



2018 MEDIA GUIDE



Rally Italia Sardegna

June 07 - 10, 2018

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HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Rally Italia Sardegna for round seven of the 2018 FIA World Rally Championship following a very important victory for Thierry and the Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team last time out in Portugal.

This was the team's first-ever success in Portugal – as it was for Thierry and Nicolas, who previously finished second on the event – and it moves our tally of WRC wins up to nine overall and two so far this year.

It was a very competitive weekend for Hyundai Motorsport, and Thierry and Nicolas put in a classy performance throughout to secure their eighth victory in the WRC. They had a clean drive with excellent pace in their Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, which allowed them to control things from start to finish.

Dani and Carlos also deserve to be commended on a strong weekend and on maintaining a good rhythm throughout the event. Andreas and Anders, too, battled on from issues early in the rally and the team at Hyundai Motorsport did all we could to help them to the finish. In the circumstances, they put in an impressive run on the Power Stage and only just missed out on scoring there, while both Thierry and Dani were able to pick up some useful points.

Hayden also showed his potential and had a good rhythm in the car before his accident – even leading the rally briefly – and it was just a small mistake that led to big consequences. We are happy that he and Seb didn't suffer any injuries, and that Hayden is in good shape and has received the green light from doctors to compete in Sardinia.

The result in Portugal means that we continue to lead the manufacturers' championship, albeit with our main rivals not far behind, and Thierry has retaken the lead of the drivers' title chase.

But we cannot rest on our laurels of course – Sardinia will be a difficult event, one that provides a tough test in high temperatures for both the crews and the cars, but we will be ready. Thierry has previously won this rally in 2016, and we know that Andreas and Hayden are hungry for success too.

So, we look forward to seeing you there and to the next chapter in this thrilling season of WRC action.

Michel Nandan

Team Principal, Hyundai Motorsport



ON STAGE WITH... ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

This will be your first experience of Rally Italia Sardegna in a Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC after you competed in a Citroën C3 WRC last year. How much of a concern is the unknown quantity factor?

"I know Sardinia very well and our Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC suits those stages. You need a stable car because it's quite narrow and rough with a lot of bumps. Thierry has won the event previously and Hayden was leading last year, so it proves the car is quick. Sardinia is a rally I like but my best finish has been fourth, so I hope I can have a better result this year."

With a mid-June date the ambient and ground temperatures will be high. What extra physical preparations are required both pre-event and ahead of each leg?

"It is warm and the stages are normally long. It's a rally where you can get quite tired because it's hot inside the cockpit and you need to keep your concentration levels extremely high because there are so many rough parts on the stages and so many things that can destroy your car. Anders and I always aim for a good fitness level on every rally. The only other thing we can do is drink a lot of water and eat healthily, so we'll do that."

How much punishment will the car take and how much do you have to drive with this in mind?

"There are a lot of punctures on this event. It's very narrow with a lot of rocks so you can easily take a wheel off and you have to take special care, especially in your pacenotes. If you are too careful you lose time and if you try to make it up then you are taking risks, so it depends what position you are in. Going to Sardinia we have to catch up a lot of points. If we want to fight for the championship we have to win and that means going fast."

What do you need from the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC in order to be competitive?

"We have made improvements with the car on gravel and it will be interesting to see how that works because I've been struggling a bit so far this year. But we had a great test and I feel the rear of the car is much more stable now and it turns in much better. This is the direction I want it to go in. Hopefully I can get the same feeling on the rally."

There is a tradition in Sardinia when the winning crew jumps into the harbour. How good would that feel?

"If you swim that means it's a good result. I love to swim so I would be happy to do that!"



ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 28

WRC STARTS: 93



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HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Thierry Neuville and Hyundai Motorsport celebrated their second victory of 2018 on Rally de Portugal, where the Belgian and co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul enjoyed a dominant display in their Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC to score a 40-second win over Elfyn Evans. It was the team's ninth WRC victory and Neuville and Gilsoul's eighth.
- Dani Sordo missed out on a podium place in Portugal after incurring a time penalty on leg one, but he produced a fighting performance and scored some valuable Power Stage points alongside Neuville. Andreas Mikkelsen's rally was affected by power-steering and engine oil pressure problems, but he secured some important manufacturer points, while Hayden Paddon unfortunately retired on day one.
- Hyundai Motorsport Driver development Program (HMDP) crew Jari Huttunen and Antti Linnaketo had a tough weekend in Portugal, their third WRC2 event of 2018. An accident on day one in their Hyundai i20 R5 meant the pair ran under Rally 2 rules thereafter, but they recovered and Huttunen's final leg times were on par with the class leaders. The duo will return to action on their home event, Rally Finland (July 26-29), when they will be aiming to defend their WRC2 victory from 2017.
- Hyundai Motorsport prepared for Rally Italia Sardegna with a test session in mid-May, with Neuville and Paddon taking part.
- Hyundai customers scored maximum Spanish tarmac championship points in two back-to-back events in the Canary Islands in May. Hyundai Spain-backed José Antonio Suárez and Cándido Carrera were fourth overall and leading Spanish series runners on the ERC-counting Rally Islas Canarias, finishing first among the seven i20 R5 crews taking part. A week later Suárez was again victorious, this time on Rally Villa de Adeje, with Spanish series rival Iván Ares second, and Surhayen Pernía and Antonio Ponce completing a Hyundai 1-2-4-6 on the event.
- Team Hyundai Portugal's Armino Araújo took a second straight victory in the Portuguese championship, dominating the national event on Rally de Portugal. National runners competed alongside WRC2 regulars, where Max Vatanen made his i20 R5 debut and Pierre-Louis Loubet (BRC Racing Team) was fourth in class.
- The i30 N TCR's strong start to the FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) continued at the Race of Germany, Nürburgring Nordschleife, in May. Despite a Balance of Performance (BoP) change Hyundai customers took both pole positions and won two races. Yvan Muller led an MRacing 1-2 in race one ahead of team-mate Thed Björk. A win for Björk in Race 3, with Muller third, completed a strong weekend for the French squad. A week later at the Race of Netherlands (Zandvoort), a further BoP change limited the i30 N TCR's performance and prevented further success.
- Eight i30 N TCR customers took part in the first two rounds of the TCR Europe series at Paul Ricard and Zandvoort in May. Dušan Borković won both the races in France, before BoP changes again affected the car's running in Holland.

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.

4: Across 13 rounds of the 2017 WRC, Hyundai crews scored four victories on Tour de Corse, Rally Argentina, Rally Poland and Rally Australia. Poland was especially successful as the team celebrated a one-two finish, with Thierry Neuville heading home Hayden Paddon.

12: In total, Hyundai Motorsport drivers took 12 individual podium finishes in 2017 and four double podiums in Corsica, Portugal, Poland and Australia.

91: Hyundai crews amassed 91 stage wins in the 2017 season as well as 56 Power Stage points.

3: As its name suggests, the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC comes with three doors compared to the five in its predecessor. But while there are two doors less, the new-for-2017 challenger has a power output of 380hp thanks to the introduction of a larger turbo restrictor – up from 33mm to 36mm.

10: The Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC is wider but lighter – it has shed 10kg compared to the New Generation i20 WRC.

1: With the current regulations allowing manufacturers to nominate three point-scoring drivers rather than two, the three Hyundai i20 Coupe WRCs are entered under one banner: Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team.

6,000: Prior to the launch of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, some 6,000 kilometres had been covered during extensive development testing.

50: Hyundai Motorsport's Alzenau base is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's base in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim.

9: Following Thierry Neuville's win on Rally de Portugal – the team's first on that event – Hyundai Motorsport has now amassed nine victories in the WRC.

5.3: Hyundai Motorsport has fans all around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.3 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 63,600 followers on Twitter and more than 121,100 on Instagram.

