

Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup 2025/26 – Men's Giant Slalom Sölden Stat sheet

General pre-season stats

- For the second season in-a-row, **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** begins the new campaign defending four World Cup titles: Overall, Downhill, Super G and Giant Slalom. Last season he joined **Hermann Maier (AUT)** as just the second man in World Cup history to win four Crystal Globes in consecutive season.
- There are currently three active skiers in the top-10 list of all-time men's World Cup winners: **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** – who is still out with injury but has revealed he hopes to return to action in the relatively near future – with 67, placing him second. **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** sits sixth with 45, and **Alexis Pinturault (FRA/Head)** is currently 10th with 34 wins. This ranking is led by **Ingemar Stenmark (SWE)** with 86 World Cup victories.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** holds the record of overall points scored in a single World Cup season: 2042 points in the 2022/23. A season in which he won the Big Globe by a margin of 702 points over **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (NOR/Atomic)**.
- Last season **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** became the most decorated Swiss skier of all time with his 84th World Cup podium, surpassing the legendary **Pirmin Zurbriggen (SUI)**.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen's (NOR/Van Deer)** streak of scoring points in 24 consecutive Giant Slalom races came to an end last season when he failed to finish the second run of the Adelboden GS. This streak left him one race outside the all-time top-10 list – a list headed by **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** on 66 races 2011/12-2018/19.
- Despite only winning only one race in the men's 2024/25 World Cup season, team Austria finished second in terms of total points scored (3967), narrowly ahead of team Norway (3735) who recorded 11 wins. Team Switzerland overwhelmingly won this category with 6695 points.

2025 World Championship Men's GS review

- **Raphael Haaser (AUT/Atomic)** won men's Giant Slalom gold at the Saalbach 2025 World Championships, despite having never finished on the podium in a GS World Cup race in his career. He also never won a World Cup race, having finished second in five different Super G races 2021-2025. His best result in a World Cup GS race is seventh.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)**, the 2023 GS world champion, finished fourth.
- For the fifth World Championships in a row, there were no non-European athletes in the top 10 of the men's Giant Slalom race. The last time there was a non-European athlete in the top 10 of a men's GS race at the World Championships was in Beaver

Creek 2015, when **Ted Ligety (USA)** won the gold medal.

- For the ninth time in a row, Austria featured on the podium of the men's Giant Slalom race. The last time there were no Austrian athletes on the men's GS podium at a world championships was in Are 2007. Since then, six different Austrian athletes have won a world championships medal in GS: **Benjamin Raich**, **Philipp Schörghofer**, **Roland Leitinger**, **Marcel Hirscher**, **Marco Schwarz**, **Raphael Haaser**.
- Only three times in history has the reigning men's GS world champion failed to make the podium in the following season's opening race in Sölden. In 1996/97 world champion **Alberto Tomba (ITA)** didn't start the Sölden race. In 2019/20 reigning GS champion **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** finished 18th in Sölden. In 2021/22 the recently retired **Mathieu Faivre (FRA/Head)** was second after **Sölden's** first run but ended 11th.

Potential milestones 2025/26 season

- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** is chasing his fifth consecutive big Crystal Globe, which would place him second on the all-time list alongside **Marc Girardelli (LUX)** (five non-consecutive titles between 1984 and 1993), and behind **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** who has eight (consecutive between 2012 and 2019).
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** has now won a total of nine discipline Globes 2021/22-2024/25. Only five male skiers have won more than that: **Ingemar Stenmark (SWE)** with 15, **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** with 12, **Marc Girardelli (LUX)**, **Pirmin Zurbriggen (SUI)** and **Hermann Maier (AUT)** with 10 each.
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** has won 26 Giant Slalom World Cup races in his career, placing him third in the all-time list, behind **Ingemar Stenmark (SWE)**, 46 wins, and **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)**, 31 wins. **Odermatt** is also third in the Super G World Cup victories list with 15 wins, behind **Hermann Maier (AUT)**, 24 wins, and **Aksel Lund Svindal (NOR)**, 17 wins.
- The injured **Alexis Pinturault (FRA/Head)** with 34 victories is the most successful French skier in World Cup history. He is three wins away from overtaking **Benjamin Raich (AUT)** and **Aksel-Lund Svindal (NOR)**, who both have 36 wins. This would place him eighth in terms of overall World Cup wins.
- If **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** wins the 2025 Giant Slalom Globe, he will tie **Ted Ligety (USA)** for the third place on the all-time record list at five Globes each. **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)**, on the other hand, could possibly tie **Ingemar Stenmark's (SWE)** record of seven career Giant Slalom Globes.
- Both **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** and **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** can overtake **Marc Girardelli (LUX)** for the fourth position on the all-time record list of total World Cup podiums (100). **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** needs six top-3 finishes to achieve that, while **Odermatt** needs 13.

