

PSRX Friday facts

FIA World Rallycross Championship Round 5
World RX of Sweden: Höljes
July 5-6

Petter's guide to Höljes

Now we're on familiar territory. My wife Pernilla is Swedish and the PSRX team is actually based in Sweden, so this is definitely another home round of the World RX Championship.

First of all, Höljes is a great track for action, with a really nice jump. There is always something happening here, especially when the joker laps come back onto the main circuit on the final lap! As a driver, you really feel you get something back from working hard on this track.

Second, the atmosphere is just unbelievable. The fans come here weeks before the start of the meeting to set up their tents and start having fun. And boy, do they have some fun. They paint their Volvos blue and yellow and put a tent on the roof. And I mean, they pitch their tent on a wooden crate bolted to the roof bars! It's a crazy place where the traditional smell of wood fires and barbecues mixes with tyre smoke from burnouts.

The parties will go on long into the night, long after the racing has finished. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if some of those guys are still there partying from last year!

Pretty much everything is familiar for this race. The Höljes Motorstadion is on the road number 62, north of Torsby (the team's hometown) and not far from the border with Norway. Road 62 also goes straight through Hagfors, home of the Swedish Rally – an event I won in 2005. It's strange having driven up and down this road so many times on big spiked tyres in the freezing cold Scandinavian winter and now we're on our way up that same road with two Citroen DS3 RX Supercars (one each for my team-mate Alexander Hvaal and I) and the whole PSRX crew.

Höljes is a place close to my heart and close to the hearts of everybody in this team. We made the final and could have won here last year – had it not been for a broken gearbox. Next week we want to finish that job.

Circuit:

Length: 1.210km
Width: 10-16m
Tarmac: 60%
Dirt 40%
Website: finnskogamk.se

Timetable

Saturday July 5

1000 free practice
1215 heats

Sunday July 6
1000 qualifying heats

1530 finals
1630 podium

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