ABOUT N

- First announced in 2015, the N line-up showcases Hyundai's engineering expertise, offering high-performance models that are equally at home on the road, or out on a race circuit.
- N was born in Namyang, Korea in Hyundai's global R&D centre and honed at the famous Nürburgring circuit, home to the Hyundai Test Centre. The close working relationship between the engineers in Korea and Germany created the foundations for the development of the line-up. The N logo also symbolises a chicane, where the models carrying the badge are most at home.
- N is Hyundai's answer to emerging customer preferences, calling for uncompromising innovation and technology-driven performance. Designed to deliver the perfect combination of feedback, precision and predictable response, the models of the N line-up are made for driving enthusiasts, bringing a unique character to the road and further enhancing the image of the Hyundai brand.
- Inspired by Hyundai Motorsport competing at the highest possible level, the creation of N has drawn on our experience of testing the i30 N TCR, and racing on the tarmac, gravel and snow of the World Rally Championship. From the knowledge taken from the stages and the circuit Hyundai's engineers were able to identify further handling and performance refinements during the development of the N line-up. With all this experience, N delivers exhilarating driving pleasure for everyone – pure emotions.
- The i30 N was the first road-going model to be launched from the N line-up in July 2017. The car is based on the New Generation i30. However, it was developed from the ground up in order to deliver maximum driving pleasure for everyone. Under the theme 'Fun to Drive', the i30 N has been developed on the basis of three cornerstones: Corner Rascal, Everyday Sports Car and Race Track Capability. It offers segment-leading high-performance elements that can be selected individually by the driver in order to tailor the car for any scenario, from a comfortable daily commute to a day at the track.
- Like the i30 N TCR the road-going i30 N is powered by a two-litre, turbocharged engine. The i30 N develops up to 275 horsepower, with a maximum torque of 353 Nm, delivered through a six-speed gearbox to the front wheels. The road-going car can reach a maximum speed of 250km/h and accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just over six seconds.



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 LTX Force H4 and S5 gravel tyres for Rally Italia Sardegna. The hard compound H4 is the first choice and designed for warm and dry weather, while the soft compound S5 is for cold and damp conditions. Teams can use a maximum of 24 tyres for the event

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

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger

#4 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 012)



ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

Date of birth: June 22, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 93

WRC wins: 3

**Rally Italia Sardegna ran as a round of the IRC in 2010*

Mikkelsen joined Hyundai Motorsport for three late-season events in 2017, passing his audition with flying colours by earning a long-term deal with the team. Having initially flown in skiing, he 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. Fifth on the 2008 Rally Sweden then made him the youngest driver to score a WRC point. Mikkelsen won back-to-back Intercontinental Rally Challenge titles in 2011-12. Having joined Volkswagen's WRC line-up, he took his maiden win on the 2015 Rally de España, and won in Poland and Australia in 2016. Mikkelsen also scored his first podium finish for Hyundai with third on this year's Rally Sweden.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 8*, 2017 result: 8, Best result: 4



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/andreasnikkelsenrally



ANDERS JÆGER

Date of birth: July 29, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 37

WRC wins: 2

A relative latecomer to co-driving, Jæger has enjoyed a rapid rise to the WRC ranks 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'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 included two victories.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 2, 2017 result: 8, Best result: 8



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HYUNDAI HEROES

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

#5 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 010)



THIERRY NEUVILLE

Date of birth: June 16, 1988

Place of birth: Sankt Vith, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 91

WRC wins: 8

**Rally Italia Sardegna ran as a round of the IRC in 2010*

Neuville is a firm title contender for Hyundai Motorsport – especially following his wins in Sweden and Portugal – having finished a close second in 2017. His successes last year included four victories – the most of any driver – and he finished with a win in Australia. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian finished second in the 2013 standings after a highly competitive season. Those performances caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut campaign. Alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul, Neuville scored the team's debut podium in Mexico 2014 and led a memorable one-two (ahead of Dani Sordo) on Rallye Deutschland – the squad's maiden victory. Although German is Neuville's first language, French is used on events as the shorter words make communication more efficient.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 7*, 2017 result: 3, Best result: 1