Men's Giant Slalom Sölden-specific stats

- The **Sölden** World Cup race is held at the Rettenbach glacier and has hosted the first race of the World Cup season since the 1999/00 season, except for some weather cancellations.
- Of the 23 occasions that Sölden has hosted a men's World Cup Giant Slalom race, **Ted Ligety (USA)** leads the way with four victories (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015). **Hermann Maier (AUT)** is second with three (1998, 2000, 2005). He could be matched by **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)**, victorious in 2021, 2022. **Ligety** also has the most podiums (seven), ahead of Odermatt and **Alexis Pinturault (FRA/Head)** both of whom have five wins.
- The then 23-year-old **Alexander Steen Olsen (NOR/Rossignol)** won the 2024/25 Sölden GS but will not get a chance to defend his victory, having been forced to miss the season-opener due to an ongoing knee issue.
- Norway swept the podium last season, with Steen Olsen joined by **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** in second and **Atle Lie McGrath (NOR/Head)** third. This was the first of two Norway's podium clean sweeps in the 2024/25 season, with the other one coming in the Wengen Slalom (McGrath-Timon Haugan-Kristoffersen).
- Only once before had skiers from a single nation swept the podium in Sölden, this happened in 1997/98 when the Austrian trio of **Hermann Maier**, **Stephan Eberharter** and **Heinz Schilchegger** were triumphant.
- It was the first of the two GS podium sweeps in the 2024/25 season, with the other claimed by Swiss skiers in Hafjell (Meillard-Odermatt-Tumler).
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** did not finish the first run in the 2024/25 Sölden race. He also did not finish the second run in the following Giant Slalom of the season in Beaver Creek, before then finishing on the podium in all the next seven Giant Slalom races of the season, winning three and claiming the Giant Slalom globe by a huge margin over **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)**.
- The 2024/25 Sölden race marked the first race in which **Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (BRA/Atomic)** represented Brazil. He came fourth, winning Brazil's first ever World Cup points. Pinheiro Braathen went on to finish second twice in GS and once in Slalom last season but he is yet to record Brazil's maiden World Cup win.
- The last Austrian athlete to win the season opener in Sölden was **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** in 2014/15. He then went on to win both Giant Slalom and Overall World Cup titles. Sölden was Hirscher's first of a total of five Giant Slalom victories and seven podiums in eight Giant Slalom races that season.

- The last Austrian men's skier to get on the podium in Sölden was **Roland Leitinger (AUT/Salomon)** in 2021/22. He came second behind **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)**.
- The last time there were no Swiss athletes in the top 10 of the Sölden Giant Slalom was 2015/16 season. Since then, Switzerland has placed four different athletes in the top 10, with **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** winning the 2021/22 and 2022/23 editions, and Odermatt second in 2020/21 with **Gino Caviezel (SUI/Atomic)** third.
- Switzerland dominated the Giant Slalom in 2024/25 season, winning six races out of nine: **Marco Odermatt** - 3, **Loic Meillard (Rossignol)** - 2, **Thomas Tumler (Stöckli)** - 1, scoring a total of 12 podiums and 20 top-10 finishes.
- The three remaining wins belonged to Norwegian athletes (**Alexander Steen Olsen** - 2, **Henrik Kristoffersen** - 1).
- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** won the first nine Giant Slalom races in the 2023/24 season. He had the chance to win the 10th and final GS of the season, but he did not finish the second run in Saalbach. As such he missed out on matching **Ingemar Stenmark's (SWE)** record of 10 GS World cup wins in a single season. There will be only nine GS races this season, so this record cannot be matched. No other athlete apart from **Stenmark** or **Odermatt** has ever won more than seven World Cup races in a single discipline of a single World Cup season.
- The winners of the last two Olympic-year Sölden races also went on to win Giant Slalom Olympic gold that season. Sölden 2013/14 champion **Ted Ligety (USA)** was the winner of the Sochi 2014 Giant Slalom event while **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** finished in the top spot both in the Sölden 2021/22 and Beijing 2022 races.