

## **PSRX Friday facts**

FIA World Rallycross Championship Round 12  
World RX of Argentina  
November 28-29

### **The World Champion's guide to San Luis**

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*Argentina.*

Hello Argentina. And, almost, goodbye 2014. It's the last round of the season. And what a place to come to for a finale! I know that Argentina lives and loves rallying; where else do you get more than one million people standing at the side of the road to cheer you through watersplash after watersplash?

And I know they are going to feel the same way about rallycross.

And I know I love South America. It's such a special place to come and compete. The atmosphere is special. More than special. It's incredible. It's unbelievable!

It's always exciting going somewhere new and, while I have competed on Argentina's round of the World Rally Championship 12 times, I haven't been to the city of San Luis. San Luis is around 800 kilometres west of Buenos Aires, which means another flight when we land in BA.

San Luis isn't actually that far south of some of the classic Rally Argentina stages like Mina Clavero and El Condor. And the Autodromo, where we will be racing looks like a great track – there are lots of corners and it looks like the action will be fast and furious.

The start takes you into a long, long right-hander which tightens onto gravel – the car will certainly move around a lot here with the speed we'll be carrying. You're then straight into a quick left and on over the jump. We need to keep the right over the jump to carry speed through the next left. It's back to the asphalt for an easy right before setting the car up for an open 90-right which goes back to gravel.

Now it's decision time. Joker or no-joker... Take the joker and it's a big drift through what becomes a long hairpin right. The joker is a couple of long left-right curves, going back to the track in time for a hairpin left into long hairpin right.

Not taking the joker means a long right-hander off gravel onto asphalt. Coming this way will mean carrying much more speed into the hairpin left – it's going to be quite exciting when the cars are feeding in off the joker lap!

After that a quick right will take us back onto the start/finish straight ready for another lap.

With our job done and the championship won for this year, it will be great to go to Argentina and drive without the pressure again. It's been a fantastic season and this is a great place to end it.

And the really good news is that we've got a team-mate for Argentina – my friend and fellow rally driver Manfred Stohl. We have been talking about doing this for a while and I have to say, it's really exciting to have him with us. He's a great driver and a great guy.

Manfred will drive the second PSRX Citroen DS3 Supercar. He's not completely new to 600 horsepower, he's tested a car before, but now it's the big test. Now it's the race.

Manfred said: "Thanks to Petter I have the unique chance to drive a top spec RX car in the team which runs this year's World Rallycross Champion. On top of that, I have the chance to go back to a country where I have many friends from my rally career. And that includes doing some national events in San Luis – so I know this place. OK, it won't help me for the track, but at least I can show Petter where the best restaurants are in town!"

**Circuit:**

Length: 1285m

Width: 15m

Tarmac: 60%

Dirt: 40%

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**Timetable**

Friday November 28

1100 practice

1400 qualifying heats

1800 press conference

Saturday November 29

0900 warm up

1200 qualifying heats

1500 semi-final

1530 final

1610 press conference

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