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



NICOLAS GILSOUL

Date of birth: February 5, 1982

Place of birth: Chênée, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 86

WRC wins: 8

An experienced WRC campaigner, Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in that year's championship alongside Neuville. They joined forces in the spring of 2011 and the partnership quickly blossomed with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the IRC, in only their second event together. Moving to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014, Gilsoul helped to secure the team's first victory on Rallye Deutschland that season, and Thierry is quick to praise his co-driver's precision and matching skillsets in the cockpit. Gilsoul's four wins with Neuville in 2017 was more than that scored by any other co-driver, confirming this Belgian's crew status as one of the most formidable in world rallying.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 6, 2017 result: 3, Best result: 1



@nicolasgilsoul



/nicolas.gilsoul

HYUNDAI HEROES

Hayden Paddon and Seb Marshall

#6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 011)



HAYDEN PADDON

Date of birth: April 20, 1987

Place of birth: Timaru, NZ

Nationality: New Zealander

WRC starts: 74

WRC wins: 1

Passionate rally fan Paddon made his World Rally Championship debut in 2007 on his home event in New Zealand. Inspired by his father to try karting as a child, Hayden went on to become a five-time New Zealand Rally Champion and won the FIA Production Car World Championship in 2011. He scored his first WRC points in Argentina that same year – and went on to win the event for Hyundai Motorsport in 2016, his maiden success at world level. Paddon has been a regular podium visitor for Hyundai since joining the team in 2014 and helped it to a one-two finish in Poland last year – a reminder of the Kiwi's exciting potential. Down-to-earth Paddon will share the number six Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC with Dani Sordo on select events this season.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 4, 2017 result: Rtd, Best result: 2



@HaydenPaddon



/haydenpaddonwrc



SEB MARSHALL

Date of birth: May 29, 1988

Place of birth: Tunbridge Wells, UK

Nationality: British

WRC starts: 42

WRC wins: 0

Highly respected Marshall will celebrate his 10th anniversary in the WRC this season, having made his debut on Rallye Deutschland in 2008. The Briton joined Hyundai Motorsport in 2015 as co-driver to Kevin Abbring, with the pair contributing significantly to the development of the team's WRC and R5 cars. On selected events, they scored stage wins and points for Hyundai in 2016, but it was all change the following year when Paddon's regular co-driver John Kennard retired and Marshall took his place on a permanent basis from Rallye Deutschland onwards. The pair have gelled well, with second place in Poland 2017 being a highlight of their partnership so far. Keen cyclist Marshall is renowned for his attention to detail when it comes to pace notes and often provides technical stage commentary for the media.

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA RECORD:

Starts: 3*, 2017 result: Rtd, Best result: 12



@SebMarshall



/SebMarshallRally

*Rally Italia Sardegna ran as a round of the IRC in 2010

Hyundai Motorsport **WHO'S WHO?**



Scott Noh – President

Having held global roles within the Hyundai family since 1993, Mr Noh joined Hyundai Motorsport as President in March 2018 to oversee all areas of the operation, coordinating on a daily basis with Hyundai Motor Company in Korea.



Michel Nandan – Team Principal

Vastly experienced, Nandan has built the Hyundai Motorsport team from scratch including establishing the squad's base in Alzenau, Germany and the recruitment of experienced staff.



Alain Penasse – Team Manager

With responsibility for logistics, organisation and operation, Penasse plays an integral role in the running of the team.



Bertrand Vallat – Chief Designer

A key early appointment to the Hyundai Motorsport fold, Vallat oversees the team's engineering and technical development.



Julien Moncet – Engine Department Manager

Moncet took over full management of the engine department in March of this year and now spearheads all engine programmes at the company's Alzenau facility, including WRC and Customer Racing.



Ernst Kopp – Workshop Manager

Kopp utilises his experience gained from working in Formula One, sportscar racing and the WRC in his role.



