

## Ski Cross World Cup 2025/26 – Men's Val Thorens stat sheet

- Last season's Crystal Globe means **Reece Howden (CAN)** has now joined Jean Frederic Chapuis on three career World Cup overall victories, just one behind all-time leader Tomas Kraus.
- With 18 World Cup event victories, **Reece Howden (CAN)** is level with Jean Frederic Chapuis as the male athlete with the most wins, and could overtake Chapuis with a victory on the track named after the Frenchman.
- **Reece Howden's (CAN)** seven World Cup victories last season was the most wins in a single season by a male athlete, surpassing Michael Schmid's record of five in 2010.
- **Reece Howden (CAN)** won 41% of World Cup races last season, the best percentage win rate by a male athlete since Schmid won 45% of races in the 2010 season.
- **Simone Deromedis' (ITA)** total of three World Cup wins last season represented his best single-season tally to date. That total included winning the opening race of the season in Val Thorens.
- After five World Cup podium finishes without a victory in 2024, **Florian Wilmsmann (GER)** scored a career-high three victories in a single season in 2025.
- The second race of last season's Val Thorens event produced the first-ever tied race in World Cup history, as **Alex Fiva (SUI)** and **Adam Kappacher (AUT)** shared the win after a photo finish.
- After his shared victory last season in Val Thorens, **Alex Fiva (SUI)** holds the record for the longest gap between first and most recent World Cup victory for a male athlete - with his maiden victory coming 12 years, 11 months and six days prior to last season's success.
- **Adam Kappacher's (AUT)** only podium appearance of last season was his shared victory in the second race of the Val Thorens event.
- For the first season since 2020, **David Mobaerg (SWE)** failed to win a World Cup race last season.
- Despite being the reigning world and Olympic champion, **Ryan Regez (SUI)** has only won one World Cup race since 2022 - the opening race of Val di Fassa last season.
- For the fourth consecutive year, the Ski Cross World Cup season will start in Val Thorens in France.
- Only in two of the previous 15 seasons has the winner of the first race of the opening event lifted the Crystal Globe at the end of the season. Both of those times the curtain-raiser was on the slopes of Val Thorens - Kevin Drury winning in the 2020 season and Jean Frederic Chapuis in the 2017 season.

- After a Frenchman took to the podium in every event held in Val Thorens between 2014 and 2023, there has been no home athlete in the top three of a race in the previous two seasons.