

Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup 2025/26 –

Men's Downhill Val Gardena Südtirol stat sheet

- Saslong course, located above Val Gardena on the Langkofel mountain in the Dolomites, first hosted a World Cup Downhill in February 1969. A total of 63 Downhill World Cup races have been held there to date.
- Val Gardena will feature a speed triple header this year. A sprint downhill race will take place on Thursday, 18 December. The Super G will take place on Friday, 19 December, and the classic downhill on Saturday, 20 December.
- This is not the first time Val Gardena is hosting such a triple header, another one happened in 2023/24, when **Bryce Bennett (USA/Fischer)** won the sprint Downhill, **Vincent Kriechmayr (AUT/Head)** was 1st in the Super G and **Dominik Paris (ITA/Nordica)** topped the podium in the second Downhill of the weekend.
- **Kristian Ghedina (ITA)** and **Franz Klammer (AUT)** have the most wins in Val Gardena World Cup Downhills at four each. **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (NOR/Atomic)** leads the field among active athletes with three victories.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** won the 2024/25 World Cup Downhill in Val Gardena ahead of **Franjo von Allmen (SUI/Head)** and **Ryan Cochran-Siegle (USA/Head)**. This was Odermatt's first career win in Val Gardena in any discipline.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** is leading the 2025/26 World Cup Downhill standings after his win in the Beaver Creek season opener. **Ryan Cochran-Siegle (USA/Head)** was the runner-up, **Adrian Smiseth Sejersted (Nor/Atomic)** finished in 3rd place.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** also leads the overall Cup standings after the Val d'Isère weekend with 505 points. **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer, 302)** is second, **Timon Haugan (NOR/Van Deer, 281)** is in third place.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)**, two times Downhill Crystal Globe winner, had never opened a new season with a win before Beaver Creek.
- It's been two seasons since **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** finished outside the top 7 in a World Cup Downhill race – when he came 15th in the 2022/23 World Cup Finals in Soldeu.
- **Marco Odermatt's (SUI/Stöckli)** win in Beaver Creek was the 15th time in succession that at least one Swiss skier has featured on a World Cup Downhill podium – equalling the nation's longest ever streak. They still have some way to match the longest ever streak however; 33 consecutive Downhill podium finishes recorded by Austrian skiers in 2002/03–2005/06.

- The Downhill in Val Gardena in December 2023 was the last time a Swiss skier did not finish on a World Cup Downhill podium. **Dominik Paris (ITA/Nordica)**, **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (NOR/Atomic)** and **Bryce Bennett (USA/Fischer)** finished 1-2-3 that day.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** needs two more consecutive World Cup Downhill top-10 finishes to record the second longest all-time streak. His current streak, which started in the 2023/24 season opener in Val Gardena, is the longest of his career at 17 races. **Beat Feuz (SUI)** holds the longest streak of all, 36, which ended with a DNF in Bormio in December 2021.
- **Ryan Cochran-Siegle (USA/Head)** equaled his career-best World Cup Downhill finish by claiming the 2nd place in Beaver Creek. He was also 2nd in Val Gardena in December 2020.
- **Ryan Cochran-Siegle (USA/Head)** is now the most successful US skier among active athletes on par with **Bryce Bennett (USA/Fischer)** in terms of the most top-3 World Cup Downhill finishes at three podiums both.
- **Adrian Smiseth Sejersted (Nor/Atomic)** claimed his first ever World Cup Downhill podium in Beaver Creek. He recorded 57 Downhill starts since his World Cup debut in 2013/14, claiming a total of 9 top-10 finishes.
- **Franjo von Allmen (SUI/Head)**, fourth in Beaver Creek, is chasing a ninth consecutive World Cup Downhill top-10 finish. His current streak, which started in Val Gardena in December 2024, is the longest streak of his career so far.
- A win at home in Val Gardena for **Dominik Paris (ITA/Nordica)** would see the Italian claim 2nd place on his own in the all-time men's Downhill World Cup winners list. Currently Paris – who won in Kvitfjell last season – sits alongside **Peter Müller (SUI)** with 19 World Cup victories. **Franz Klammer (AUT)** is out in front with 25 wins.
- **Miha Hrobat (SLO/Atomic)** has scored points in his past 13 consecutive Downhill World Cup races. This is the second longest current streak. Only **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** has more; 19 consecutive points-scoring races. These are career best results for both skiers.
- The returning **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (NOR/Atomic)** has the chance to improve his record as the most successful active Downhill skier in Val Gardena. The Norwegian has won three times down the Saslong course, in 2018/19, 2020/21 and 2022/23. He also was the runner-up here twice in both the 2023/24 races. No other active athlete has more than three Downhill podiums in Val Gardena.
- Austria is the most successful nation in the Val Gardena Downhill, having claimed 19 wins to date. Switzerland has 15 victories, Norway – 8. Italy is in 4th place with six wins on the home slopes.

- The last Italian to win in a Val Gardena Downhill was **Dominik Paris (ITA/Nordica)** in 2023/24. That win ended a streak of 22 races on the Saslong without a win for Italy after **Kristian Ghedina's (ITA)** victory in 2001/02.