Stefan Ph. Henrich – Director of Marketing and PR

A Hyundai Motor Europe spokesperson for more than a decade, Henrich works closely with team boss Michel Nandan managing the PR and marketing plan.

HYUNDAI IS HERE...

In Italia

- Car sales in Italy totalled more than 1.97 million units in 2017 (a rise of more than 15 per cent from 2016), with Hyundai achieving almost three per cent of the national market share through sales of over 59,000 units, an all-time record for the company.
- It was the seventh consecutive year that Hyundai has achieved increased sales in Italy and the figure compares favourably to the Italian brands that hold almost a 30 per cent share of the domestic market. In 2017, sales of the best-selling SUV Tucson (approximately 21,000 units) and i10 (approximately 16,000 units) paved the way to Hyundai's success, further cemented by the i20 (almost 10,500 units) and the new KONA (with the efficient 1.0 T-GDI engine), the first Hyundai B-SUV launched at the end of 2017.
- The most popular Hyundai models in Italy are the Tucson, which has been on sale since September 2015 (almost 55,000 units registered so far), and the city cars (i10 and i20).
- In Italy, the i20 range is available as a five-door model, Coupe and the 'Active' version. Hyundai boosted its range with the New Generation i30: designed, developed, tested and manufactured in Europe, it is more than one model. It became a family of four unique products, offering the right car for everyone. In addition to the five-door model, the i30 Wagon was launched in 2017 after its debut at the Geneva Motor Show. The New Generation i30 family also includes the Fastback version and the first high-performance model under Hyundai Motor's N brand: built to deliver exhilarating driving pleasure for everyone, N was born in Namyang and honed at the Nürburgring.
- Hyundai has strengthened its focus on design, the number one purchasing decision for the company's products in Italy according to market research.
- Each new Hyundai sold in Italy comes with the best service package currently available in the country with a five-year unlimited mileage warranty. This package is also included with Hyundai By Mobility, the new mobility programme based on the needs of each customer.
- And there is the Mapcare programme, providing free annual map and software updates for all Hyundais with a built-in navigation system.
- For more information visit www.hyundai.it and <http://www.hyundai.it/promozioni/bymobility.aspx>

HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo www.acm.mc	January 25-28
	Round 2	Rally Sweden www.rallysweden.com*	February 15-18
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato México www.rallymexico.com*	March 08-11
	Round 4	Tour de Corse www.tourdecorse.com	April 05-08
	Round 5	YPF Rally Argentina www.rallyargentina.com	April 26-29
	Round 6	Vodafone Rally de Portugal www.rallydeportugal.pt*	May 17-20
	Round 7	Rally Italia Sardegna www.rallyitaliasardegna.com	June 07-10
	Round 8	Neste Rally Finland www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi*	July 26-29
	Round 9	ADAC Rallye Deutschland www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de	August 16-19
	Round 10	Marmaris Rally Turkey www.marmarisrallyturkey.com	September 14-16
	Round 11	Dayinsure Wales Rally GB www.walesrallygb.com	October 04-07
	Round 12	RallyRACC Catalunya-Rally de España www.rallyracc.com	October 25-28
	Round 13	Kennards Hire Rally Australia www.rallyaustralia.com.au	November 15-18

*Jari Huttunen to contest WRC2 class for Hyundai Motorsport.
Additional events TBC.

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	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 standings
(after round 6 of 13)

DRIVERS

1 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 119pts; 2 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 100; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 72; **4 Dani Sordo (ESP) 58;** 5 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 57; **6 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 54;** 7 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 45; 8 Kris Meeke (GBR) 43; 9 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 31; 10 Craig Breen (IRL) 26; **15 Hayden Paddon (NZL) 10;** etc.

