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## **President's foreword**

## **JOHAN ELIASCH**

There goes another brilliant season. As ever, our FIS team worked closely with local organisers and NSAs to deliver a spectacular series of events, including FIS World Ski Championships across Alpine, Nordic, Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski.

From Saalbach to Trondheim and St Moritz, we were enraptured by the skills and passion of our athletes, resulting in record TV viewership and engagement around the world.

It's been a fantastic season for our Para disciplines too, with truly exciting competition on display at the FIS Para World Ski Championships. The Para cross-country events in Trondheim displayed the best of human courage and endurance, giving us a tantalising glimpse of what inclusion looks like.

Another great cause for excitement were our Junior World Ski Championships. Anyone watching those incredible performances can be in no doubt that the pipeline of new talent is very strong. To all those who helped deliver these fantastic events, thank you. You knocked it out of the park.

### **Determining our own destiny**

When I became President of FIS, four years ago, I made clear my ambitions for our federation. We are not just here to deliver magic on the slopes. Our mission is to safeguard the future of snow sports; to spread a passion for skiing and snowboarding across the world; and to use our influence as a force for good.



This sense of mission drives us day-in, day-out – and a key part of that mission is centralising our media rights. As I have always argued, centralisation is essential to the future of our sport. In the intense competition for fans' attention, the sports which prove the most adept at creating new and compelling content will win out. In order to create this content, we needed to have control over our rights.

Without the media rights we risked being gradually left behind. That's why I have said that centralisation is about nothing less than determining our own destiny – and over the last few months, we took a big step towards doing just that.

FIS and all major World Cup National Ski Associations have now finalized the centralisation of international media and broadcast rights for FIS World Cup events. This agreement allows FIS to commercialise the rights as a unified global package, delivering immediate financial benefits to all participating NSAs.

This is a win-win-win situation. It's a win for all NSAs, who have already enjoyed immediate financial benefits. It's a win for athletes, who will benefit from having a stronger international platform. And it's a win for all who love skiing and snowboarding, because by enriching the stories we tell our audiences we can unlock a more prosperous and successful future for all FIS snow sports.

Beginning with the 2026/27 season, Infront will exclusively market these rights on behalf of FIS, with the goal of boosting revenues and enhancing fan engagement. Direct contractual relationships between FIS and broadcasters will provide guaranteed increased revenues for NSAs. Not 'possible' increased revenues – guaranteed.

To ensure this new arrangement works seamlessly, a new governance model has been established, featuring the FIS Media Rights Panel and Executive Board. Representation from both World Cup NSAs and FIS will ensure all voices are heard.

We are wasting no time in realising these opportunities. For instance, in May 2025 we began an unprecedented strategic partnership with Azerbaijan's state tourism agency, making Azerbaijan the premium partner of all FIS World Championships, as well as a title partner of the FIS World Cup in Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, and Snowboard Cross, and a presenting partner in Nordic Combined. This is going to bring value to the entire range of our disciplines and takes us into a new exciting growth market.

Only a few weeks later, in June, the FIS Council engaged in a thorough discussion about how to sustainably increase athletes' prize money and agreed on an immediate measure to be implemented for the 2025/26 season: an increase of up to 20 %



in prize money for FIS World Cup events across all disciplines, with 10% guaranteed by FIS and an additional 10% on a voluntary basis from each Local Organizing Committee.

These are important steps of a long journey. It is clear that we still have a lot to do when it comes to bringing value to snow sports and, particularly, rewarding our athletes as they deserve.

We're working hard on exciting new products to elevate all disciplines around the world, promote our athletes on the world stage, and substantially increase revenues. This is about much more than bottom line, though. It is about continuing to attract the very best athletes to our sport – and continuing to inspire kids with the magic of skiing and snowboarding – for decades to come.

#### **Bright times ahead**

Looking ahead to the upcoming season, there is so much to look forward to – not least the first-ever FIS Freeride World Championships. Freeride has been a remarkable success story over the past season. Just a couple of years since the FWT

became a part of our federation, we have more than 10,000 members competing across over 300 events, we've seen a 12% increase in FIS Freeride memberships compared to 2024 – and social media reach for the FIS Freeride World Tour soared past the 340 million mark. All this points to a huge occasion in Andorra, and I can't wait.

And, of course, we continue to work closely with the IOC to prepare for a successful Winter Olympic Games. The Milano-Cortina organising committee and all other stakeholders are giving their best to ensure these Games are a true historic milestone for winter sports.

It's been a year of great achievements, pledges fulfilled, and new journeys begun across many fronts: sport; sustainability; development and more. You can read about all of them in detail through the following pages.

To all those within FIS and in the wider snow sports community who have helped realise all this: thank you. Together, we are taking the sports we love to the next level.







## with Michel Vion



As he shares his views on the highlights of the past season, FIS Secretary General Michel Vion eloquently summarizes the guiding star that nurtured the organization's endeavors over the last 12 months: "2024/25 was as much about the season itself as it was about paving the way for the future."

### When we take a step back and look at FIS' key achievements in 2024/25, which are the aspects that stand out the most to you?

In a few years' time, I think we'll look back at 2024/25 and be amazed at just how many decisive steps FIS took during such a short period of time. Decisive not only right now, but really to build the foundation of the future of snow sports.

It all starts with the centralization of media rights, of course, which is a cornerstone of how we are embracing growth and expansion: into new markets, targeting different and younger audiences, focusing on delivering a better product for our fans.

This ethos is visible within the organization, too: we are growing, and doing so with a clear plan and intention. The arrival of our new CEO, Urs Lehmann, is just one of the many steps we have taken to further professionalize and future-proof FIS.

Really, 2024/25 was as much about the season itself as it was about paving the way for the future.



# What does the immediate future look like; the upcoming 2025/26 season?

I guess an Olympic and Paralympic season is as good an occasion as any to highlight FIS' major strength: its wide breadth of disciplines, each with particular characteristics, with a different spirit and often a different audience, but all united by the love for snow. Milano-Cortina 2026 is an invaluable opportunity to showcase this to the world, including to people who are not snow sports fans just yet.

In fact, it is very auspicious that we'll host our first FIS Freeride World Championships just days before the Winter Olympic Games start. It is a stark reminder of how we are looking at many avenues, including brand new disciplines, to expand snow sports' reach around the world.

You have mentioned the centralization of media rights, but the 2024/25 season was not short on discussions, even controversy, about some other very important areas, wasn't it? It was, indeed, and that is actually a good thing. It is a sign that the snow sports ecosystem is working as it should: as a democratic forum where all main stakeholders – NSAs of different sizes, organizers, athletes, fans, sponsors, broadcasters – have a say.

For example, in 2024/25 we had our share of serious accidents, which shed the spotlight on safety, something on which FIS has been working incessantly for a few years now. While a degree of risk is inherent to skiing and snowboarding, we absolutely must control everything that we can control when it comes to protecting the athletes, even if this means making some unpopular decisions.

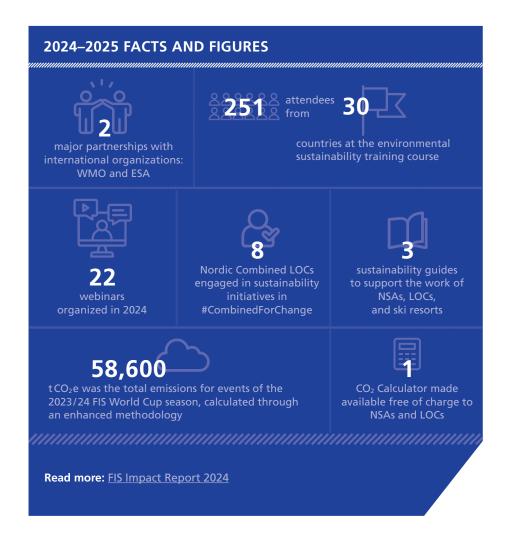
Then, of course, we've been spending several weeks dealing with the equipment manipulation case that arose in Trondheim and all its consequences. Here, too, I am proud of how FIS and the Ski Jumping community reacted, with diligence to get to the bottom of that case and urgency to enhance equipment control.

We are constantly changing and evolving, across many fronts, and the overarching goal is clear: to ensure a bright future for our sports.





## **SUSTAINABILITY**





## WMO and ESA: partnerships to bring science to FIS' sustainability efforts

FIS has always made a clear point about its commitment to the environment and the planet: action must be grounded on scientifical facts. For such a critical issue, true impact is the only indicator that matters.

In 2024, the level of knowledge at the service of FIS' commitment to sustainability took a major step forward through two new partnerships: with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - the first ever collaboration between a UN agency and a sports federation – and with the European Space Agency (ESA).

The five-year agreement with the WMO and its National Meteorological and Hydrological Services is centered on initiatives that connect climate science with winter sports to highlight the impact of climate change on snow and ice cover.

The Memorandum of Intent with the ESA, on the other hand, is focused specifically on how to harness the advanced technologies of space applications to drive sustainability in snow sports. The goal is to develop and innovate space technology to address climate change, protect biodiversity, reduce pollution, and promote the circular economy.

Read more about the partnership with the WMO and with ESA.



# **Enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> calculation:** more precise and available to the whole snow sports ecosystem

The importance of understanding the concrete impact of events on the environment was at the heart of the project that resulted in the FIS CO<sub>2</sub> Calculator: a tool tailor-made for snow sports events that FIS is making available free of charge to all NSAs, as well as the Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) of all FIS events.

By using the calculator, LOCs and NSAs can have a clearer understanding of the emissions generated by their events and activities. This information can then be used in environmental analysis and in the planning of future events.

Built on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, the FIS CO<sub>2</sub> Calculator aims to simplify the process of reducing carbon emissions in a cost-effective manner, promoting consistency, transparency in reported data, and long-term comparability across events.

The calculator was launched in October 2024 with a webinar and four training events. The FIS Help Desk was also established to help users get the best out of the calculator. Out of 196 registered organizations (NSAs and LOCs), 53 events - accounting for 30% - are already making extensive use of the tool.

Read more: FIS | A new era for the calculation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in snow sports

## **Knowledge exchange** as a force for good

To drive sustainability in snow sports, FIS' efforts have been centering on the most valuable asset for this endeavor: knowledge.

Over the course of the last 12 months, several projects have focused on creating, promoting, and sharing knowledge across the different actors in the snow sports ecosystem:

The #CombinedForChange Sustainability Tour, for example, had the organizers of each of the eight Viessmann FIS Nordic Combined World Cup stages engaged in implementing a sustainability project and sharing that knowledge with their peers. The winning LOC in the FIS Combined For Change Award, Schonach received a € 10,000 voucher from Viessmann Climate Solutions to be used for an innovative energy or climate project.



- FIS has completed its first environmental sustainability training course, attended by 251 participants, including representatives from NSAs, LOCs, and FIS staff from 30 countries. FIS has also organized twelve sustainability webinars, including eight as part of the Sustainability Series and four more to help LOCs and NSAs use the FIS CO<sub>2</sub> calculator.
- FIS has been working on a series of guides to support LOCs, NSAs, and other members of the snow sports world in developing more sustainable practices. The list includes:

Snowball Guide – Sustainability Practices for FIS Events

Sustainability Communications Guidelines

Sustainability Guide for Ski Resorts

Technical Snow 101 - Truths and Myths





## with Susanna Sieff, **FIS Sustainability Director**



### What are the aspects from 2024/25 of which you are the most proud?

FIS has taken several remarkable steps, most of which converge towards one single idea: collaboration. Sustainability is a crucial area for our existence, of the whole planet, and as such it should benefit from all the knowledge and collective action we can assemble.

The partnerships with the WMO and the ESA illustrate that very vividly, and so does #CombinedForChange, which is essentially a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices. Between that and the resources that we are making available to the entire snow sports ecosystem - the CO<sub>2</sub> Calculator, the guides and courses - I really believe we have paved the way for many truly impactful initiatives.

### What else is on the horizon?

We are looking to expand the idea of partnering and collaborating – there are a few other fascinating opportunities that are already coming to fruition.

Also, 2025 should be a year in which we further improve the process of reporting on the progress of our sustainability-related activities. At the moment, our Impact Report follows the blueprint set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which is a remarkable milestone for an organization that achieved so little until 2021, but it's not our final goal.

The plan is to enhance the depth and quality of our reporting, with the goal of publishing a full-fledged sustainability report – guided by internationally recognized standards such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) – in the upcoming years.

## **DEVELOPMENT**





# New and better **Development** and Membership programs

The 2024/25 season marked a transformative leap in FIS Development and Membership initiatives, delivering strategic, systemic, and sustainable impact across the global ski community. With activities spanning three continents and all Olympic and Paralympic disciplines, the programs reached 87.7% of FIS Developing Nations – demonstrating unprecedented global engagement.

Discipline-specific results highlighted strong participation, particularly in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined (41.5% of licensed athletes) and Snowboard and Freestyle (83.3% of developing NSAs). Systemic innovations included the integration of Associate Members, enhanced communication via the FIS Summit, and cross-disciplinary collaboration through joint youth-focused sessions.

New engagement tools like World Snow Day, FIS Plus, and FIS Start expanded outreach and inclusivity, while transparent communication was strengthened through dedicated HUBs. Looking ahead, a 2026-2030 planning cycle and partnership models are laying the foundation for long-term sustainability and capacity building.



### **OUR COMMITMENT**

- democratizing access to elite-level development
- empowering emerging nations
- fostering a more inclusive and resilient future for snow sports



## **Partnerships advancing** inclusion in snow sports

Last year saw FIS deepen its commitment to inclusive snow sports through three strategic partnerships, each reinforcing the Federation's mission to make winter sports accessible to all.

A landmark Memorandum of Understanding with Virtus, the global body for athletes with intellectual impairments, set the stage for longterm integration of these athletes into Alpine and Cross-Country skiing. The agreement includes technical collaboration, shared event infrastructure, and a joint working group to support Virtus athletes' potential inclusion in the Paralympic Winter Games as early as 2030.

FIS also renewed its longstanding partnership with Special Olympics, extending a collaboration that began in 2016. The renewed agreement supports coach education, technical delegate training, and athlete participation in events like the Special

Olympics World Winter Games. Initiatives such as the "Special Olympics 10" and joint World Snow Day activities continue to foster inclusive community engagement.

In a third initiative, FIS joined forces with Para Sport, the IPC's grassrootsto-elite development platform, to launch Para Snowboard Development Camps in Dubai and Manchester. These camps, supported by Citi's Para Sport Development Fund, aim to increase diversity and gender balance in Para Snowboard by offering high-level training and competition opportunities to emerging athletes from up to 15 countries.



### **OUR COMMITMENT:**

building a more inclusive future for snow sports

# **Inspiring #SnowStories: Voices of Change on the Snow**

The 2024/25 season's #SnowStories series shone a spotlight on remarkable individuals whose journeys reflect the transformative power of snow sports across cultures, communities, and continents.

In Latvia, Alpine coach Kristīne Cera is redefining what it means to lead on the slopes. From humble beginnings sliding down hills on plastic bags to founding her own ski club, Kristīne is now a driving force behind youth and Para sport development in the Baltics. Her story is one of resilience, innovation, and a deep commitment to nurturing the next generation of skiers.

Across the Atlantic, the Rivers triplets - Henri IV, Henniyah, and Helaina are making waves by representing Jamaica in Alpine skiing. Raised in the U.S. and inspired by their father's legacy in the sport, the siblings are challenging stereotypes and building a legacy of inclusion and representation for Black athletes in winter sports.



### **OUR COMMITMENT:**

to inspire, include, and innovate - on and off the snow

Meanwhile, in Brazil, 20-year-old Augustinho Teixeira made history by winning his country's first Continental Cup medal in snowboard Park & Pipe. His journey – from sand dunes in South America to snowy podiums in Europe – embodies the spirit of perseverance. Supported by FIS Development Camps, Augustinho is now a role model for aspiring snowboarders in non-traditional winter sport nations.

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# with Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS Development Program Director





### What are the key changes in the offerings of the FIS Development Program?

What I'm most proud of is something initiated by the former team and continued with the new one: transforming free training days into structured training camps. These camps have been well received by World Ski Championships organizers and NSAs. With this change, the FIS Development programs have introduced development activities across all FIS Olympic and FIS Paralympic disciplines.

