

## Audi FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup 2025/26 – Women's Giant Slalom Copper Mountain, CO stat sheet

### Women's Giant Slalom season opener in Sölden

- **Julia Scheib's (AUT/Rossignol)** win in **Sölden** was her first World Cup victory in 49 starts. Her 0.58s winning margin was the biggest winning gap for a women's race in **Sölden** since **Lara Gut-Behrami (SUI/Head)** won by 1.44s ahead of **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic)** in 2016/17, and marked the first time an Austrian skier won the women's race in **Sölden** since **Anna Veith (AUT)** tied with **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic)** in 2014/15.
- **Paula Moltzan's (USA/Rossignol)** second-place finish in **Sölden** was her best-ever GS result, having previously finished third in GS in **Kronplatz** in 2024/25. Despite six World Cup podiums since 2020/21, **Moltzan** is yet to win a World Cup race.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami (SUI/Head)** is injured after a training crash in **Copper Mountain, CO** last week. Her third place in **Sölden** means she is now tied with **Vreni Schneider (SUI)** for the most World Cup podiums by a women's or men's Swiss skier (101).
- **Mikaela Shiffrin's (USA/Atomic)** fourth-place finish was her best result in **Sölden** since winning in 2021/22. After Slalom wins in **Levi** and **Gurgl**, **Shiffrin** has 103 career World Cup wins among 159 podiums. Both are the most for women's or men's Alpine skiers – **Shiffrin** is 17 wins clear of **Ingemar Stenmark (SWE)** on 86, and 21 clear of third-placed **Lindsey Vonn (USA/Head)** on 82. For podiums, **Shiffrin's** 159 is four clear of **Stenmark** (155) and 19 clear of **Vonn** and **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** who are both on 138.
- Six US athletes finished in the Top 20 in **Sölden**: **Paula Moltzan (USA/Rossignol)** in second, **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic)** in fourth, **Nina O'Brien (USA/Rossignol)** in sixth, **Katie Hensien (USA/Rossignol)** in 12<sup>th</sup>, **AJ Hurt (USA/Head)** in 13<sup>th</sup>, and **Elisabeth Bock (USA/Rossignol)** in 19<sup>th</sup>. Since then, however, **Hensien** suffered a minor ankle fracture during practice before **Levi** while **Bock** pulled a groin muscle, with neither taking part in Finland. **O'Brien (USA/Rossignol)** was the only athlete who finished inside the Top 10 in **Sölden** who is yet to make a World Cup podium.

### Women's Giant Slalom Copper Mountain, CO stats

- **Copper Mountain, CO** has hosted the women's Giant Slalom World Cup on three occasions - in 1975/76, 1999/00 and 2001/02. **Copper Mountain, CO** has only hosted a men's World Cup on one occasion, in 1975/76, when **Ingemar Stenmark (SWE)** won the Slalom race.
- The only USA skier to finish on the podium in the three women's Giant Slalom races held in **Copper Mountain, CO** is **Cindy Nelson (USA)**, who finished second in 1975/76.

- The only nation to achieve more than one women's Giant Slalom podium in **Copper Mountain, CO** is **Switzerland**, with two third-place finishes (**Sonja Nef** in 2001/02 and **Bernadette Zurbriggen** in 1975/76).
- **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic)** is currently on 43 women's Giant Slalom World Cup podiums, which is third on the all-time list. **Shiffrin** sits one podium ahead of **Federica Brignone (ITA/Rossignol)** on 42, two behind **Anita Wachter (AUT)** and three behind leader **Vreni Schneider (AUT)** on 46.
- **Paula Moltzan (USA/Rossignol)** is searching for her first World Cup victory, having posted six podium finishes to date. If both **Moltzan** and **Shiffrin** make the podium this weekend, the USA could overtake Switzerland for the most women's GS podiums in **Copper Mountain, CO**, provided a Swiss skier doesn't also make the podium. The last USA athlete other than **Shiffrin** or **Lindsey Vonn (USA)** to win a women's GS race was **Julie MJ Parisien** in 1990/91.
- If **Julia Scheib (AUT/Rossignol)** wins in **Copper Mountain, CO** it will mark the first time an Austrian skier will have won two women's Giant Slalom races in a row since **Anna Veith (AUT)** won three in a row in 2014/15.
- **Thea Louise Stjernesund (NOR/Rossignol)** has made three women's World Cup Giant Slalom podiums, which is equal-third for Norway alongside **Stina Hofgard Nilsen (NOR)**. One more podium will see **Stjernesund** move to outright third behind second-placed **Ragnhild Mowinckel (NOR)** on five.
- If **Alice Robinson (NZL/Salomon)** wins at least one World Cup race in 2025/26, she will become the most successful women's World Cup race winner from a non-European or North American nation. Robinson started the season on four World Cup race victories, which is tied with her compatriot **Claudia Riegler** who won four races in the late 1990s.
- Of the four skiers who won a women's Giant Slalom race last season, **Alice Robinson (NZL/Salomon)** had the lowest ratio of wins-to-podiums, with one win from seven GS podium finishes (14%). **Federica Brignone (ITA/Rossignol)** had the highest ratio of wins-to-podiums, with five wins from six podium finishes (83%).
- **Lara Colturi (ALB/Blizzard)** is seeking the first World Cup win of her career, which would be a first-ever for Albania. **Colturi** made three podiums in the entire 2024/25 season, including third in Giant Slalom in **Are**, and has already achieved two Slalom podium finishes this season in **Levi** and **Gurgl**, equalling her career best result and marking the first time she made back-to-back World Cup podiums.
- Historically, Giant Slalom in the women's World Cup is dominated by **Austria** with 94 race victories among 277 podium finishes, the most in both categories by any national federation. Switzerland is second in both with 83 victories among 211 GS podium finishes.