MANUFACTURERS

1 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 175pts; 2 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 162; 3 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 140; 4 Citroën Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team 111

ITALY MEANS

- Italy's round of the World Rally Championship remains a tough test of car and crew with the sometimes brutal ambient and ground temperatures offering little in the way of respite over three intense days of competition.
- The battle for victory is once again centred on Sardinia's northerly gravel roads with the coastal town of Alghero, a popular tourist destination, home for four days of action.
- First up on Thursday evening is the Ittiri Arena test, a former motocross venue within easy reach of Alghero and popular with fans. It's the first of 20 stages over a competitive distance of 314.36 kilometres.
- Double visits to the revised Castelsardo and Tula stages, plus Tergu-Osilo and Monte Baranta, make up Friday's running, with Saturday's leg the most arduous of all at just shy of 150 timed kilometres.
- Saturday's route includes twin runs through Monte Lerno, the rally's longest stage at 28.89km and home to the famous Micky's Jump, where cars fly high and make for spectacular viewing.
- The closing leg on Sunday, which is unaltered from 2017, takes crews north of Alghero for four stages including the Sassari-Argentiera Power Stage, one of several being broadcast live on free-to-air Italian TV network, RAI.
- The Rally d'Italia dates back to 1972 when it was assigned to Rallye Sanremo, which hosted the country's WRC qualifier from 1973 until 2003. Since 2004, the event has been held on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia, where Hyundai crew Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul enjoyed outright success in 2016.
- Other past winners of Italy's WRC event include Michèle Mouton, who became the first and only woman to win a world championship round when she claimed top honours on Rallye Sanremo in 1981.

Recent winners

2017	Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja	Ford Fiesta WRC
2016	Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul	Hyundai New Generation i20 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, PART ONE: Thursday June 07, 2018

Start - Alghero	17h00
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SSS1 Ittiri Arena Show	2,00km	18h00
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Parc Fermé - Alghero In	19h00
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DAY ONE, PART TWO: Friday June 08, 2018

Service A - Alghero In	0h15	06h30
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SS2 Tula 1	22,12km	08h33
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SS3 Castelsardo 1	14,37km	09h49
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SS4 Tergu-Osilo 1	14,14km	10h38
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SS5 Monte Baranta 1	11,46km	11h48
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Regroup and Technical Zone Alghero In	0h20	12h23
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Service B - Alghero In	0h30	12h43
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SS6 Tula 2	22,12km	15h01
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SS7 Castelsardo 2	14,37km	16h17
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SS8 Tergu-Osilo 2	14,14km	17h06
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SS9 Monte Baranta 2	11,46km	18h25
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Regroup and Technical Zone Alghero In	0h10	19h00
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Flexi-Service C - Alghero In	0h45	19h10
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Parc Fermé - Alghero In	No later than 22h30
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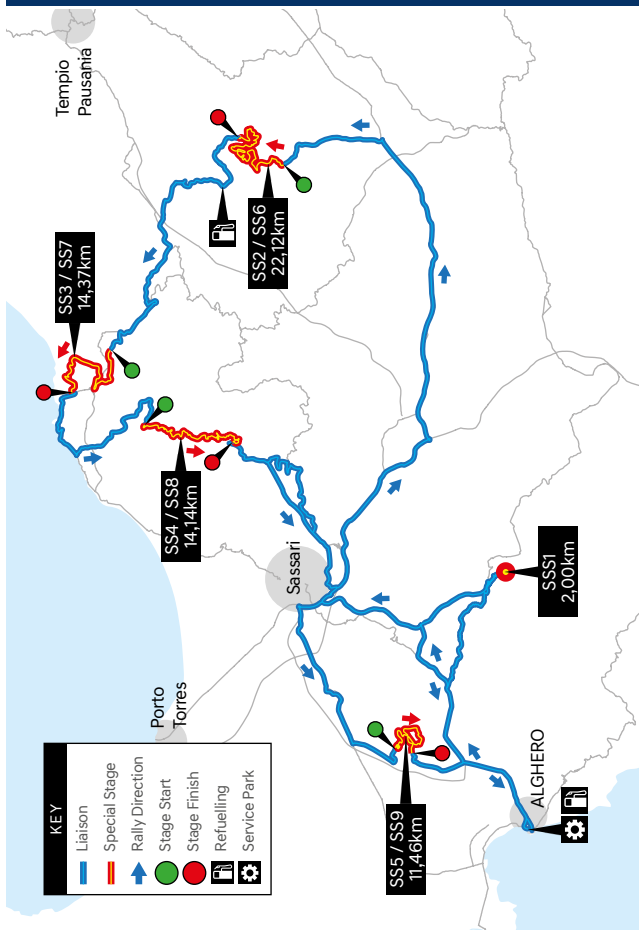
DAY TOTALS (PARTS ONE AND TWO):