### What was the key motivation behind this review?

Some FIS programs had become repetitive over the years, offering diminishing benefits. It was evident that our activities needed renewal and fresh energy.

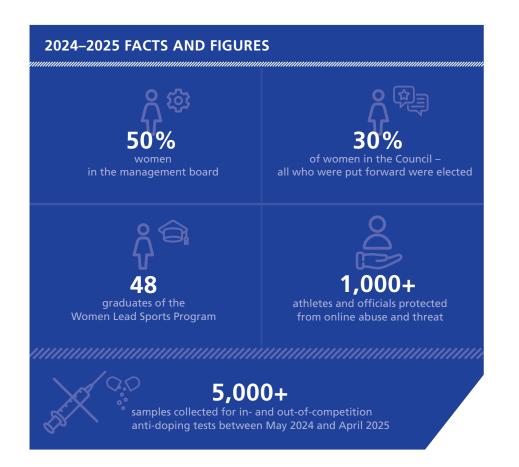
We aimed to revitalize existing programs and introduce new ones specifically tailored for our developing athletes and coaches. For instance, we noticed that athletes from development camps struggled to apply their new skills at home because their coaches were not present at the camps. To address this, we've introduced coaches' education programs.

# In your most ambitious vision, what would you like to see accomplished through the FIS Development Program?

I hope to see 30% of Olympic and Paralympic athletes emerging from our Development Program camps. While this is a grand aspiration, dreaming big is essential! I recognize, however, that achieving this goal will also depend on overcoming increasingly stringent qualification criteria. The opportunities for athletes from developing countries to participate in the Olympic and Paralympic Games are diminishing, which makes our task even more challenging.

Read more: FIS | New and better development programs: what has changed in FIS' approach

## **INTEGRITY**





## Keeping athletes safe

Over the course of the year, FIS has taken concrete steps towards ensuring that snow sports are a safe place for all – in particular for young athletes. After the topic of safeguarding was at the forefront of the inaugural FIS Seminar, in May 2024, FIS announced several important measures:

- The publication of a safeguarding toolkit for event organizers, highlighting all the practical steps to be taken into account to ensure safety at and around an event.
- The introduction of safeguarding training as a mandatory assignment for coaches, coordinators, and FIS experts who take part in development camps.
- The partnership with the Signify Group to protect over 1,000 athletes and officials from online abuse and threat.

### Fostering gender equality

One of FIS' key pledges, laid out both in the FIS Impact Programme and the Strategic Plan, is that of promoting gender equality and increasing women's participation in snow sports, both on and off the piste.

The 2024/25 period was particularly fruitful in this regard, with the FIS administration employing 50% of women in its management board and with 30% of the FIS Council composed of women.



This was also the period during which FIS offered representatives of the National Associations the opportunity to take part in the <u>Women Lead Sports Program</u>, a world-class leadership course developed by Gabriela Müller Mendoza, an award-winning trainer and coach for over 20 years and an expert in diversity, equality, and inclusion in sport. The first cohort, comprising 24 men and women, graduated in January 2025, soon before applications were opened for a second cohort.

### For a fair sport

FIS' robust anti-doping program collected more than 5,000 samples from competitors across all disciplines between May 2024 and April 2025. The number includes all types of in- and out-of-competition tests, i.e. urine, Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESA), Blood Passport, and Dried Blood Spot.

Here is the full breakdown:

### FIS IN-COMPETITION TESTS SEASON 2024/25

	Urine	ESAs (urine/blood)	Blood	Blood passport	Dried Blood Spot
Cross-Country Skiing	303	225	113	94	21
Nordic Combined	90	66	43	31	
Ski Jumping	95		6		2
Alpine Skiing	205	70	66		4
Freestyle Skiing	233	28	10		2
Snowboard	144	21	2		6
Telemark	40				
Para Alpine Skiing	30	12	10		
Para Cross-Country	30	18	9		
Para Snowboard	18	7	2		
Total	1188	447	261	125	35



### FIS OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTS SEASON 2024/25

	Urine	ESAs (urine/blood)	Blood tests	Blood passport
Cross-Country Skiing	406	295	212	471
Nordic Combined	133	64	39	150
Ski Jumping	53	1	8	
Alpine Skiing	282	79	31	281
Freestyle Skiing	153	13	12	42*
Snowboard	81	16	5	1
Para Alpine Skiing	21	2	11	
Para Cross-Country	68	22	7	79
Para Snowboard	14	1	6	
Total	1211	498	332	1024

### **Ethics case in Ski Jumping**

This season's most notable case involving the efforts to keep the sport fair arose at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Trondheim, where allegations emerged of illegal equipment manipulation by members of the Norwegian Ski Jumping team.

The FIS Independent Ethics and Compliance Office (IECO) conducted a thorough investigation, which resulted in three Norwegian Ski Jumping officials and two athletes being charged for violations of the FIS Universal Code of Ethics and the FIS Rules on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.

At the time of writing, the two athletes had signed a settlement agreement, while the case of the three officials was in the process of being adjudicated by the FIS Ethics Committee.



# with Sarah Fussek, FIS Integrity Director



From an Integrity standpoint, the season will obviously be remembered for the Ski Jumping case in Trondheim. What does the case mean for FIS and snow sports?

Of course, we would prefer not to have to deal with such cases – we are in the business of sports and would rather focus on competitions and the thrill that they bring, as opposed to legal procedures. However, the distress brought about by this situation has also shown that FIS is equipped with sensible and robust mechanisms to deal with ethics procedures with the meticulousness that they deserve. This must be highlighted.

On the safeguarding front, FIS has brought in external experts to develop the most recent initiatives. How do these partnerships work?

In an area as crucial and as complex as safeguarding is, there can be no such thing as half-measures: if we want to address a problem, we need to look at it holistically and through the eyes of specialists.

There was no better person than Mathilde Grenet – the founder of safeguarding consultancy *En Garde* – to produce the FIS Safe Event Toolkit and oversee

the deployment of our program across the snow sports environment. Similarly, to properly tackle online abuse and threat against our athletes and officials in multiple languages we need the expertise and infrastructure of the Signify Group. I'm a firm believer in the power of partnerships to achieve development and growth.

Diversity, including gender equality, also falls within your remit. What is the status of FIS' journey in this regard?

We, as FIS team, are very proud of some of the steps we have taken in terms of increasing women's representation across the snow sports ecosystem and fostering their growth with programs like Women Lead Sports. What we must always keep in mind is that a long journey still lies ahead, not only for snow sports, but for society at large. The only way to walk this path is with ambitious goals such as the one FIS has set, of achieving a gender ratio of no more than a 60/40 disparity, across all Committees and Sub Committees, by 2026. One thing is for sure: we're working on it. A lot.



## **MEDIA & MARKETING**

# Stronger together. Much stronger.

The fact that FIS and the NSAs finalized the centralization of international media and broadcast rights is, in and of itself, a historic step for snow sports to be fit for the ever-evolving landscape of the 21st century.

This revolution, however, has already started, and FIS' results for 2024/25 are a testament to it:



### **OWNED DIGITAL PLATFORMS** 1.4 billion 62 million 405 million reach on TikTok, boosted by a highly successful partnership with total social media reach the platform as FIS's new entertaininteractions (+219%) across (+ 179 % YoY) FIS social media channels ment partner (excluding China) 54 million+ 3.2+ million 4.6% total views across Chinese-based followers across all social media average engagement rate: platforms, Weibo, Douyin, and platforms: (+34%) (up from 4.2 %) Red 7.6 million 289,000 active users on the FIS website active users on the in 2024/25 FIS Mobile App (+ 105%) Read more: FIS | FIS accelerates its digital transformation with record growth across owned platforms



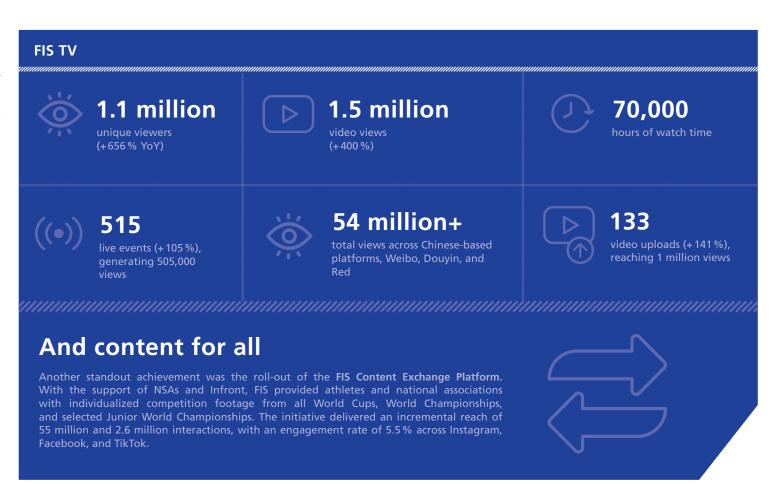
## **FIS TV**

With highlights, winning runs, and dark market livestreams from all World Cup events, global coverage of the Junior World Championships, and selected second-tier FIS competitions, FIS TV has seen remarkable growth.

### New content formats such as:

- The Overlooked,
- Saalbach Unplugged,
- Behind the Medal Plaza, and
- The Alpine Race Weekend Recap Show

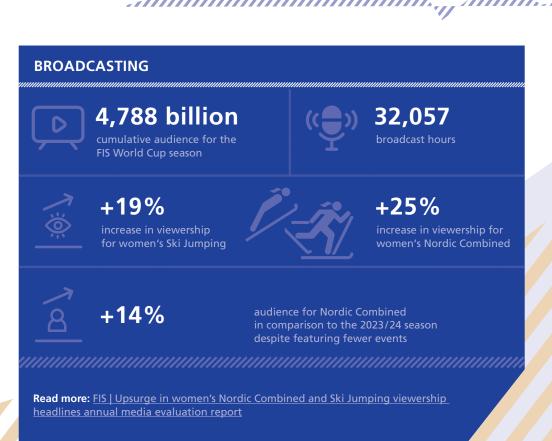
have further boosted engagement.





## **Broadcasting**

The broadcasting landscape for the season was stable in comparison to the previous season, with a few standout facts and figures:





## An evolving commercial strategy

FIS set focus on innovation, globalization, and digitalization has shaped the organization's approach to commercial partnerships, having brought to life the concept of FIS Global Partner, the highest level of snow sports partnership, with a strategic angle reaching far beyond sponsoring events.

In May 2025, FIS announced its first global partnership, with Azerbaijan's State Tourism Agency appointed as Global Destination Partner until the completion of the 2029/30 season and thus joining forces with FIS as a premium partner of the FIS World Championships across all disciplines, a title partner of the FIS World Cup in Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, and Snowboard Cross, and a presenting partner in Nordic Combined.

"The partnership with Azerbaijan ticks all the boxes; it brings value to the entire range of our disciplines, to further the development of snow sports across all levels - from recreational to elite - and takes us into a new exciting growth market," says FIS President Johan Eliasch.

The state of FIS' commercial portfolio as of September 2025 for the FIS World Cup season 2025/26.

### FIS PARTNERSHIPS - by September 2025

FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP	Title Sponsor  Data/Timing Partner	Audi LONGINES
	Title Sponsor	N/A
FIS PARK & PIPE WORLD CUP	Data/Timing Partner	swatch
FIS SNOWBOARD ALPINEWORLD CUP	Title Sponsor	VISA
	Data/Timing Partner	OPEN
FIS FREESTYLE SKI & SNOWBOARD WORLD CUPS	Title Sponsor	<b>a</b> zerbaijan
(MOG, AER, SX, SBX)	Data/Timing Partner	OPEN
FIS CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP	Title Sponsor  Central Sponsor  Data/Timing Partner	LE GRUYÈRE*
FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP	Title Sponsor  Central Sponsor  Data/Timing Partner	VIESMANN  HYLO'  CHIQ
FIS NORDIC COMBINED WORLD CUP	Title Sponsor  Central Sponsor  Data/Timing Partner	<b>VIESMANN ■</b> azerbaijan  OPEN















## with Christian Salomon, **FIS Chief Commercial Director**



### It does not sound like a stretch to say that last season was the most consequential ever for snow sports' commercial profile, does it?

It doesn't. This moment really feels like the dawn of a new era for snow sports. Although it's always important to remind ourselves that the centralization of international media and broadcast rights is not the end goal, far from it: it is a first fundamental step towards modernizing snow sports, bringing them to more people, and positioning them to reach their full monetization potential in a media landscape that is constantly shifting and evolving. These are all processes that are already underway, and the 2024/25 season was a phenomenal showcase of where we are heading.

## How has FIS been navigating the stark and constant changes to how people consume sports these days?

Today, any sports organization willing to survive must be diverse and nimble. At FIS, we have this enormous advantage of counting on a wide array of disciplines that appeal to different audiences. It would be foolish of us to restrain ourselves and not to explore all the many possibilities that exist to reach our fans: from regular TV broadcasts to social media highlights. We must be strong and innovative across all fronts.

For example, recently, the broadcast of snow sports events has made considerable strides in terms of quality and innovation. The Media & Marketing team has been working closely with athletes, broadcasters, and organizers to bring to the fore ideas that increase the engagement and interactivity, ranging from the enhanced use of live drones, GPS, augmented reality, and data-driven graphics to the deployment of onboard goggle cameras and access to team radios.

This is a fascinating time for the snow sports community to act together as one and think about ways to enhance the product that we deliver to fans around the world - but really around the whole world, and not just across a few key markets.

This is our goal, and it's also reflected in how we are executing our more strategic approach towards sponsorship. We are breaking new ground with deals like the one with Azerbaijan as a first Global Partner or the presence of CHiQ as our first partner hailing from China.



## **FINANCE**

## By Stefan Ruf, FIS Chief Finance and Administrative Officer

Having consulted with the treasurer, the Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee, in June I presented the financial accounts for the year 2024 to the FIS Congress, along with the budget for 2026 and an update of the forecast for 2025.

The consolidated financial statements for the year 2024 show a healthy and stable situation for FIS and its subsidiaries.

The income statement for the financial year reflects the fact that 2024 was the final year of an Olympic cycle. This means that in 2024 FIS did not recognize any revenue related to the Winter Olympic Games or any of the FIS World Ski Championships.

Despite the absence of such revenue, FIS ended the year with an operating profit of just over 4 million Swiss Francs, thanks to additional financial gains – in particular, non-recurring income of more than 18 million Swiss Francs, generated in good part by the contract with Infront.

2024	2023	
Net Revenue	21,837,182	63'842'596
Staff costs	16′651′394	17′101′971
Operating Expenses	15′305′655	10′327′631
Contribution to NSAs	5′040′450	5′041′328
Financial Income x Expenses	2,750,866	2'695'488
Other Income x Expenses	16,591,909	288,323
Profit/Loss before taxes	4′182′729	28'387'857

in Swiss Francs

This scenario of stability and the forecast of increased sponsorship revenue have allowed FIS to draw a sturdy budget for 2026, which has been approved by the FIS Council and the FIS Congress.

The consolidated financial statements for the year 2024 have all been audited in accordance with Swiss law by EY.



### FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION AND PRIZE MONEY

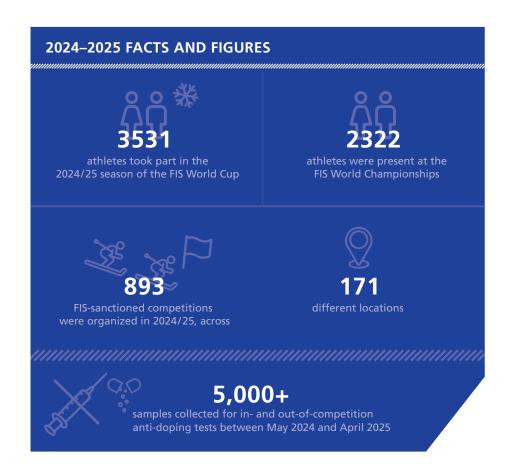
CHF '000	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Financial Distribution	5′000	5′000	5′000	4′995	4′995	4′999	4′999	5′001	5′040	5′000
Special Distribution	7′912	7′499	7′500	7′492	5'493	5′499	7′501	7′499	7′499	7′500
Prize Money						7′851	6′656	6′495	6′400	6′250
Infront Distribution									10'000	10′000

### PERIODISED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2026

P&L   CHF '000	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Budget
Olympic Games, World Championships & Cups	23′990	25′028	26′452	27′690	27′969	28′752
Other sponsorships & revenue	8′052	8′915	17′118	11′502	18′900	29′761
Total Net Revenue	32'042	33′943	43′660	39′192	46′869	58′513
Employee Related Costs	(13'420)	(17′102)	(16'651)	(17′793)	(16'984)	(17′324)
Other Operating Expenses	(13'395)	(10′539)	(15′305)	(12'440)	(15′305)	(15′305)
Operating Profit	5′227	6′302	11′704	8'959	14′580	26′884
Financial income / expense	7′869	(2'695)	2′751	(55)	(55)	2′500
Non-recurring income / expense	1′054	(6′378)	(1'408)	(1'478)	(500)	
Net Profit / Net Loss	14′150	(2′771)	13′047	7′426	14′025	28′384



## **SPORT**





# For safer and more prosperous snow sports

As the worldwide governing body of snow sports, FIS is duty bound to look after the safety and welfare of professional athletes. It is also tasked with ensuring that the snow sports ecosystem functions in a way that it rewards elite competitors as handsomely as they deserve.

The two topics – safety and prize money – are as crucial as they are complex, and 2024/25 will go down in history as a season during which snow sports took major strides in both.

Grounded in thorough scientific research and in the work of the Athlete Health Unit, FIS has been making no compromise when it comes to regulating the safety conditions in Alpine Skiing.

Having already deemed <u>mandatory the use of airbags</u> for Downhill and Super G athletes for the 2024/25 season, in June 2025 the FIS Council adopted an even stricter set of rules, which included the ban on additional rigid parts worn as shin pads inside the ski boot.



"This is all part of a broad approach that involves all the factors that can minimize the risk of serious injuries: from the knowledge around weather conditions and track set-up to equipment such as cut-resistant undergarment and smart bindings. We will embrace any measure that is proven to help protect the athletes," says Michel Vion, FIS Secretary General.

During that same session, the FIS Council engaged in a thorough discussion about how to sustainably increase athletes' prize money and agreed on an immediate measure to be implemented already for the 2025/26 season: an increase of up to 20% in prize money for FIS World Cup events across all disciplines, with 10% guaranteed by FIS and an additional 10% on a voluntary basis from each Local Organizing Committee.

"It is clear that we still have a lot to do when it comes to rewarding our athletes as they deserve. This is an important step, but only another one in a long way ahead," said FIS President Johan Eliasch.

Read more about the <u>increase in prize</u> money and the latest safety measures.

## World Championships, present and future

Any mention of how unbelievable the 2024/25 season was must start with the crown jewel of the snow sports world: the FIS World Ski Championships.

Saalbach, Trondheim, and St Moritz/Engadin delivered impeccable editions, which will certainly serve as inspiration for the 2027 hosts – Crans Montana, Falun, and Montafon – as well as for the list of organizers that in June 2025 were awarded with upcoming events:

- Finsterau (GER):
   FIS Para Cross-Country World Championships
   2027
- Calgary (CAN):
   FIS Snowboard and Freeski Park and Pipe
   Junior World Championships 2026.
- Madona (LAT):
   FIS Rollerski Junior World Championships 2025
- Airolo (SUI):
   FIS Moguls & Aerials
   Junior World Championships 2026
- Åre SLK and Skistar (SWE):
   FIS Moguls and Ski Cross
   Junior World Championships 2027



Above and beyond the excitement on the snow, the suite of FIS World Ski Championships relies on a comprehensive and well-structured bidding process, which started in 2025 for the 2030 and 2031 editions and is also in full swing for the candidates to host the Junior World Championships in the future.





# with Sandra Spitz, FIS Sport and Event Director



Clearly, 2024/25 was a very successful season for ski and snowboard. From a sports administration standpoint, what were the highlights for you?

We've had so many outstanding performances and feats on the slopes that it's easy to overlook some of the broader, very symbolic achievements. For example, how we've introduced Large Hill competitions for the women in Nordic Combined or how Para athletes shared the stage with the able-bodied ones at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Trondheim. These are steps that result from years of hard work from many passionate people.

We've been seeing many rule changes, some of them quite substantial. What is the rationale behind this approach?

Basically, it is our job not to shy away from promoting changes if we are convinced that they are for the good of the sport. And by "our" I don't mean FIS alone, but the entire committee system that is the foundation for snow sports, comprising NSAs, organizers, athlete representatives, etc.

This was clearly the case for the safety regulations in Alpine Skiing, for example, but also for the swift and sweeping review of equipment control procedures in Ski Jumping. It's not only about reviewing, but about working constantly and proactively on projects to enhance safety, fairness, and overall conditions for the athletes.

Are there any specific goals for the 2025/26 season? Above anything else, to ensure that the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Milano-Cortina become a stage for snow sports to shine and reach higher than ever. For that, we've been working very closely with the IOC, the IPC, and the Local Organizing Committee.

It'll be another special year to showcase the most fascinating aspect of FIS: the richness of so many different disciplines competing at the highest level – even more so with the first edition of the FIS Freeride World Championships.





## FIS WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS **SAALBACH 2025**



### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



175,000+

fans on site (in the finish stadium and along the course)



television audience market share in Austria



116 million

social media reach



5 million

interactions on social media (3 times more than Courchevel-Méribel 2023)



medal events



ever Team Combined event (Men and Women)



qualification races (GS Men and SL Men)



female athletes



male athletes



Read more: FIS | Saalbach 2025 showcases record-breaking viewing figures



## **2025 FIS World Ski Championships Nations standing**



RANK	NATION		<b>E</b>		TOTAL
1	Switzerland	5	5	3	13
2	<b>Austria</b>	2	3	2	7
3	<b>■</b> Italy	2	1	0	3
4	United States of America	2	0	2	4
5	<b>₩</b> Norway	0	1	2	3
6	New Zealand	0	1	0	1
7	Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
8	Germany	0	0	1	1
9	Sweden	0	0	1	1

## **Alpine Skiing World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
DH	Franjo Von Allmen	+
DH	Breezy Johnson	
SG	Marco Odermatt	+
SG	Stephanie Venier	
GS	Raphael Haaser	
GS	Federica Brignone	
SL	Loïc Meillard	+
SL	Camille Rast	+
TC	Franjo Von Allmen	+
	Loïc Meillard	T .
TC	Breezy Johnson	
	Mikaela Shiffrin	=
	Giorgia Collomb	
TP	Lara Della Mea	
	Alex Vinatzer	
	Filippo Della Vite	

DH: Downhill; SG: Super G; GS: Giant Slalom; TC: Team Combined; TP: Team Parallel



It was an incredible week, with perfect organization and an absolutely unique atmosphere. You could really feel the enthusiasm of the public, and this edition, even beside my gold medal, will remain engraved in my memory and surely in that of many people.

— Camille Rast, 2025 Slalom World Champion —





### **HIGHLIGHTS**



## **Swiss supremacy** in Saalbach 2025

The 48th edition of the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships marked a defining moment for Switzerland, as the nation asserted its dominance like never before. With a staggering 13 medals - 5 gold, 5 silver, and 3 bronze, the Swiss team delivered the strongest medal haul by any country this century, cementing their position as the sport's leading nation.

From experienced champions to rising stars, Swiss athletes left their mark on nearly every discipline. A standout moment came in the inaugural Team Combined events, where the Swiss men swept the podium. New downhill world champion Franjo von Allmen (Head) added a second gold in four days, teaming up with Loïc Meillard (Rossignol), whose flawless slalom sealed the win. Tanguy Nef (Atomic) and Alexis Monney (Stöckli) claimed silver, while Marc Rochat (Nordica) and Stefan Rogentin (Fischer) surged from eighth to bronze thanks to Rochat's electric second run.

Switzerland's success extended into individual events. Camille Rast gave the nation its first Women's Slalom gold since 1991, the last having come from Vreni Schneider, also in Saalbach. Meanwhile, Marco Odermatt (Stöckli) added a Super-G title to his existing World Championship golds in Downhill and Giant Slalom (Courchevel-Méribel 2023), making him a world champion in three disciplines.

At the heart of Switzerland's haul was Loïc Meillard, who put together one of the most impressive campaigns of the Championships. In addition to Team Combined gold, he captured the Slalom world title and a bronze in Giant Slalom, walking away with three medals and a defining performance in Saalbach.

Read more: FIS | Meillard seals golden World Championships for Swiss with Slalom triumph



Swiss sweep of the Team Combined Men event. Credit: Agence Zoom





# Records, redemption & firsts -Saalbach 2025 delivers alpine history





Mikaela Shiffrin and Breezy Johnson (USA) won the Women's Team Combined. Credit: Agence Zoom

The 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Saalbach were more than a showcase of skiing excellence, they were a celebration of breakthrough moments, historic firsts, and personal triumphs that resonated far beyond the podium.

The event opened in spectacular fashion on Tuesday, February 4th, blending tradition, theatricality, and live sport. For the first time in World Championship history, the opening ceremony featured competition, as the Mixed Team Parallel unfolded under the lights, turning the show into a fully immersive Alpine experience.

One of the most memorable moments came in the Team Combined, where Mikaela Shiffrin (Atomic) teamed up with longtime friend and 2025 downhill world champion Breezy Johnson (Atomic) to claim gold. The result gave Shiffrin her 15th World Championship medal, tying Germany's Christl Cranz for the all-time record. With 8 golds, she also moved into second place in career World Championship golds.

The host nation also had its fairy-tale moments. Raphael Haaser (former Fischer, now Atomic), uncertain of his place on the start list just a few days before the Men's Giant Slalom, delivered two superb runs to become world champion on home snow. The title capped a breakout week for the Austrian, who had already claimed silver in the Super-G.

In the Women's Super-G, Stephanie Venier (Head) made history by becoming the oldest world champion in the discipline at 31 years, 1 month, and 18 days, surpassing Regine Cavagnoud's mark set in 2001.

In the Women's Giant Slalom, Federica Brignone (Rossignol) finally captured the title that had eluded her for over a decade. After earning silver medals in Garmisch-Partenkirchen 2011 and again in Courchevel-Méribel 2023, the Italian star stood atop the podium in Saalbach.

Sharing that spotlight was Alice Robinson (Salomon), whose silver medal marked a historic first for New Zealand, and for the Southern Hemisphere, at the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships.

Read more: FIS | Austrian fans, electric skiing and Swiss success lights up Saalbach 2025

## FIS NORDIC WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS **TRONDHEIM 2025**



### **OVERALL FACTS AND FIGURES**



400,000+

spectators (in and out of the stadium)



fans at the Medal Plaza



90%

television audience market share in Norway



million viewers in Central Europe



43.6 million

social media reach (+ 169% compared to Planica 2023)



1.8 million

interactions on social media (+ 304% compared to Planica 2023)



equal

prize money for men and women



**Para Cross-Country** 

Read more: FIS | Record digital engagement and television viewers at Trondheim 2025

# **2025 FIS Nordic World Championships Nations standing**



RANK	NATION	<b>8</b>			TOTAL
1	<b>₩</b> Norway	13	11	8	32
2	Sweden	6	1	4	11
3	Slovenia	4	1	0	5
4	Germany	1	4	4	9
5	• Japan	1	0	2	3
6	<b>Austria</b>	0	4	4	8
7	• Switzerland	0	1	2	3
8	+ Finland	0	1	1	2
	<b>■</b> Italy	0	1	0	1
9	United States of America	0	1	0	1



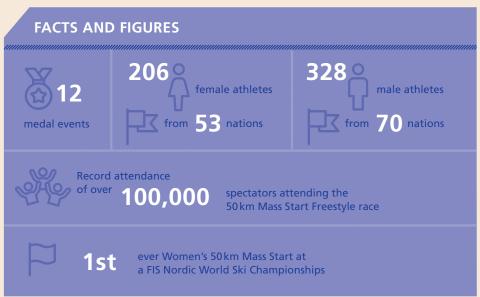


Nordic Focus photo agency



## **CROSS-COUNTRY**







## **World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
10 km	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	
10km	Ebba Andersson	-
50 km	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	#
50km	Frida Karlsson	-
Skt	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	#
Skt	Ebba Andersson	-
SP	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	#
SP	Jonna Sundling	-
	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	
TF	Erik Valnes	
16	Martin Loewstroem Nyenget	-1-
	Harald Oestberg Amundsen	
	Jonna Sundling	
TE	Ebba Andersson	
I E	Frida Karlsson	•
	Emma Ribom	
Tsp	Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	
	Erik Valnes	
Ten	Jonna Sundling	
Tsp	Maja Dahlqvist	•

Skt: Skiathlon; SP: Sprint, TE: Team Relay; Tsp: Team Sprint





## **Klaebo crowned Cross-Country** skiing's GOAT after completing golden sweep in Trondheim

Is Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) the greatest Cross-Country skier of all time? Few would argue otherwise after he won the 50 km Mass Start Freestyle at the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships in Trondheim.

Victory for the hometown hero made it six gold medals from as many events, an unthinkable achievement at the beginning of these championships – even for the GOAT.

The enormity of the feat was not lost on the 100,000 fans who descended on the Granasen Ski Centre to create a party atmosphere as the sun finally came out after a week of wind and rain in central Norway.

I feel like I've been working so hard to just be here and be in by best shape and managing that and being able to win six out of six... it's just crazy.

- Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) -



Nor was it lost on the 28-year-old. Normally so cool and calm in victory, Klaebo slumped against the advertising hoardings after winning his 15th world title, head bowed, elbows on his knees, seemingly unable to comprehend his historymaking haul.

"I feel like the crowd really helped me out there," shared Klaebo. "I was struggling on lap three there. But I managed to stay on the back of the pack and was helped by the thousands of people out there. I feel like I've said this every day, but this has been the best day so far. Winning the 50 km - I was so close two years ago, disqualified four years ago – it's been a crazy journey."

Having come into the championships with no distance victories in the Olympics or world championships, Klaebo leaves with a clean sweep, having also won the sprint, 10km, 20km and two team events.



Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) completes golden sweep in Trondheim. Credit: Nordic Focus



Previously known for his sprint prowess, Klaebo would have to win Cross-Country skiing's marathon event to make history. That would require two hours of gruelling racing; six laps of an 8.3 km course that had to be firmed up by salt because of mild temperatures in Trondheim.

But with the sun beating down, certain sections were already starting to cut up as the race began, creating treacherous corners on some parts of the course.

This would cost Martin Loewstroem Nyenget (NOR) who, for the second time in the championships, fell when he was in medal contention, his skis slipping from under him as he came into the stadium section of the race for the final time.

By this point in the race, the lead group was down to five, with Klaebo and Nyenget joined by compatriots Harald Oestberg Amundsen and Simen Hegstad Krueger as well as Sweden's William Poromaa.

It was Amundsen, the reigning World Cup champion, who had done most of the front-running, but it cost him halfway through the final lap. "I tried everything I could to make the other guys tired and

make a bit of a gap," he admitted. "I was all-in to fight for the gold medal or nothing, and I'm standing here with nothing."

With Nyenget falling soon after, the medalists were all but decided – the three positions less so.

Knowing Klaebo would be the firm favorite in a sprint finish, Krueger tried to push the pace, but Klaebo responded, hitting the front for the first time on the penultimate climb, only to slow things down again in order preserve energy. This seemed to break Krueger, and by the final climb it was a two-horse race with Poromaa 0.2s ahead of Klaebo. But as the Norwegian moved ahead going into the final corner, the fairytale ending seemed inevitable. A fine 50km racer, with bronze in Planica at the 2023 world championships, 24-year-old Poromaa wasn't about to outsprint Klaebo and spoil the home party.

Klaebo smoothly accelerated away, raising both index fingers to the crowd as he crossed the line 2.1 seconds ahead of the Swede, who was more than happy with silver.

