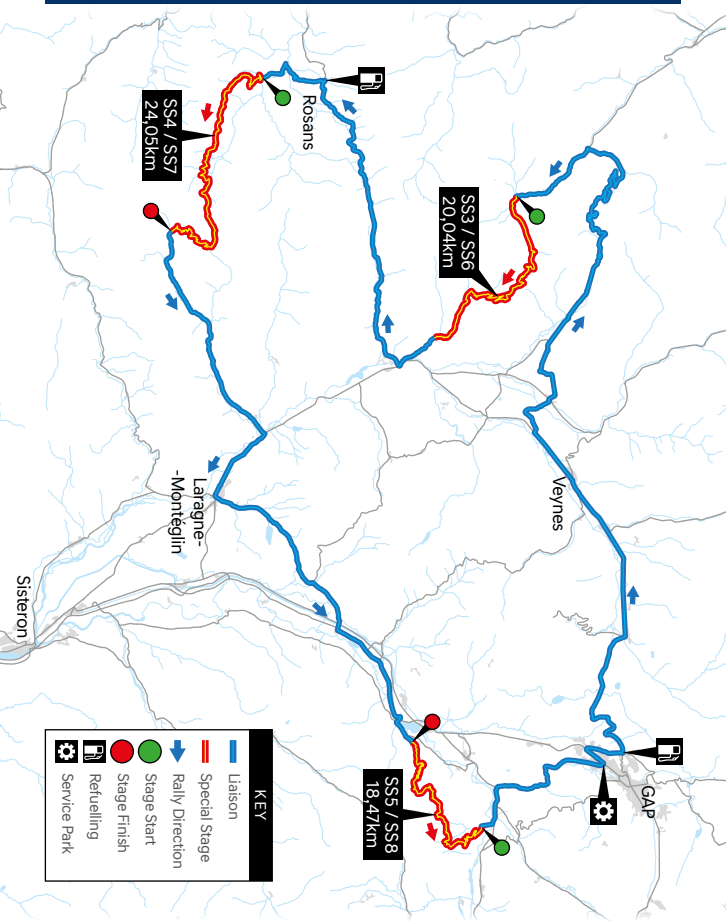
Service B – Gap In		0h15+3	07h30
SS3	Valdrome – Sigottier 1	20,04km	09h11
SS4	Roussieux – Laborel 1	24,05km	10h14
SS5	Curbans – Piegut 1	18,47km	11h37
Technical Zone and Regroup Gap In		0h10	12h17
Service C – Gap In		0h30+3	12h27
SS6	Valdrome – Sigottier 2	20,04km	14h23
SS7	Roussieux – Laborel 2	24,05km	15h26
SS8	Curbans – Piegut 2	18,47km	16h49
Technical Zone Gap In		0h10	17h34
Flexi-Service D – Gap In		0h45+3	17h44
Parc Fermé In (early check-in allowed)			18h32

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	125,12km
Liaison distance:	331,94km
Total distance:	457,06km



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Service E – Gap In		0h15+3	07h37
SS9	Agnieres En Devoluy – Corps 1	29,82km	08h48
SS10	St Leger Les Melezes – La Batie Neuve 1	16,87km	10h06
Technical Zone and Regroup Gap In		0h15	11h06
Service F – Gap In		0h30+3	11h21
SS11	Agnieres En Devoluy – Corps 2	29,82km	12h47
SS12	St Leger Les Melezes – La Batie Neuve 2	16,87km	14h08
Technical Zone Gap In		0h10	15h08
Service G – Gap In		0h45+3	15h18
Parc Fermé Monaco In (early check-in allowed)			20h06

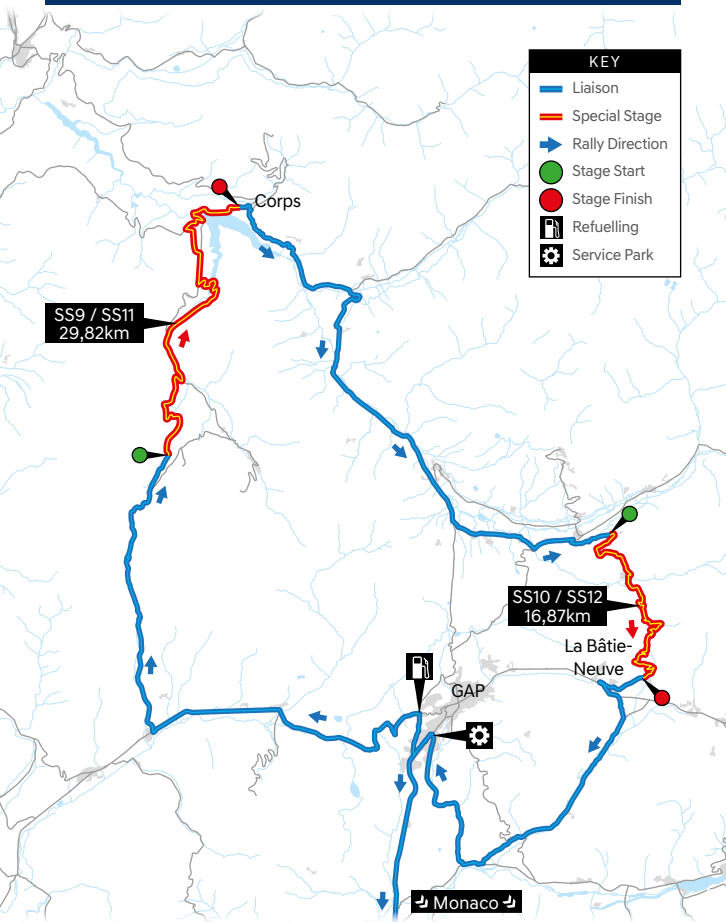
DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	93,38km
Liaison distance:	464,14km
Total distance:	557,52km