Special stage distance: 126,18km

Liaison distance: 460,05km

Total distance: 586,23km

DAY ONE: Thursday June 07 / Friday June 08, 2018



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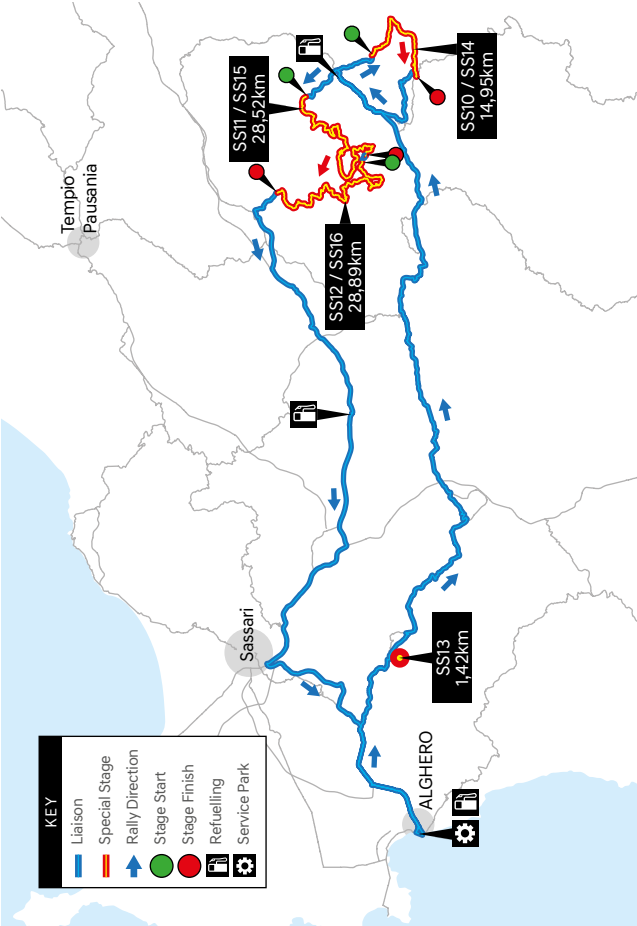
DAY TWO: Saturday June 09, 2018

Service D – Alghero In	0h15	05h50
SS10 Coiluna-Loelle 1	14,95km	08h38
SS11 Monti Di Ala' 1	28,52km	09h32
SS12 Monte Lerno 1	28,89km	10h11
Regroup and Technical Zone Alghero In	0h20	12h42
Service E – Alghero In	0h30	13h02
SS13 Citta' Di Ittiri-Coros	1,42km	14h10
SS14 Coiluna-Loelle 2	14,95km	16h08
SS15 Monti Di Ala' 2	28,52km	17h02
SS16 Monte Lerno 2	28,89km	17h41
Regroup and Technical Zone Alghero In	0h10	20h12
Flexi-Service F – Alghero In	0h45	20h22
Parc Fermé – Alghero In	No later than 23h42	

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	146,14km
Liaison distance:	483,39km
Total distance:	629,53km

DAY TWO: Saturday June 09, 2018



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DAY THREE: Sunday June 10, 2018