"It was only me and four Norwegians for the best part of the race so it was only a good vibe out on the tracks," Poromaa said.

Olympic 50km bronze medalist, Krueger, who bowed down to Klaebo at the finish line, had been a controversial selection ahead of Jan Thomas Jenssen, but justified his selection with another third place.

"It was an experience of a lifetime to ski out there with the crowd today," the 31-year-old said. "This race was the main goal for me this championship, so to take a medal today means everything."

The final word, though, inevitably goes to the immortal Klaebo. "I think it's going be hard to motivate myself for the upcoming weekends, that's for sure," he said of the three remaining World Cup events of the season.

Read more: FIS | 'Six out of six, it's crazy' - Klaebo crowned cross-country skiing's GOAT after completing golden sweep in Trondheim





## Karlsson claims historic first 50 km gold: 'Something I will never forget'



Frida Karlsson (SWE) wins the first Women's 50 km Mass Start at a FIS Nordic Ski World Championships. Credit: Nordic Focus

Frida Karlsson (SWE) wrote herself into the history books as she won the first Women's 50km Mass Start at a FIS Nordic Ski World Championships, turning a 'tough season' into glory in Trondheim, Norway, on Sunday.

The Swedish 25-year-old controlled the inaugural Freestyle race in the distance replacing the Women's 30km Mass Start and managed to keep home favorite Therese Johaug (NOR) behind her as she claimed her maiden individual World title, having finished on the podium nine times before.

Johaug, who came back from retirement with the main aim to add the first 50km. gold medal to her 14 World titles, had to settle for a bronze in the last race of Trondheim 2025 after teammate Heidi Weng (NOR) went past her in the final stretch.

The 2022-2023 Tour de Ski champion Karlsson, with five individual World Championships silver medals to her name, got the perfect ending to her Trondheim campaign at a season where she has struggled with an injury in her left foot, not knowing whether she would be able to compete at the World Championships.

#### **Honored teammate Svahn**

It was the fourth consecutive World Championships where Karlsson made it onto the podium in the last and longest event. The previous three times, however, she had won bronze in the 30 km race.

"Today it was a battle against oneself I think, and it was a mentally tough race so I'm super happy that I could win this race," said Karlsson.

that we could do it.



The journey here... It's been a tough season with my injury and I've been wanting to race this race for a long time but it hasn't been obvious for me to do it so I'm super proud

- Frida Karlsson (SWE) -

One of the her first phone calls after the victory went to her friend and teammate Linn Svahn (SWE), who missed the World Championships after suffering a concussion while training in Trondheim. Karlsson, who broke down in tears as she spoke to her friend after the milestone victory, said she had been skating on Svahn's skis to make sure that her friend played a part in the victory - and that the Sprint star's skis had been "like spears".

In challenging conditions, where slushy snow made the long championships grand finale even tougher to plow through, it took just about 10km for a top quartet of Karlsson, Johaug, Weng and Ebba Andersson (SWE) to break away from the rest of the pack.

The remaining four fifths of the race became a game of tactics and endurance as two Norwegians and two Swedes battled it out for the three podium positions.

Johaug made several attempts to break away, but the rest of the front group refused to let her set off by herself as she had done so many times in her successful career. The thick layer of slushy snow made it hard for this season's Tour de Ski winner to increase her speed.

"It was a difficult race today. I have never gone on these conditions before," Johaug said.

Instead, Karlsson took charge and spent most of the last 40 km in the first place, often with Andersson right behind her.

With less than one kilometer remaining of the race, Johaug tested Karlsson one last time but the Swede was ready for it and responded with a push that got her a couple of seconds that made it possible for her to comfortably cruise to the victory. Karlsson finished the first Women's 50 km in two hours, 24 minutes and 55.3 seconds, beating Weng by 2.1 seconds in front of a packed Granaasen stadium.

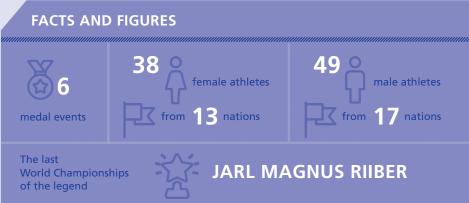
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## **NORDIC COMBINED**







## **World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
GUL	Jarl Magnus Riiber	#
ICN	Jarl Magnus Riiber	#=
GUN	Gyda Westvold Hansen	#=
MSN	Yuna Kasai	•
	Johannes Rydzek	
TEL	Wendelin Thannheimer	
IEL	Julian Schmid	
	Vinzenz Geiger	
TEN	Jarl Magnus Riiber	
	Jens Luraas Oftebro	
	Gyda Westvold Hansen	
	Ida Marie Hagen	

GUL: Gundersen Large Hill; ICN: Individual Compact Normal Hill; GUN: Gundersen Normal Hill; MSN: Individual Mass Start Normal Hill; TEL: Team Large Hill; TEN: Team Normal Hill





## Yuna Kasai claims historic gold in dramatic Mass Start opener



Yuna Kasai – Mass Start gold in Trondheim. Credit: Nordic Focus

The opening women's Nordic Combined event at the 2025 FIS World Championships in Trondheim delivered high drama and a historic result, as Japan's Yuna Kasai secured a breakthrough gold medal in the mass start competition. It marked the first time a Japanese woman won an individual world title in Nordic Combined, capping a remarkable performance that also saw her twin sister Haruka Kasai take bronze.

The Mass Start format reversed the usual Nordic Combined order, with all athletes first completing a 5 km cross-country race. As expected, Norway's Gyda Westvold Hansen led the way on the track, crossing the finish line first after a strong ski performance. The reigning world champion and overwhelming favorite, Westvold Hansen appeared to be in control heading into the ski jumping round, where the final results would be decided.

### Kasai delivers under pressure to claim gold

However, the jumping phase brought surprises. Yuna Kasai, who had finished close behind Westvold Hansen in the ski race. delivered a technically strong jump of 96 meters, earning 121.0 points. Westvold Hansen followed shortly after but managed only 94.5 meters, scoring 118.7 points – just shy of what she needed to secure a third straight world title. The narrow gap handed Kasai the victory, with the Norwegian having to settle for silver.

Adding to Japan's celebration, Haruka Kasai jumped 93.5 meters for 115.6 points, edging out Germany's Nathalie Armbruster for the bronze medal by just 0.4 points. The result marked a rare sibling double podium in world championship history and confirmed Japan's rising status in women's Nordic Combined.

For Yuna Kasai, this gold medal continues a breakout season. She had earned her first World Cup victory earlier in February in Otepää and came to Trondheim as one of the few realistic challengers to Westvold Hansen's dominance. Her consistent jumping and steady skiing paid off on the biggest stage of all, as she claimed her first major title.

The result was a rare loss for Westvold Hansen. who had been undefeated in major championship events since women's Nordic Combined was first introduced at the World Championships in 2021.

Read more: FIS | Yuna Kasai pips Westvold Hansen to gold in dramatic Mass Start in Trondheim



## **Golden goodbye: Germany** wins as the team event bows out



Germany claimed gold in the men's team event at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Trondheim, edging out Austria in a dramatic and emotional race impacted by the disqualification of Norway's Joergen Graabak. The event likely marked the final appearance of the traditional four-man team format at a major championship, with the discipline expected to be replaced by a Team Sprint in future editions.

The German quartet – Johannes Rydzek, Wendelin Thannheimer, Julian Schmid, and Vinzenz Geiger - delivered a consistent and strategic performance. After the ski jumping phase, they were just two seconds behind leaders Austria. In the final leg, Geiger made the decisive move, reeling in Austria's Fabio Obermeyr to secure Germany's first men's team gold since 2017.

"It's just amazing. We had two bronze medals in the last World Champs, and now to finally get the gold – it means so much," said Geiger after anchoring Germany to victory. "It was a super close race, and I'm proud of the whole team."



Germany - Team gold in Trondheim. Credit: Nordic Focus

### Disqualification shakes up the favorites

Norway had dominated the ski jumping round and were well positioned to defend their title. But the team's hopes were derailed when Graabak was disqualified for using a non-compliant binding plate. The disqualification stood even after Norway lodged an official protest.

The penalty meant Norway began the cross-country leg with a 1-minute-and-40-second deficit. Despite the major setback, the team – Graabak, Simen Tiller, Jens Lurås Oftebro, and Jarl Magnus Riiber – mounted a determined comeback and managed to take the bronze medal. "We really fought for that podium," Riiber said. "It shows what this team is capable of, even under pressure."

Austria, represented by Johannes Lamparter, Martin Fritz, Franz-Josef Rehrl, and Fabio Obermeyr, held their lead until the final leg but ultimately couldn't hold off Geiger's charge. They finished just 6.6 seconds behind and took a well-earned silver.

### Medals for the record books

For Rydzek, the gold medal was his 14th World Championship medal overall and his seventh in team competition. Geiger, Schmid, and Thannheimer each celebrated their first world team title.

Jarl Magnus Riiber's bronze adds a new shade to his storied collection – bringing his total to 14 World Championship medals, including 11 golds, three silvers, and now his first bronze.

The men's team event in Trondheim wasn't just about podiums. It was a farewell to a format that has defined generations of Nordic Combined. As the sport transitions to the faster-paced Team

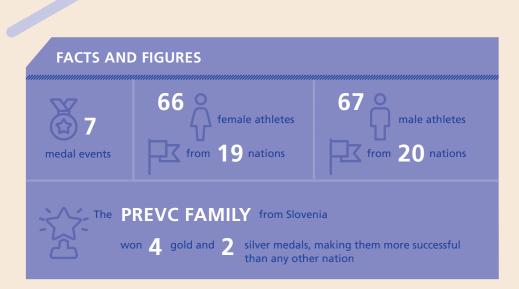
Sprint, Germany's victory closes one chapter in historic fashion. "It's emotional," said Rydzek. "This format has meant a lot to us – and ending it with gold is special."

Read more: FIS | Germany beat Austria to Men's Team gold after DSQ hits Norway hope





## **SKI JUMPING**





## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
NH	Marius Lindvik	#
NH	Nika Prevc	-
LH	Domen Prevc	-
LH	Nika Prevc	-
	Lovro Kos	
TI (man)	Domen Prevc	
TL (men)	Timi Zajc	
	Anze Lanisek	
	Anna Odine Stroem	
TN	Ingvild Synnoeve Midtskogen	
IIV	Heidi Dyhre Traaserud	
	Eirin Maria Kvandal	
	Anna Odine Stroem	
TL	Eirin Maria Kvandal	
(mixed)	Marius Lindvik	_
	Johann Andre Forfang	

NH: Normal Hill; LH: Large Hill; TL: Team Large Hill; TN: Team Normal Hill





## **Prevc Power:** a family legacy rewritten in Trondheim

The 2025 FIS Ski Jumping World Championships in Trondheim were nothing short of historic - and at the heart of it all stood the Prevc family, whose collective achievements eclipsed those of entire nations.

Nika Prevc made history by becoming the first woman ever to win both the Normal Hill and Large Hill individual world titles at a single World Championships. Her poised and powerful performances under pressure confirmed her status as the sport's leading figure, and her double gold was a landmark moment for women's ski jumping.

On the men's side, Domen Prevc joined forces with Anže Lanišek, Lovro Kos, and Timi Zajc to defend Slovenia's Men's Team World Title, adding to Slovenia's growing medal tally. He then delivered a commanding performance to win the Large Hill individual title, securing the nation's fourth gold medal in Trondheim.

In a touching family moment, Nika and Domen Prevc also stood together on the podium, earning a silver medal in the Mixed Team event - a shared success that symbolized the unity and excellence of the Prevc siblings.

Altogether, the Prevc family alone won more gold medals than any other nation at these World Championships. Their performances not only lifted Slovenia to the top of the medal standings but also captivated fans around the world with a story of talent, teamwork, and family pride.

Read more: FIS | Prevc dominates men's Large Hill to give Slovenia fourth World title at Trondheim



Nika and Domen Prevc (SLO). Credit: Nordic Focus

I just couldn't sleep really well these past few days. My pulse was really high (today). I think that was a sign that something great will happen, and it did. It's really unbelievable.

- Domen Prevc (SLO) -







## **Host nation glory:** Norway's women strike gold in Trondheim

It was a moment of national pride and jubilation as Norway's women's Ski Jumping team soared to gold in the team event at the World Championships in Trondheim - their first-ever world title in this discipline.

Jumping in front of a passionate home crowd, the Norwegian guartet of Anna Odine Strøm, Ingvild Synnøve Midtskogen, Heidi Dyhre Traaserud, and Eirin Maria Kvandal delivered a flawless performance across both rounds. Their combined score of 904.5 points secured a commanding victory over Austria and Germany, and marked a breakthrough for a team that had previously claimed bronze in all three editions of the event since its debut in 2019.

For the athletes, the win was deeply emotional.

"We've been working towards this for so many years. It's incredible to make it happen," said Strøm, who led off both rounds. The team's unity and resilience - especially in a season marked by injuries to key jumpers - made the gold all the more meaningful.



Anna Odine Stroem (NOR), Ingvild Synnoeve Midtskogen (NOR), Heidi Dyhre Traaserud (NOR) Eirin Maria Kvandal (NOR), Credit: Nordic Focus

The crowd in Trondheim played its part too, with roaring support that lifted the team to new heights.

This gold medal not only capped a dream championship for the host nation but also signaled a new era for Norwegian women's ski jumping - one built on teamwork, belief, and the power of home support.

Read more: FIS | 'Dream come true' for hosts Norway with gold in women's team event

Today we won as a team and that was our declared goal, this is a great success for our entire team. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved today. The spectators cheered us on incredibly, you can hear that from above and that certainly helped us today. We have worked very hard and very long for this success and today a big dream has come true with this victory.

- Anna Odine Strøm (NOR)



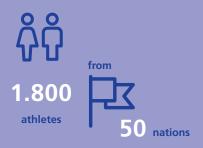


## FIS SNOWBOARD, FREESTYLE AND FREESKI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS **ENGADIN 2025**

### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

20 million

**CHF** budget





500 hours

TV coverage

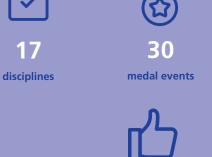


viewers





venues



(200 hours Live) by more than 30 international broadcasters

(5 times more than Bakuriani 2023)

interactions on social media (7 times more than Bakuriani 2023)

1 million

Read more: FIS | Engadin 2025: athletes sharing competition footage, and Werner's viral video, take social media interest to record heights

## 2025 FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships **Nations standing**



RANK	NATION				TOTAL
1	• Switzerland	5	1	3	9
2	<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	4	8	5	17
3	United States of America	4	4	4	12
4	<b>■</b> Italy	4	1	2	7
5	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	3	2	3	8
6	New Zealand	3	0	0	3
7	<b>■</b> France	2	2	1	5
8	Mustralia	1	1	2	4
9	Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
10	Great Britain	1	1	0	2
11	<b>₩</b> Norway	1	0	1	2
12	<b>B</b> ulgaria	1	0	0	1
13	China	0	3	0	3
14	<b>A</b> ustria	0	2	2	4
15	Germany	0	2	1	3
16	<b>⊞</b> Finland	0	1	1	2
17	Ukraine	0	1	0	1
18	<b>☀</b> Korea	0	0	2	2
	Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
19	Netherlands	0	0	1	1
	Poland	0	0	1	1





The organizers put together such an amazing festival of snow sports. St. Moritz and the Engadin Valley are truly iconic resorts that I have had the pleasure of visiting for the past 50 years. I had no doubt that they would be the perfect hosts for these fantastic World Championships. The stunning scenery and world-class facilities provided the ideal setting for such an event, and it's clear that every detail has been carefully considered. It's been an unforgettable experience, and I look forward to returning to this special place in the near future.