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DAY FOUR: Sunday January 27, 2019

Start Day Four - Parc Fermé Monaco Out	06h22
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Tyre Fitting Zone – Quai Albert 1er, Monaco

SS13	La Bollene Vesubie – Peira Cava 1	18,41km	08h20
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SS14	La Cabanette – Col De Braus 1	13,58km	09h08
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SS15	La Bollene Vesubie – Peira Cava 2	18,41km	10h55
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Regroup La Cabanette In	0h45	11h25
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SS16	La Cabanette – Col De Braus 2 (Power Stage)	13,58km	12h18
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Technical Zone Monaco In	0h10	13h48
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Parc Fermé Monaco In (early check-in allowed)	13h58
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DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance: 63,98km

Liaison distance: 160,60km

Total distance: 224,58km

RALLY MONTE-CARLO TOTALS:

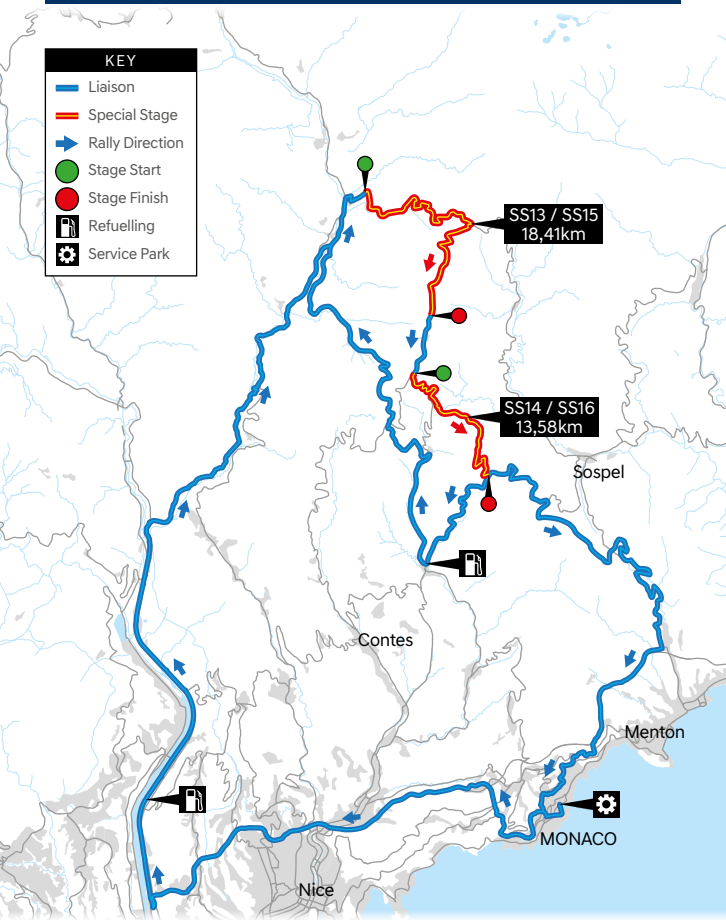
Special stage distance: 323,83km

Liaison distance: 1042,60km

Total distance: 1366,43km



DAY FOUR: Sunday January 27, 2019





LEADING ENTRIES*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
11	Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
10	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Citroën C3 WRC
89	Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger-Amland (NOR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Marko Salminen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
19	Sébastien Loeb (FRA) / Daniel Elena (MCO)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
5	Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
7	Pontus Tidemand (SWE) / Ola Fløene (NOR)	Ford Fiesta WRC



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TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLYE MONTE-CARLO:

Media Lounge:

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

OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLYE MONTE-CARLO:

Shakedown:

10h00-14h00, Thursday January 24, Route de la Garde and RD503, Gap (3,35km)

Pre-event FIA press conference:

14h30, Thursday January 24, Media Centre, Service Park, Gap

Official drivers/co-drivers photo:

18h15, Thursday January 24, Place Desmichels, Gap

Rally start:

18h50, Thursday January 24, Place Desmichels, Gap

Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

15h00, Sunday January 27, Place du Palais, Monaco

Post-event FIA press conference: 16h00, Sunday January 27, Media Centre, Salle d'Exposition, 4 Quai Antoine 1er, Monaco



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