Service G – Alghero In	0h15	07h45
SS17 Cala Flumini 1	14,06km	08h45
SS18 Sassari-Argentiera 1	6,96km	09h38
Regroup and Technical Zone Porto Torres In	0h15	10h25
SS19 Cala Flumini 2	14,06km	11h12
Regroup and Technical Zone La Pedraia In	0h35	11h34
SS20 Sassari-Argentiera 2 (Power Stage)	6,96km	12h18
Regroup and Technical Zone Alghero In	0h03	13h12
Service H – Alghero In	0h10	13h15
Finish – Alghero		13h25

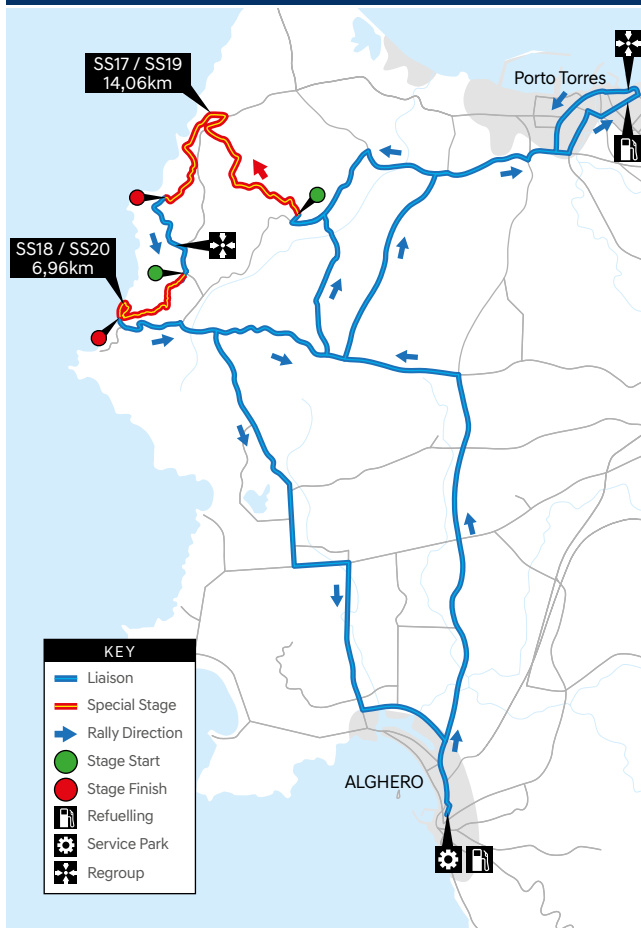
DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	42,04km
Liaison distance:	130,23km
Total distance:	172,27km

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	314,36km
Liaison distance:	1073,67km
Total distance:	1388,03km

DAY THREE: Sunday June 10, 2018



LEADING ENTRIES*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Ford Fiesta WRC
2	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Mikko Markkula (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger (NOR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
5	Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
6	Hayden Paddon (NZL) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
7	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
9	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
11	Craig Breen (IRL) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Citroën C3 WRC
12	Mads Østberg (NOR) / Torstein Eriksen (NOR)	Citroën C3 WRC
21	Martin Prokop (CZE) / Jan Tománek (CZE)	Ford Fiesta RS WRC
22	Yazeed Al-Rajhi (SAU) / Michael Orr (GBR)	Ford Fiesta RS WRC
23	'Piano' (FRA) / Jean-François Pergola (FRA)	Ford Fiesta RS WRC
24	Cyrille Feraud (FRA) / Aymeric Duschemin (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

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TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA:

Media Lounge:

18h30-19h15, Wednesday June 6, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, Alghero

OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA:

Shakedown:

08h00-13h30, Thursday June 7, Olmedo (3,51km)

Pre-event FIA press conference:

13h00, Thursday June 7, Rally HQ, Alghero

Rally start:

17h00, Thursday June 7, Bastioni Magellano, Alghero

Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

14h15, Sunday June 10, Bastioni Magellano, Alghero

Post-event FIA press conference:

15h15, Sunday June 10, Rally HQ, Alghero

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