- Johan Eliasch, FIS President -

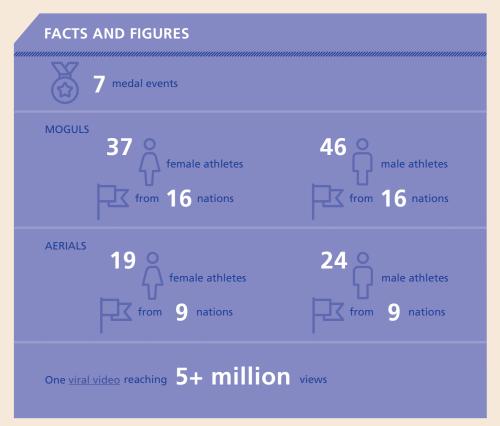
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## **FREESTYLE**





## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
MO	Ikuma Horishima	•
МО	Perrine Laffont	
DM	Mikael Kingsbury	I+I
DM	Jaelin Kauf	
AE	Noe Roth	+
AE	Kaila Kuhn	
	Kaila Kuhn	
AET	Quinn Dehlinger	
	Christopher Lillis	

MO: Moguls, DM: Dual Moguls, AE: Aerials, AET: Aerials Team





Ikuma Horishima (JPN) stomps one of his best runs of the season to claim gold in men's moguls. Credit: Miha Matavz

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## Historic shifts and career highs in Moguls at St. Moritz 2025

The Moguls and Dual Moguls competitions at the 2025 World Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, delivered a mix of breakthroughs, comebacks, and dramatic twists over four action-packed days in March. Fans witnessed the end of one of the sport's most dominant streaks, the crowning of new champions, and the continued brilliance of familiar names.

In the men's single moguls, Japan's Ikuma Horishima finally halted Mikael Kingsbury's unbeaten World Championships run, striking gold eight years after his first title. Horishima topped qualifying and sealed the win with a powerful second run featuring a Cork 1440. Kingsbury had to settle for silver, while Korea's Daeyoon Jung earned bronze.





Jaelin Kauf and Tess Johnson celebrate a 1-2 finish for Team USA in dual moguls. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski



The dual moguls podium was a family affair — Kingsbury (CAN), Horishima (JPN), and Graham (AUS), all proud dads, taking the top three spots. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski

The women's single Moguls saw an emotional triumph for France's Perrine Laffont, who returned to competition in the 2024/25 season after a break. The 2018 Olympic champion delivered under pressure as the last to start in the super final, edging Japan's Hinako Tomitaka and Canada's Maia Schwinghammer, both of whom claimed their first career World Championships medals.

Two days later, the spotlight shifted to Dual Moguls, where Jaelin Kauf (USA) rebounded from her single moguls disappointment to secure her first World Championships gold. Having already swept all three Crystal Globes in the 2024/25 World Cup season, Kauf capped her year with a historic U.S. one-two finish alongside teammate Tess Johnson, while Kazakhstan's Anastassiya Gorodko took bronze.

In the men's dual moguls, Kingsbury bounced back in style to win his ninth career World Championships gold and fourth consecutive dual title. His path to victory was eased when Horishima, his opponent in the big final, was forced to withdraw due to injury. With this win, Kingsbury now boasts 15 World Championships medals from 16 starts. Australia's Matt Graham claimed bronze to round out the podium.

Read more: FIS | Horishima ends Kingsbury's winning streak, emotional sixth World Championships gold for Laffont



## Records, firsts, and home triumphs highlight Aerials at St. Moritz 2025

The Aerials competitions at the 2025 World Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, brought big tricks, unexpected victories, and standout performances on both the individual and team stages. The United States claimed two of the three gold medals on offer, while Switzerland celebrated a men's champion on home snow.

The event opened with the Aerials team competition, where the U.S. successfully defended their world title from 2023. Led by Kaila Kuhn, who landed a back lay-full-full for her first-ever triple in competition, the American trio scored a combined 344.63 points. Quinn Dehlinger and Christopher Lillis, both members of the 2023 gold-medal squad, delivered clean triples to secure the win. Ukraine, powered by Dmytro Kotovskyi's quintuple and the day's highest single jump score, took silver, while Switzerland claimed bronze.



Noé Roth lands the highest-scoring jump in history to defend his gold on home soil. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski



Team USA remains unbeaten on the biggest stage, defending gold after stunning performances from Kaila Kuhn, Quinn Dehlinger, and Christopher Lillis. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski

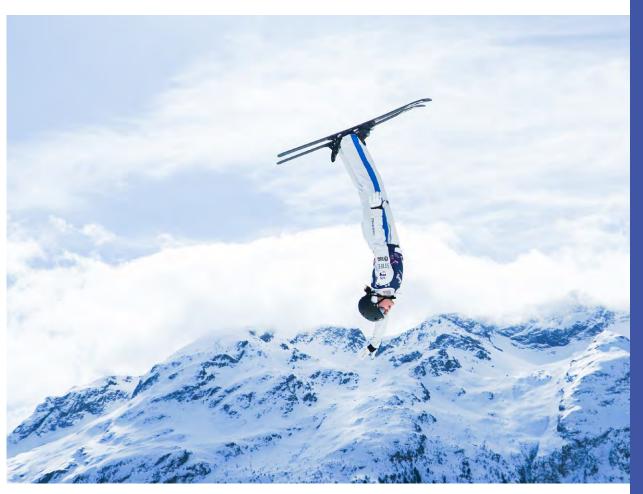


Kuhn returned to the top step of the podium in the women's individual Aerials, becoming the first athlete to win both team and individual gold at the same World Championships. The 21-year-old, who had been adjusting to triples all season without a World Cup podium, produced a superb layfull-full worth 105.13 points to take the title. Reigning Olympic champion Xu Mengtao (CHN) claimed silver, with Australia's Danielle Scott earning bronze.

In the men's individual event, Switzerland's Noé Roth thrilled the home crowd by defending his world title with a massive 143.31 points for a back double full-double full-full - the highest score in the history of Aerials competition. Dehlinger added a silver to his team gold with 123.53 points, while Switzerland's Pirmin Werner completed the podium in third.

Between Kuhn's historic double, Roth's record-breaking home victory, and a fiercely contested team event, St. Moritz 2025 showcased Aerials at its most spectacular - blending precision, difficulty, and high-stakes execution to close out freestyle skiing's World Championships campaign.

Read more: FIS | Kuhn becomes surprise Aerials world champion, Roth delivers huge score to retain title



Kaila Kuhn peaked at the perfect time, finishing the season with career-best results and two gold medals at the World Championships. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski





## **SNOWBOARD ALPINE**

## **FACTS AND FIGURES** medal events 56 female athletes from 21 nations 65 male athletes from 23 nations ESTER LEDECKÁ (CZE) became the first athlete to claim two FIS World Championships medals in different disciplines in the same season (Alpine Skiing and Snowboard Alpine)

## **World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
PGS	Roland Fischnaller	
PGS	Ester Ledecka	
PSL	Tervel Zamfirov	
PSL	Tsubaki Miki	•
PRT	Maurizio Bormolini	
	Elisa Caffont	••

PGS: Parallel Giant Slalom, PSL: Parallel Slalom, PRT: Parallel Mixed Team







With her PGS gold, Ester Ledecká (CZE) reinforced her star status by claiming a third snowboard alpine world title, becoming the first athlete to earn FIS World Championships medals in two different disciplines in the same season, Credit: Miha Matavz



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## Veteran triumphs and new champions define Snowboard Alpine at the 2025 World Championships

The Snowboard Alpine competitions at the 2025 World Championships in St. Moritz delivered historic firsts, veteran comebacks, and breakthrough performances across the Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Parallel Slalom (PSL), and Mixed Team PSL events. Ester Ledecká added another chapter to her remarkable career, Roland Fischnaller returned to the top a decade after his first title, and established champion Tsubaki Miki reaffirmed her dominance alongside a career-defining triumph for Tervel Zamfirov.

In the PGS, Olympic and multi-discipline star Ester Ledecká (CZE) stunned the field to win her third Snowboard Alpine world title, becoming the first athlete to claim two FIS World Championships medals in different disciplines in the same season – adding to her 2025 Alpine Skiing downhill bronze. Returning to snowboard competition after focusing on skiing, Ledecká edged defending champion Tsubaki Miki (JPN) in the big final, with Aleksandra Król-Walas (POL) repeating her 2023 bronze. On the men's side, Roland Fischnaller (ITA) took his second World Championships gold – 10 years after his first – beating Stefan Baumeister (GER) by 0.09s in a photo finish. Korea's Lee Sangho claimed his first Worlds medal with bronze.



The PSL saw a dramatic shake-up. In the men's race, 20-year-old Tervel Zamfirov (BUL), a recent junior world champion, delivered one of the biggest upsets in Snowboard Alpine history, taking his first senior podium - and the world title - over Crystal Globe winner Arvid Auner (AUT). Italy's Aaron March secured bronze. In the women's PSL, Miki avenged her



From junior champion to world champion – Tervel Zamfirov (BUL), 20, broke through the ranks of seasoned rivals to seize his first senior gold. Credit: Miha Matavz

PGS loss by defeating Ledecká in a rematch of the earlier big final, claiming her second World Championships gold and capping off a season that also included three Crystal Globes. Michelle Dekker (NED) earned her first Worlds medal with bronze.

The competition closed with the Mixed Team PSL, where Elisa Caffont and Maurizio Bormolini led an Italian one-two, beating compatriots Gabriel Messner and Jasmin Coratti in the big final. Austria's Andreas Prommegger and Sabine Payer claimed bronze ahead of home favorites Dario Caviezel and Julie Zogg (SUI). It marked Italy's second consecutive world title in the event after winning its debut in 2023.

With Ledecká's multi-sport milestone, Fischnaller's veteran triumph, Miki's reaffirmed dominance, and Zamfirov's shock breakthrough, St. Moritz 2025 cemented itself as one of the most memorable World Championships in recent history – and set the stage for an exciting Olympic season ahead.

Read more: FIS | Ledecka makes history again while Fischnaller stuns the snowboard world

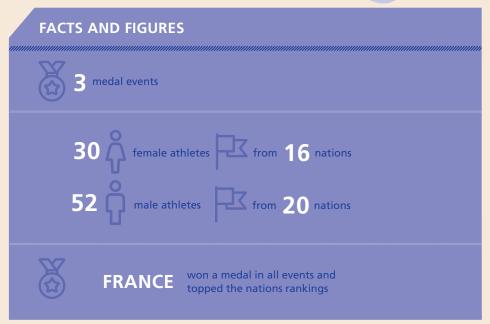


Against the spectacular Corviglia backdrop, St. Moritz hosted three unforgettable days of snowboard alpine competition. Credit: Miha Matavz



## **SNOWBOARD CROSS**







## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
SBX	Eliot Grondin	I+I
SBX	Michela Moioli	
RXT	Loan Bozzolo	
	Julia Pereira De Sousa	

SBX: Snowboard Cross, BXT: Snowboard Cross Team



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Redemption and breakthroughs** highlight Snowboard Cross at St. Moritz 2025



The Snowboard Cross events at the 2025 World Championships in St. Moritz saw Olympic champions, seasoned stars, and first-time winners all making their mark. Italy's Michela Moioli and Canada's Eliot Grondin both claimed their first career World Championships titles in the individual races, while France struck gold in the Mixed Team event.

In the women's individual competition, Olympic champion and three-time Crystal Globe winner Moioli finally added a world title to her collection after five previous attempts. Bouncing back from a crash in training earlier in the week, she navigated the heats with precision before edging Great Britain's Charlotte Bankes in a photo finish in the big final. France's Julia Pereira de Sousa earned bronze – her first individual Worlds medal - ahead of Canada's Meryeta Odine, who had reached her first big final.

The men's individual race saw Grondin, already a World Championships bronze medalist in 2021, stay patient in a high-intensity big final. Austria's Jakob Dusek and Alessandro Haemmerle tangled on the final turn, allowing Grondin to slip through for gold ahead of France's Loan Bozzolo and Haemmerle, who took bronze. Bozzolo's silver marked his first senior Worlds podium, continuing the form that saw him win the last World Cup race before St. Moritz.



France's Julia Pereira de Sousa and Loan Bozzolo closed out the World Championships in style, turning their individual podium success into team gold. Credit: Miha Matavz





After five attempts, Michela Moioli's persistence was rewarded as she captured her first world title, edging Charlotte Bankes in a dramatic final. Credit: Miha Matavz



Eliot Grondin's smile says it all after his SBX gold. Credit: Miha Matavz

France closed the competition with victory in the Mixed Team Snowboard Cross. Bozzolo and Pereira de Sousa, both fresh from their individual medals, delivered in style to secure France's first title in the event after two previous bronzes. Australia's Cameron Bolton and Mia Clift took silver, while host nation Switzerland celebrated bronze through Valerio Jud and Sina Siegenthaler – their first Mixed Team medal.

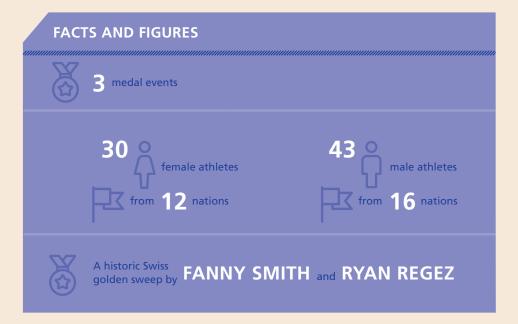
With Moioli finally completing her career collection, Grondin claiming a long-awaited gold, and France topping the inaugural Mixed Team podium, snowboard cross in St. Moritz provided a blend of redemption, breakthrough moments, and national pride to set the stage for the Olympic year ahead.

Read more: FIS | France take Snowboard Cross Mixed Team title as Switzerland seize home bronze





## **SKI CROSS**





## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION	
SX	Ryan Regez	+	
SX	Fanny Smith	+	
SXT	Ryan Regez	+	
J/1	Fanny Smith		

SX: Ski Cross, SXT: Ski Cross Team









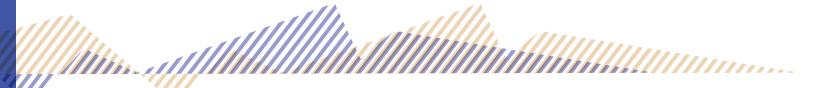
Fanny Smith and Ryan Regez (SUI) swept all World Championships titles in Engadin 2025. Credit: Agence Zoom

## **Host squad's Smith and Regez** dominate Engadin 2025 ski cross with history-making performances

While the Engadin 2015 FIS Snowboard, Freestyle & Freeski World Championships as a whole went into the history books as an unparalleled success from start to finish for all events, for the host Swiss team, nowhere did their athletes shine brighter than on the Ski Cross course, where Fanny Smith and Ryan Regez swept the gold medals on home soil.

As expected, SX competition at Engadin 2025 was a wild and thoroughly entertaining affair, with weather-related schedule changes, hard-fought racing, heroic passing, untimely crashes and the occasional yellow card all coming into play throughout the three days of competition.

In the individual competition we saw two vastly different races when it comes down to the big final.





For the women, Fanny Smith's first individual World Championships gold medal in 12 years came in a thrilling women's big final, which saw the 33-year-old veteran power out to an early lead, fend off various challenges from silver medalist Courtney Hoffos (CAN), bronze medalist Daniella Maier (GER), and fourth place finisher Marielle Berger Sabbatel (FRA), and ultimately slam the door closed in a top-to-bottom masterclass.

For the men things were a little messier, with a chaotic top section of the course for Tobias Mueller (GER), Rio Sugai (JPN) and Youri Duplessis Kergomard (FRA) handing eventual winner Regez a mostly unobstructed path to the gold medal and leaving the World Championships jury with some significant rulings to make in awarding the silver and bronze.

At the end of the day, a yellow card for Duplessis Kergomard would result in Mueller claiming bronze and Sugai taking home a World Champs-first bronze for the Japanese team.

The very next day, Smith and Regez would find themselves back on top the podium, with the pair joining forces for the mixed team event and putting their mastery of the Engadin 2025 course on full display yet again.

After Regez powered into the lead on the final corner of the men's big final run to hand Smith first-out-of-the-gate honors



for the women, all that it took was one more lightning-fast start for Smith to seal the deal for the Swiss and make some World Championships history in the process, as together she and Regez become the first SX mixed team racers to BOTH claim double gold at the same World Championships.

Read more: FIS | Smith and Regez combine for 'fairytale' Mixed Team World title win



## **FREESKI PARK & PIPE**

### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



disciplines: Slopestyle,
Big Air, and Halfpipe



6 medal events



**MATHILDE GREMAUD (SUI)** and BIRK RUUD (NOR)

became the first repeat winners in Freeski slopestyle World Championships history

## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
SS	Birk Ruud	#
SS	Mathilde Gremaud	+
HP	Finley Melville Ives	NR.
HP	Zoe Atkin	
BA	Luca Harrington	NIK **
ВА	Flora Tabanelli	

SS: Slope Style, HP: Halfpipe, BA: Big Air





### **HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Gremaud and Ruud repeat as** rising stars shine at Engadin 2025



Birk Ruud (NOR) – 2025 FIS Freeski Slopestyle World Champion. Credit: Christian Stadler



It was a wild, wooly, and thoroughly entertaining Engadin 2025 FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships on the FIS Freeski Park & Pipe side of things in Switzerland this past March, with a whole slew of unpredicted outcomes as four of the six medallists grabbed gold for the first time in their careers.

However, things started off with a couple of favorites stepping up on the biggest stage of the season to get it done for slopestyle gold, as Mathilde Gremaud (SUI) and Birk Ruud (NOR) each made it back-to-back titles, becoming the first repeat winners in Freeski slopestyle World Championships history.

Gremaud's victory was a big one for a Swiss team that came into the championships with high expectations only to be largely shut out of the medal haul on the Park & Pipe side of things. The 25-year-old reigning Olympic gold medalist put an exclamation point on her slopestyle supremacy by finishing more than 12 points clear of silver medalist Lara Wolf (AUT).

From there it was all new winners on the freeski side of things at Engadin 2025, beginning with big air where Italy's top Milano-Cortina 2026 medal hope-

ful Flora Tabanelli capped off a truly remarkable 2024/25 campaign with the first of what could be many World Champs gold medals. The big air and Freeski Park & Pipe Overall Crystal Globe winner this past season, 17-year-old Tabanelli has truly taken a place amongst the world's elite heading into the biggest season of her life in 2025/26.

For the men, Luca Harrington was the king of the big jump at Engadin 2025, as the 21-year-old followed up his big air Crystal Globe-winning season with an exclamation point by taking gold in a heavily stacked men's final.

Finally, Park & Pipe action at Engadin 2025 came to a close with the halfpipe competition, where Zoe Atkin became the first British woman in FIS Freestyle or Freeski history to win a World Championships gold medal. For the men it was Finley Melvin Ives facing down back-to-back Crystal Globe winner Alex Ferreira and the rest of the juggernaut U.S. team without blinking, on his way to claiming a superlative gold for the New Zealand squad.

**Read more:** FIS | Gremaud thrills home crowd alongside Ruud to retain slopestyle World Champion titles



## **SNOWBOARD PARK & PIPE**

### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



disciplines: Slopestyle, Big Air, and Halfpipe



medal events



## **ZOI SADOWSKI-SYNNOTT (NZL)**

became the first FIS Park & Pipe female snowboarder to win three slopestyle gold medals and the most decorated Park & Pipe athlete with six total medals from her six World Champs starts.

## **World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
SS	Liam Brearley	I+I
SS	Zoi Sadowski Synnott	<b>Ж</b> .∧
HP	Scotty James	**
HP	Chloe Kim	
ВА	Ryoma Kimata	•
ВА	Kokomo Murase	•

SS: Slopestyle, HP: Halfpipe, BA: Big Air





### **HIGHLIGHTS**



## Sadowski-Synnott, Kim, and James lead star-studded Snowboard showcase in Engadin

March's Engadin 2025 FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships were a truly exceptional display of riding on the snowboard side of things, with a laundry list of the world's best riders stepping up to claim a place on the podium at one of the finest freestyle resorts in all of Europe.

With some weather issues forcing the hand of organizers and officials at Engadin 2025 to make several, the opening and closing weekends these World Championships ended featuring some of the busiest days ever seen at the bi-annual the Park & Pipe side of things.

Engadin 2025 opened with an explosive slopestyle competition in which Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (NZL) made history by becoming the first FIS Park & Pipe female snowboarder to win three slopestyle gold



Choe Kim (USA) - 2025 FIS Snowboard Halfpipe World Champion. Credit: Christian Stadler



medals, while furthering her place atop the all-time Park & Pipe World Champs podiums for all events with six total medals from her six World Champs starts.

With the slopestyle Crystal Globe already to her credit following an exceptional 2024/25 World Cup campaign, Sadowski-Synnott proved she's once again the one to beat heading into the 2025/26 Olympic season after an injury-plaqued 2023/24 campaign.

On the men's side of things, it was 2023/24 slopestyle Crystal Globe winner Liam Brearley putting a challenging World Cup season behind him to take the gold in the men's slopestyle competition.

After a mid-week lull in the action while storms rolled through the Engadin valley (and the riders took the opportunity to freeride some powder), we were back to action in a big way the following weekend, with a Friday night big air final followed immediately by a Saturday morning halfpipe showdown.

The Engadin big air final was a display of Japanese firepower, with gold medalists Ryoma Kimata and Kokomo Murase leading the way as their nation claiming five out of six medals on the night. With Reira Iwabuchi and Mari Fukada taking silver and bronze respectively on the women's side of things, and Taiga Hasegawa taking silver for the men, it was only 16-year-old U.S. rider Ollie Martin who was able to step in and halt the Japanese parade to the podium with a bronze medal performance in the men's competition.

The stars came out to shine in the Engadin 2025 snowboard Park & Pipe ender, with two of snowboarding's biggest stars in Chloe Kim (USA) and Scotty James walking away with historic gold medals.

Kim's win was her third World Championships gold in her third World Championships starts, as the 25-year-old asserted her dominance yet again the face of some tough Japanese challengers, including 15-year-old Sara Shimizu, who claimed silver.

James meanwhile reclaimed his throne as the winningest rider in FIS Snowboard Park & Pipe World Champs history with his fourth victory, and the ageless wonder looks primed to vie for his fourth straight Olympic medal this upcoming winter in Italy.

Read more: FIS | Sadowski-Synnott wins third slopestyle World Championships title as Brearley takes top spot





## FIS PARA WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS MARIBOR 2025

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



30,436

views of the livestreams on FIS TV and YouTube



12

medal events



female athletes and



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from 35

male athletes



guides for visually impaired athletes



### **2025 FIS Para Alpine** World Ski Championships **Nations standing**



RANK	NATION	<b>8</b>	<b>:</b>	888	TOTAL
1	<b>■</b> Italy	3	3	0	6
2	France	2	0	2	4
3	Austria	2	0	1	3
4	<b>Sweden</b>	2	0	0	2
5	Germany	1	1	1	3
6	<b>₩</b> Norway	1	1	0	2
7	• Japan	1	0	0	1
8	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	0	3	0	3
9	China	0	2	2	4
10	Spain	0	1	0	1
10	• Switzerland	0	1	0	1
12	Netherlands	0	0	2	2
	Poland	0	0	2	2
14	Slovakia	0	0	1	1
14	United States of America	0	0	1	1



EVENT	CATEGORY	ATHLETE	NATION
GS	VI	Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)	
GS	Standing	Ebba Aarsjoe	-
GS	Sitting	Momoka Muraoka	•
GS	VI	Giacomo Bertagnolli (Guide: Andrea Ravelli)	- 11
GS	Standing	Arthur Bauchet	11
GS	Sitting	Renè De Silvestro	
SL	VI	Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)	=
SL	Standing	Ebba Aarsjoe	-
SL	Sitting	Anna-Lena Forster	_
SL	VI	Giacomo Bertagnolli (Guide: Andrea Ravelli)	11
SL	Standing	Arthur Bauchet	11
SL	Sitting	Jesper Pedersen	#=

GS: Giant Slalom; SL: Slalom; VI: Vision Impaired



Despite all the challenges we have had, including the late decision to host the Championships in Maribor and unfavorable weather conditions, we managed to prepare a perfect slope for the technical disciplines. Looking back, we are proud and happy that we were able to show that Maribor is still a place where big and important competitions can take place

— Srečko Vilar, Secretary General of Maribor 2025 -





## Årsjö and Bauchet queen and king of the World Championships among strong leaders

Ebba Årsjö of Sweden and Arthur Bauchet of France reigned supreme at the 2025 Para Alpine World Ski Championships in Maribor, each completing dominant technical doubles in the Standing category and solidifying their status as the sport's elite.

Årsjö claimed her third consecutive Slalom world title with a commanding performance, leading by over two seconds at the halfway mark and extending her margin to a stunning 5.03 seconds by the finish. Her Giant Slalom win earlier in the week marked her eighth world title, adding to her two Paralympic golds. "They were really long runs," she said, visibly exhausted but triumphant. "Luckily enough it was very flat".

Bauchet mirrored Årsjö's feat with his fourth technical double in five World Championships, bringing his total to 12 world titles. His Slalom victory was emphatic, winning by five seconds and extending his unbeaten streak in technical races to 17.

- Arthur Bauchet (FRA) -

It's incredible to say that I'm a 12-time gold medallist. These were perfect World Championships for me.





Ebba Årsjö (SWE), 2025 FIS Para Alpine Giant Slalom and Slalom World Champion. Credit: Marko Pigac

Austria's Veronika Aigner also completed a back-to-back double in the Vision Impaired category, overcoming teammate Elina Stary in a dramatic Slalom finale. Meanwhile, Italy's Giacomo Bertagnolli secured his 11th world title with a narrow Slalom win, adding to his Giant Slalom triumph earlier in the week.

Read more: FIS | Aigner and Årsjö completed back-to-back technical doubles in Maribor, as Forster took a thrilling finale of the 2025 Para Alpine World Ski Champs



## Sitting categories steal the show in Maribor with nail-biting finishes

The Sitting categories at the 2025 Para Alpine World Ski Championships in Maribor delivered some of the most thrilling and tightly contested races of the event, proving once again that these fields are among the most competitive and entertaining in the sport.

In the women's Sitting Giant Slalom, Japan's Momoka Muraoka made a triumphant return to competition after a two-year absence, claiming gold with two commanding runs. Germany's Anna-Lena Forster followed 1.74 seconds behind to take silver, while China's Sitong Liu earned bronze. Spain's Audrey Pascual Seco, one of the youngest competitors, finished fourth but showed strong form throughout the week.

Forster came back strong in the Slalom, delivering a brilliant second run, recovering from the fourth provisional place to clinch her first world title of the week, edging out Pascual Seco by 0.95 seconds who confirmed her place among the elite. Liu once again claimed bronze, while Muraoka missed the podium in this discipline. For Forster, it was a fourth consecutive Slalom crown and a 10th world title in total after her Giant Slalom silver. Her nation's flags were waving in the finish area as the 29-year-old ensured Germany maintained its record of winning gold at each Para Alpine Worlds this century.



I said, 'You can do this. You're the best. Just go and put everything in.' I'm so happy now.





Renè de Silvestro (ITA), 2025 FIS Para Alpine Giant Slalom World Champion. Credit: Marko Pigac

In the men's Sitting category, the rivalry between Jesper Pedersen of Norway and Renè De Silvestro of Italy lit up the slopes. De Silvestro stunned Pedersen in the Giant Slalom, claiming gold by 0.67 seconds in a powerful performance. But Pedersen bounced back in Slalom, delivering a smooth and aggressive second run to reclaim his title by 1.37 seconds - his eighth world title.

The Dutch team also made a strong impression: Niels de Langen took bronze in Slalom, just behind Pedersen and De Silvestro, while Jeroen Kampschreur earned bronze in Giant Slalom, showcasing the Netherlands' depth and consistency in the Sitting category.

With razor-thin margins, emotional comebacks, and emerging talent, the Sitting categories once again proved to be the heart of the Championships where every hundredth of a second counts and every run tells a story.

Read more: FIS | Bertagnolli and Bauchet complete technical doubles in Maribor, as Pedersen retains Slalom title at Para Alpine Worlds



## FIS PARA CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS **TOBLACH AND TRONDHEIM 2025**

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



venues: **Toblach and Trondheim** 



medal events



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**First-ever integration** of Para Cross-Country into the program of a FIS Nordic **World Ski Championships** in Trondheim



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Record prize money pot of \$90,000 distributed to the 24 medalists in Trondheim



### **2025 FIS Para Cross-Country World Championships Nations standing**



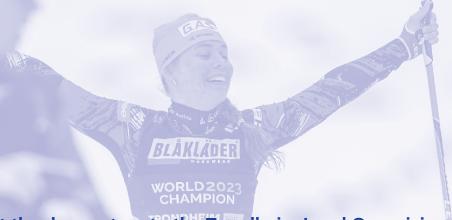
RANK	NATION		<b>E</b>		TOTAL
1	China	5	2	3	10
2	<b>₩</b> Norway	4	0	1	5
3	United States of America	2	4	2	8
4	<b>■</b> France	1	2	1	4
5	Ukraine	1	2	1	4
6	Czech Republic	1	2	0	3
7	Germany	1	1	5	7
8	Brazil	1	1	2	4
9	Austria	1	1	1	3
10	• Japan	1	1	0	2
11	Sweden	1	0	1	2
12	<b>▼</b> Korea	1	0	1	2
13	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	0	0	1	1
14	<b>⊞</b> Finland	0	0	2	2
15	Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

## Para Cross-Country World Champions 2025

<b>EVENT</b>	CATEGORY	ATHLETE	NATION
10km	Sitting	Zhongwu Mao	*
10 km	Standing	Taiki Kawayoke	•
10 km	VI	Jake Adicoff (guide: Reid Goble)	
10km	Sitting	Anja Wicker	
10 km	Standing	Vilde Nilsen	#
10km	VI	Simona Bubenickova (guide: David Srutek)	
20 km	Sitting	Zhongwu Mao	*>
20 km	Standing	Chenyang Wang	*)
20 km	VI	Jake Adicoff (guide: Peter Wolter)	
20 km	Sitting	Shiyu Wang	*3
20 km	Standing	Vilde Nilsen	#
20 km	VI	Yue Wang (guide: Hang Liu)	*2
Sprint	Sitting	Cristian Westemaier Ribera	<b>♦</b>
Sprint	Standing	Karl Tabouret	
Sprint	VI	Zebastian Modin (guide: Emil Joensson Haag)	-
Sprint	Sitting	Yunji Kim	(0)
Sprint	Standing	Vilde Nilsen	#
Sprint	VI	Carina Edlinger (guide: Jakob Kainz)	=
0		Vilde Nilsen	
Open Relay		Kjartan Haugen	#
itelay		Thomas Oxaal (guide: Geir Lervik)	
		Oleksandra Kononova	
Mixed		Liudmyla Liashenko	
Relay		Pavlo Bal	
		Oleksandr Aleksyk	

VI: Vision Impaired





Great thanks must go to the Trondheim Local Organizing Committee for their efforts. And to both Para and able-bodied skiers for their commitment to competing with certain compromises. Our gratitude also goes to other stakeholders – including rights holders and the host broadcaster – for being open and dedicated to the project as well. This initiative was only possible due to all stakeholders being on board.

— Sandra Spitz, FIS Sport & Event Director —







Anja Wicker (GER), 2025 FIS Para Cross-Country 10 km classic World Champion. Credit: newspower.it

## Relay drama and maiden titles mark a memorable week in Toblach

The 2025 FIS Para Cross-Country World Championships began with a wave of maiden titles in Toblach, Italy. Anja Wicker (GER), a decorated biathlete, claimed her first Para Cross-Country world title in the Women's Sitting 10km Classic, racing in front of her parents and dedicating the win to them. In the Men's Sitting category, Zhongwu Mao (CHN) led a one-two finish for China, securing his first world title ahead of teammate Peng Zheng. Simona Bubeníčková (CZE) also celebrated her first gold in the Women's VI category, marking a breakthrough moment for the young Czech athlete.

I don't believe it. I wanted a medal but the gold is a big surprise for me. Today, it was hard for me but the race was perfect.

- Simona Bubeníčková (CZE)



The team events brought further excitement. Ukraine reclaimed their Mixed Relay title, winning their fourth gold in five editions of the event. Anchored by Liudmyla Liashenko, the team held off a late charge from the USA's Jake Adicoff to secure victory by seven seconds.



In the Open Relay, Norway took gold, with Vilde Nilsen adding a second title to her Toblach campaign.

The first leg of the Championships concluded with a dominant display from China on the final day. In the 20 km Interval Start Freestyle, Chinese athletes won four out of six titles, propelling the nation to the top of the medal table. Shiyu Wang claimed her first world title in the Women's Sitting category, while Yue Wang triumphed in the Women's VI category. Zhongwu Mao completed an individual double with another win in the Men's Sitting, and Chenyang Wang added to the tally in the Men's VI category.

Read more: FIS | Chinese athletes take four 20km Interval Start Freestyle titles out of six in Toblach, as Nilsen and Adicoff add to their gold hauls



## **Breaking barriers: Para Cross-Country Skiing joins the Nordic World Championships**

The 2025 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Trondheim, Norway marked a historic moment for Para Cross-Country skiing, as athletes from the Sitting, Standing, and Vision Impaired (VI) categories competed alongside their able-bodied counterparts in a fully integrated sprint event. Held on 5 March at the Granåsen Arena, the Para Sprint Finals were staged between the Team Sprint Qualification and Finals of the able-bodied competition, giving Para athletes unprecedented visibility and recognition.

This was the first time Para Cross-Country skiing was included in the official program of the Nordic World Ski Championships. Athletes raced on the same course, shared the same stadium, and celebrated together in joint medal ceremonies held in Trondheim's central Torvet square. The event also featured record prize money, with NOK 1 million (approx. \$90,000) distributed among the 24 medalists - more than seven times the amount awarded at Lillehammer 2021.



Natalie Wilkie (CAN) and Vilde Nilsen (NOR) fighting for the Sprint World Champion title in Trondheim. Credit: Nordic Focus

It was incredible with all the Norwegian fans, my family, and the support here. At one point, I thought maybe I wouldn't make it, but at the finish line, I gave it everything, and I'm so happy!

- Vilde Nilsen (NOR) -



The initiative was the result of close collaboration between FIS, the Trondheim 2025 organizing committee, and the Norwegian Ski Federation. It was designed to promote equal opportunities and visibility for all athletes.

The competition itself delivered remarkable performances. Cristian Westemaier Ribera (BRA) claimed his first world title, a landmark achievement for the Brazilian athlete. Vilde Nilsen (NOR) thrilled the home crowd with a hard-fought victory over Wilkie in a dramatic final sprint. Karl Tabouret (FRA) also earned his maiden title, confirming his rise in the international field. In the VI category, Zebastian Modin (SWE) was guided to gold by Emil Joensson Haag, a two-time Olympic medalist and 2013 World Championship silver medalist in Team Sprint – an inspiring partnership.

The success of Trondheim 2025 has sparked calls for continued integration in future championships. While full inclusion at Falun 2027 may face logistical constraints, FIS and race organizers have expressed strong interest in expanding combined formats at selected World Cup events and future World Championships.

Trondheim set a new benchmark for inclusivity and performance in Nordic skiing, proving that Para and able-bodied athletes can share the stage - and the spotlight - with equal respect and admiration.

Read more: FIS | Para Cross-Country stars shine in historic inclusive event in Trondheim

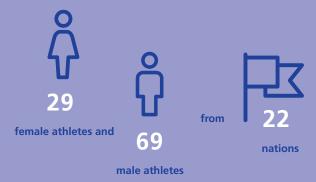




## **FIS PARA SNOWBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BIG WHITE 2025**

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**







**Cécile Hernandez Maxime Montaggioni (FRA)** 

won the first-ever **Snowboard Cross Mixed Team event** 



### **2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships Nations standing**



RANK	NATION		<b>8</b>	8\$8	TOTAL
1	China	3	4	3	10
2	<b>■</b> France	2	0	1	3
3	<b>■</b> Italy	2	0	0	2
4	Poland	1	1	2	4
5	Spain	1	1	0	2
6	<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	1	0	1	2
7	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	1	0	0	1
8	United States of America	0	2	3	5
9	Netherlands	0	2	0	2
10	• Switzerland	0	1	0	1
11	Austria	0	0	1	1



### **Para Snowboard World Champions 2025**

EVENT	CATEGORY	ATHLETE	NATION
BSL	UL	Lijia Ji	*>
BSL	LL1	Junta Kosuda	•
BSL	LL2	Emanuel Perathoner	
BSL	UL	Monika Kotzian	
BSL	LL	Tiantian Li	*3
SBX	UL	Lijia Ji	*3
SBX	LL1	Tyler Turner	I+I
SBX	LL2	Emanuel Perathoner	
SBX	UL	Irati Idiakez Lopez	40
SBX	LL	Cécile Hernandez	
SBXT		Cécile Hernandez	
JD/ I		Maxime Montaggioni	•••

UL: Upper Limb LL: Lower Limb, BSL: Banked Slalom, SBX: Snowboard Cross, SBXT: Snowboard Cross Team







## **Dutch power couple Bunschoten and Vos achieve** silver in the Banked Slalom

The Banked Slalom kicked off the 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships in Big White, Canada. On March 5, 68 athletes took to the course for the qualification round.

While gold medals went to China, Japan, Italy, and Poland, the weekend's most compelling story was written by Dutch stars Lisa Bunschoten and Chris Vos. Just over a year after welcoming their daughter, the couple returned to the podium together, each claiming a silver medal.

Bunschoten showcased her comeback in style in the women's LL Banked Slalom, knocking out France's Cécile Hernandez to reach the gold medal final against China's Tiantian Li. While Li proved untouchable on the day, Bunschoten's silver medal stood as a powerful statement of her return to the sport. France's Hernandez finished strong, securing bronze.

Inspired by his wife's comeback, Chris Vos also delivered a stellar performance in the men's LL Banked Slalom, advancing past Japan's Daichi Oguri and American favorite Noah Elliott. In the final, he claimed silver behind Japan's Junta Kosuda, with Elliott taking bronze.



Lisa Bunschoten (NED) storming out of the Banked Slalom start gate for the big final run. Credit: Andrew Jay

Other standout performances included Poland's Monika Kotzian, who dominated the women's UL Banked Slalom to claim gold, while Spain's Irati Idiakez Lopez took silver, and Anna Drobna earned her first World Championships medal with bronze. In the men's UL category, China's Lijio Ji captured gold, Aron Fahrni of Switzerland earned silver, and Jian Yang of China took bronze. Italy's Emanuel Perathoner ruled the second Men's LL2 Banked Slalom, taking gold over China's Qi Sun, with Zach Miller of the USA winning bronze.

The Banked Slalom at Big White 2025 highlighted the diversity of international talent in para snowboarding, as China, Japan, Italy, and Poland claimed gold while athletes from around the globe secured podium finishes. Yet the heart of the weekend belonged to Bunschoten and Vos. Their dual comeback, navigating the challenges of parenthood while competing at the highest level, reminded fans that the World Championships are about more than just medals; they celebrate the enduring sense of family that lies at the core of the snow sports community.



## **Against the odds: Snowboard Cross** and Mixed Team highlights at Big **White 2025**



France's Cécile Hernandez and Maxime Montaggioni celebrating their World Championship title in the inaugural Snowboard Cross Mixed Team event. Credit: Andrew Jay

When I saw Maxime at the airport with blond hair, I knew it was the color of the winner for the next team event.

— Cécile Hernandez (FRA) —



The 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships at Big White, Canada, showcased not only exceptional athletic skill but also the resilience and determination of athletes who turned setbacks into success.

One of the standout stories came from France's Cécile Hernandez. She began the weekend strongly in the Banked Slalom, posting the fastest stage time, but narrowly missed gold to Dutch rider Lisa Bunschoten in the quarterfinals due to a fall. Instead of letting the setback define her, Hernandez used it as fuel. In the Women's LL Snowboard Cross, she surged from the start alongside Brenna Huckaby Clegg (USA). When Nianjia Hu (CHN) lost balance and collided with Clegg, Hernandez seized the moment to cross the line first. Kate Delson (USA) finished with silver, as Clegg staged an impressive recovery to claim bronze.

Hernandez continued her dominant form in the inaugural Snowboard Cross Mixed Team event, pairing with Maxime Montaggioni (FRA). The French duo led the semifinals and held their nerve against China's top teams to secure a historic gold. Xinyu Wang and Qi Sun (CHN) earned silver, with Tiantian Li and Lijia Ji (CHN) taking bronze.

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Another inspiring performance came from Irati Idiakez Lopez (ESP) in Women's UL. After a fall in the Banked Slalom final, Lopez bounced back to claim gold in Snowboard Cross, narrowly edging out Monika Kotzian and Anna Drobna, who took silver and bronze respectively. Her comeback highlighted the fine margins of elite competition and her resilience in turning disappointment into victory.

In Men's LL1 Snowboard Cross, Tyler Turner (CAN) demonstrated remarkable tenacity on home snow. Fresh off his second consecutive discipline globe win, he powered through the semifinals and held off overall globe winner Noah Elliott (USA) in the final, with Daichi Oguri (JPN) earning bronze.

Racing is unpredictable...with friends, family, and sponsors at the finish line, the pressure was intense. But I took a few deep breaths, got my legs moving, and got it done.

— Tyler Turner (CAN)

In Men's LL2, Emanuel Perathoner overcame past setbacks to claim his second World Championship title. "Last time, about two years ago, I made a mistake in Snowboard Cross, so I wanted to win a gold medal so badly. Finally, I got it, and I am super happy and super stoked," explained the 2025 Snowboard Cross World Champion. He returned focused, winning every heat and mastering the final run against Qi Sun (CHN). Ben Tudhope (AUS) earned bronze after rebounding from a semifinal defeat.

Other highlights included Men's UL Snowboard Cross, where Lijia Ji (CHN) displayed exceptional grit to complete a golden double following his success in the Banked Slalom, winning ahead of teammates Pengyao Wang (silver) and Yonggang Zhu (bronze).

The 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships in Big White, Canada, celebrated not just victories but also the resilience and determination of athletes across every category, producing unforgettable performances and inspiring comebacks.

Read more: FIS | China dominates, Perathoner and French Mixed Team shine at the 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships



## FIS SPEED SKIING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS VARS 2025

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**





was the fastest woman reaching 225.73 km/h and winning his 5th World Championship title



**SIMON BILLY (FRA)** 

was the fastest man reaching 229.13 km/h

and winning his 4th World Championship title in a row

# **2025 FIS Speed Skiing World Championships Nations standing**



	NATION	883			TOTAL
1	<b>■</b> France	3	1	1	5
2	<b>■</b> Italy	1	0	1	2
3	Sweden	0	2	1	3
4	<b>Austria</b>	0	1	0	1
5	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	0	0	1	1



CATEGORY	ATHLETE	NATION
Junior	Enzo Vita	
Junior	Pauline Sabatut	11
	Simon Billy	
	Valentina Greggio	







Simon Billy (FRA) celebrating his 4th World Championship title in a row. Credit: Serge Briand



Valentina Greggio (ITA), 2025 Speed Skiing World Champion. Credit: Serge Briand



## **Greggio dominates, Billy triumphs** in Speed Skiing's ultimate test

Once again, the iconic slopes of Vars, France played host to the FIS Speed Skiing World Championships, reaffirming its status as the heart of the sport. Home to the world record track - the only homologated slope capable of breaking the current Speed Skiing world record of 255.5 km/h - Vars delivered a thrilling showcase of the fastest non-motorized sport on Earth.

Despite ominous forecasts predicting a week of poor weather, the event defied expectations with two days of perfect sunshine and pristine snow, allowing the world's top speed skiers to compete at their best.

A total of 58 athletes from 16 nations gathered to chase glory, with the spotlight firmly on the ongoing rivalry between Simon Billy (FRA), the current world record holder, and Simone Origone (ITA), the most decorated speed skier in history and recent winner of his 16th Crystal Globe.

In a dramatic showdown, Simon Billy claimed the World Champion title with a blistering speed of 229.13 km/h, edging out Manuel Kramer (AUT), who took silver with 228.45 km/h, and Simone Origone, who earned bronze at 227.24 km/h.

The women's competition was equally electrifying. Valentina Greggio (ITA), the reigning world record holder, dominated the field with a commanding speed of 225.73 km/h, finishing 7 km/h ahead of Agnes Abrahamsson (SWE) and 9 km/h ahead of Clea Martinez (FRA). Valentina's gold medal capped off a perfect season, in which she won every race - even outperforming the men in one event. Her performance this year was simply in a league of its own.

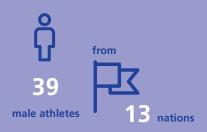


## FIS TELEMARK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LES CONTAMINES-MONTJOIE 2025

**FACTS AND FIGURES** 









All individual titles swept by two athletes:

Johanna Holzmann and Trym Nygaard Loeken



## 2025 FIS Telemark World Championships Nations standing



	NATION				TOTAL
1	<b>₩</b> Norway	4	1	1	6
2	Germany	3	0	0	3
3	<b>■</b> France	0	4	4	8
4	• Switzerland	0	1	0	1
5	Sweden	0	1	0	1
6	Great Britain	0	0	2	2





## **Telemark World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
Sprint	Trym Nygaard Loeken	#
Sprint	Johanna Holzmann	
Parallel Sprint	Trym Nygaard Loeken	#
Parallel Sprint	Johanna Holzmann	
Classic	Trym Nygaard Loeken	#=
Classic	Johanna Holzmann	
Mixed Team Parallel Sprint		#=



After months of preparation, it was incredibly fulfilling to witness all these emotions unfold – on the track and in the heart of the village. This week was a true celebration of sport, driven by passion, perseverance, and camaraderie. Telemark is a close-knit family, and we were honored to welcome athletes, staff, supporters, and volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone who made these unforgettable moments possible!

— Florian Bouvier, Local Organizing Committee Les Contamines-Montjoie 2025 —



#### HIGHLIGHT

## Holzmann bows out, Loeken sweeps: Telemark's finest hour in France

Held from March 19-23, the 2025 FIS Telemark World Championships in Les Contamines Montjoie marked a return to French soil for the first time since La Plagne 2017, igniting excitement among the home team and fans.

One of the most remarkable stories came from Johanna Holzmann (GER), who made a stunning return to Telemark skiing to conclude her competitive career. After three seasons in Ski Cross - including a 15th-place finish at the 2022 Olympics - Holzmann returned to the discipline where she had built a 12-season legacy with 83 World Cup podiums and 13 victories. She ended her career in spectacular fashion, winning three World Championship titles in Sprint, Parallel Sprint, and Classic. Racing in Les Contamines, where she had won the Junior World Championships in 2016, Holzmann described the experience as a full-circle moment.

It felt like the perfect place to end this chapter, regardless of the results. Skiing with pure joy and love for the sport, I felt free – and that's the best feeling in the world.



Trym Nygaard Loeken (NOR) and Johanna Holzmann (GER) - 2025 Telemark World Cham-

Meanwhile, Trym Nygaard Loeken (NOR) delivered a historic sweep, winning all three men's titles – Sprint, Parallel Sprint, and Classic – as well as Team Event gold, cementing his dominance in what would be his final competitive season. His performance in Les Contamines was the pinnacle of a comeback story that began after a life-threatening illness in 2023. Loeken's quadruple crown at the World Championships added to his already legendary status in the sport.

The Championships also highlighted Telemark's growing global reach, with athletes from the United States, Japan, and Spain joining the traditional powerhouse nations. The atmosphere in Les Contamines was electric, with fair races held under clear skies and a passionate crowd cheering every turn.

For France, the event was a homecoming. Head coach Antoine Bouvier, a native of Les Contamines, rallied his team with the message: "Embrace the energy and enthusiasm around you to push yourselves beyond your limits." The French athletes responded with strong performances, though the podiums were ultimately dominated by Germany and Norway.

In view of the success of the event and the vibrant atmosphere of the Telemark circuit, Les Contamines Montjoie has already committed to hosting the FIS Telemark World Cup Finals in 2026, promising another exciting chapter for the sport in this iconic venue.



The French public in fire during the Team event Credit: Sam Decout

Read more: FIS | Johanna Holzmann's triumphant farewell and Trym Nygaard Løken's historic sweep highlight Telemark Worlds



## FIS JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS TARVISIO 2025

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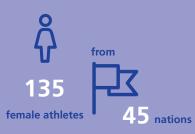
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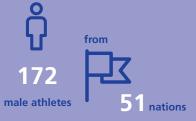


Italy's 8th time hosting the Junior World Ski Championships, the most of any country since 1982



medal events







## 2025 FIS Junior World Ski Championships Nations standing



RANK	NATION				TOTAL
1	<b>■</b> France	3	0	1	4
2	• Switzerland	2	5	0	7
3	Germany	2	0	0	2
4	Sweden	1	3	1	5
5	<b>Austria</b>	1	2	4	7
6	<b>₩</b> Norway	1	1	0	2
7	<b>■</b> Italy	1	0	1	2
8	United States of America	0	0	3	3
9	Great Britain	0	0	1	1



### **Alpine Skiing Junior World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
DH	Felix Roesle	
DH	Stefanie Grob	+
SG	Benno Brandis	_
SG	Jasmin Mathis	+
GS	Flavio Vitale	
GS	Giorgia Collomb	
SL	Theodor Braekken	#
SL	Cornelia Oehlund	-
TC	Thomas Chaix	
	Jonas Skabar	•
TC	Viktoria Buergler	
	Natalie Falch	
	June Brand	
TP	Jonas Skabar	
11	Garance Meyer	
	Arthur Heude	

DH: Downhill, SG: Super G, GS: Giant Slalom, SL: Slalom, TC: Team Combined, TP: Team Parallel







Giorgia Collomb (ITA), 2025 Giant Slalom Junior World Champion. Credit: Agence Zoom

## **Italy's Giorgia Collomb and rising** talents dominate in Tarvisio

The FIS Junior World Ski Championships returned to Tarvisio, Italy, from February 27 to March 6, 2025, delivering eight days of racing, breakout performances, and dramatic finishes in the Julian Alps. Nearly 400 athletes, ages 15 to 20, from 60 nations descended on the historic slopes of Di Prampero and Priusinč, marking the 44th edition of the championships.

The competition opened with both men's and women's downhills on the legendary Di Prampero piste, a course nearly four kilometers long with a demanding 655-meter vertical drop.

Italy's Giorgia Collomb delivered one of the standout performances of the championships. The 18-year-old from La Thuile, already a Youth Olympic champion and fresh from a team gold at the Saalbach World Championships, cemented her status as one of the sport's brightest prospects by capturing the women's Giant Slalom gold on home snow. Collomb triumphed by 0.56 seconds over Swiss rival Stefanie Grob, igniting jubilant celebrations from Italian fans in Tarvisio.

The individual technical events began on 3 March with Collomb's victory. For the men's Giant Slalom event, France's Flavio Vitale secured the country's third gold of the championships.

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In the women's Slalom, Cornelia Oehlund of Sweden, fresh from a career-best fifth place in Sestriere, surged from 23rd after the first run to take gold ahead of Austria's Leonie Raich and Felch. Italian favorite Collomb slipped on the penultimate gate, finishing fifth, 0.46 seconds off the podium. The men's Slalom closed the eight-day program, with Norway's Theodor Braekken triumphing 0.36 seconds ahead of Sweden's Gustav

In addition to claiming silver in the Giant Slalom, as mentioned above, Stefanie Grob delivered an unforgettable 0.01-second win in the women's Downhill over compatriot Jasmin Mathis. In the men's Downhill, Felix Roesle from Germany had the edge over Phillipp Kaelin from Switzerland by 0.02 seconds.

The speed events continued as Mathis upgraded from silver in the women's Downhill to gold in the Super-G. She edged out Austria's Leonie Zegg by 0.27 seconds, while Italy's Sara Thaler claimed bronze, giving the host nation its first medal of the championships. In the men's race, Germany claimed a second consecutive men's speed victory as Benno Brandis edged Switzerland's Sandro Manser by 0.14 seconds to take Super-G gold.



Felix Roesle (GER), 2025 Downhill Junior World Champion. Credit: Agence Zoom

In the Team Combined event, Austria excelled in the women's. Viktoria Bürgler and Natalie Felch climbed from 13th after the first run to seize women's gold. In the men's, Thomas Chaix and Jonas Skabar from France teamed up to achieve gold, defeating the Swiss by 0.29 seconds. Skabar doubled his haul the following day by leading France to victory in the Mixed Team Parallel, defeating Sweden 4–0 in the final.

The 2025 Tarvisio Championships marked Italy's eighth time hosting the World Juniors, the most of any country since 1982. The Championships highlighted rising alpine skiing stars, leaving a lasting impression of the sport's next generation.



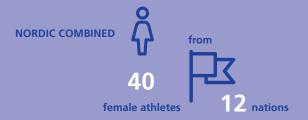
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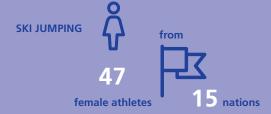
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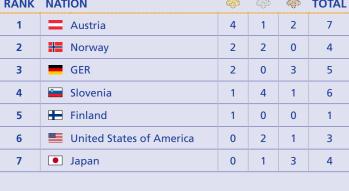


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### **2025 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships Nations standing**



	NATION	<b>\$</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>8</b> \$3	TOTAL
1	<b>Austria</b>	4	1	2	7
2	<b>₩</b> Norway	2	2	0	4
3	<b>GER</b>	2	0	3	5
4	Slovenia	1	4	1	6
5	<b>⊞</b> Finland	1	0	0	1
6	United States of America	0	2	1	3
7	Japan	0	1	3	4





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## **Ski Jumping Junior World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
NH	Stephan Embacher	
NH	Ingvild Synnoeve Midtskogen	#
	Simon Steinberger	
TNH	Stephan Embacher	
TINIT	Lukas Haagen	_
	Nikolaus Humml	
	Lia Boehme	
TNH	Anna-Fay Scharfenberg	
TINIT	Julina Kreibich	
	Kim Amy Duschek	
	Taja Bodlaj	
MTNH	Ziga Jancar	
IVITIVITI	Tina Erzar	
	Urban Simnic	

NH: Normal Hill, TNH: Team Normal Hill, MTNH: Mixed Team Normal Hill

### **Nordic Combined Junior World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
Men TSP		
Women TSP		<b>H</b>
GUN	Paul Walcher	
GUN	Ingrid Laate	#=
	Jonathan Graebert	
MTNH	Ronja Loh	
IVITINE	Trine Goepfert	
	Richard Stenzel	

TSP: Team Sprint, MTNH: Mixed Team Normal Hill, GUN: Gundersen Normal Hill







## **Historic medals and repeat Champions highlight Lake** Placid 2025

Lake Placid's 2025 Ski Jumping competitions opened with a statement from Norway's Ingvild Synnoeve Midtskogen, who claimed the women's individual title. Her 96- and 97-meter jumps displayed skill and control, sealing victory over teammate Ingrid Laate. Slovenia's Taja Bodlaj secured bronze, edging past defending champion Tina Erzar.

The men's individual event offered an exciting showdown between Austria's Stephan Embacher and Lake Placid's own Tate Frantz. Frantz, who had dominated training, thrilled the home crowd with a 98.5-meter final leap. Yet Embacher managed to defend his crown with a consistently strong performance, becoming only the second athlete, after Finland's Janne Ahonen, to win back-to-back Junior World titles. Austria's Simon Steinberger claimed bronze, completing a statement podium that showcased the nation's rising talent.

In the men's team competition which followed, Austria, led by Embacher, secured team gold ahead of Slovenia, while the U.S. quartet made history with its first-ever team medal thanks to Frantz's decisive final jump, placing the U.S. in third.

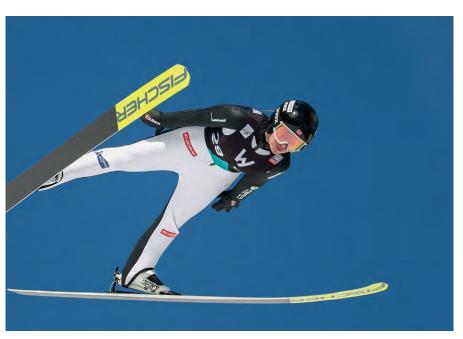
Germany edged Slovenia to take gold by just two points in the women's team competition, with Japan achieving bronze.

The mixed team gold went to Slovenia, while the U.S. claimed another historic medal with silver ahead of Austria.

It means a lot. I struggled a lot this season. Winning the title for the second time is a great feeling.

— Stephan Embacher, Individual Ski Jumping Junior World Championships winner —





Ingvild Synnoeve Midtskogen (NOR), 2025 Ski Jumping Junior World Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus



## **Nordic Combined: Strong** performances across individual and team races in Lake Placid

In Nordic Combined, Austria's Paul Walcher proved unstoppable once again in the men's individual Gundersen competition, holding on to his title. Despite trailing Japan's Atsushi Narita and Kyotaro Yamazaki after the Ski Jumping round, Walcher delivered a relentless Cross-Country race, overtaking both to secure gold. Narita achieved silver, while Germany's Richard Stenzel surged from sixth to claim bronze.

In the women's individual Gundersen, Norway's Ingrid Laate pulled off a 94.5-meter leap, then skied unchallenged to secure gold ahead of Slovenia's Teja Pavec and Germany's Trine Goepfert who came third.

In the men's team events, Austria set the pace, dominating the jumping round with impressive performances from Gfrerer and Walcher. Team Japan followed in second place, with Kyotaro Yamazaki and Atsushi Narita. Norway, led by Torje Seljeset and Even Leinan

Lund, finished the jumping round in third. Gfrerer and Walcher then extended their advantage in the Cross-Country event to secure gold for Austria. Norway's Leinan Lund delivered a solid effort to claim silver for his team, finishing ahead of Japan's Narita, who earned

In the women's team competition, Finland's Heta Hirvonen produced the longest jump of the day at 81 meters, paired with Korhonen's solid 77-meter effort, giving Finland a strong lead. Germany followed in second, and Slovenia secured third place. In the Cross-Country segment, Korhonen anchored the team to victory. Slovenia's Masa Likozar Brankovic earned silver, while Germany's Trine Goepfert took bronze.

In the mixed team event, Germany achieved gold led by Richard Stenzel's standout performance, with Austria taking silver and Japan securing bronze after a strong Cross-Country comeback.

Each of these events at the 2025 FIS Junior World Ski Championships in Lake Placid delivered exciting competition, remarkable resilience, and historic milestones in both Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined.



Paul Walcher (AUT), 2025 Nordic Combined Junior World Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus



## FIS CROSS-COUNTRY U23 AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHILPARIO 2025

medal events

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



categories: Junior (under 20 years old) and U23 (under 23 years old)







Norway

swept all
Junior World Championships titles
(under 20 years old)

### **2025 FIS Cross-Country U23** and Junior World Championships **Nations standing**



RANK	NATION	<b>\$</b>			TOTAL
1	<b>₩</b> NOR	10	5	4	19
2	Sweden	3	1	1	5
3	Germany	1	1	1	3
4	<b>■</b> Italy	0	3	2	5
5	■ Andorra	0	1	0	1
6	Australia	0	1	0	1
7	<b>⊞</b> Finland	0	1	0	1
8	<b>■</b> France	0	1	0	1
9	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> Canada	0	0	4	4
10	• Switzerland	0	0	1	1







## **Cross-Country Junior World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION	
10 km	Lars Heggen	#	
10 km	Milla Andreassen	#=	
20 km	Lars Heggen	#	
20 km	Milla Andreassen	#	
SP	Filip Skari	#	
SP	Malin Hoelsveen	#	
TE	Filip Skari		
	Lars Heggen		
	Milla Andreassen	-T	
	Hanna Soerbye		

SP: Sprint, TE: Team Relay

## **Cross-Country U23 World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
10 km	Mathias Holbaek	#=
10 km	Helen Hoffmann	_
20 km	Mathias Holbaek	#=
20 km	Maerta Rosenberg	-
SP	Anton Grahn	-
SP	Maerta Rosenberg	-
TE	Mathias Holbaek	
	Thomas Linnebo Mollestad	
	Anniken Sand	
	Eva Ingebrigtsen	

SP: Sprint, TE: Team Relay







## **Andreassen and Heggen** lead Norway's charge in **Schilpario**

The Junior and U23 World Championships in Schilpario, Italy, delivered a week of memorable Cross-Country action, with standout performances from Norway, Sweden, and emerging talents from across Europe.

The championships began with the Junior Sprint, where Norwegian athletes dominated the qualifications.

In the women's final, Malin Hoelsveen edged out fellow Norwegians Iselin Bjervig Drivenes to claim gold, while Milla Grosberghaugen Andreassen repeated her bronze medal performance from the previous year.

In the men's sprint, Norway's Filip Skari outpaced fellow Norwegian and defending

champion Lars Heggen to claim gold, while Switzerland's Isai Naeff took bronze, earning the host nation its first medal of the week.

Day two featured the U23 Sprint, where Sweden showcased its strength. Maerta Rosenberg dominated the women's event, leading the qualifiers by nearly eight seconds and winning the final convincingly. Her teammate Elin Henriksson earned bronze, while last year's Junior Sprint winner, Gina Del Rio of Andorra, took silver.

In the men's U23 Sprint final, Sweden again excelled, with Anton Grahn capturing gold and Måns Skoglund silver. Norway's Jørgen Schjølberg completed the podium with bronze.

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Milla Grosberghaugen Andreassen (NOR), 2025 10 km and 20 km Cross-Country Junior World Champion.







Anton Grahn (SWE), 2025 U23 Sprint World Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus

The 20km mass start on day three was a test of endurance and strategy. In this event, Lars Heggen proved untouchable. On the third lap, he made a decisive move to carve out the lead that earned him the gold, with Italy's Gabriele Matli taking silver and 17-year-old Norwegian Leopold Strand claiming bronze.

In the women's mass start, Andreassen powered ahead to her third championship gold, breaking away from teammate Hanna Sörbye, who claimed silver, while Alison Mackie brought Canada back to the podium for the first time since 1989 with a bronze medal.

The interval start reinforced Norwegian dominance, as Heggen and Andreassen once again claimed gold. For the men, the fight for the remaining podium spots was intense. Davide Negroni secured silver for Italy, and Jakob Elias Moch from Germany narrowly beat Skari for bronze. For the women, Anna Endress of Germany earned silver, while Mackie repeated her bronze success.

The championships concluded with highly competitive mixed relay races. Norway executed near-perfect performances in both the Junior and U23 relays to take double gold. France captured junior silver, with Italy earning bronze, while in the U23 category, Italy climbed to silver and Germany earned bronze.

Across the week, Norway emerged as the standout nation, with Andreassen and Heggen particularly dominant in the junior events, while Sweden's U23 team displayed remarkable strength.

The FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Schilpario 2025 highlighted the next generation of Cross-Country talent and set the stage for an exciting season





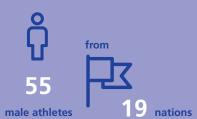
### FIS SKI AND SNOWBOARD CROSS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS **ISOLA 2000 2025**

### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



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nations



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Léa Casta (FRA)

secured her third consecutive individual **Junior World Championship title** 

### FIS Ski and Snowboard Cross Junior World Championships Nations standing



	NATION		<b>S</b>	888	TOTAL
1	France	3	0	1	4
2	Germany	2	3	2	7
3	Sweden	1	0	1	2
4	Australia	0	2	0	2
5	United States of America	0	1	2	3



# **Ski Cross Junior World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
SX	Sebastian Engelbrekts	
SX	Veronika Redder	_
SXT	Veronika Redder	
27.1	Nico Offenwanger	_

SX: Ski Cross, SXT: Ski Cross Team

# **Snowboard Cross Junior World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
SBX	Jonas Chollet	
SBX	Léa Casta	
SBXT	Jonas Chollet	
SBYI	Léa Casta	• •

SBX: Snowboard Cross, SBXT: Snowboard Cross Team



#### HIGHLIGHT

### Speed, strategy, and surprises: Junior Cross athletes shine in Isola 2000



In the Ski Cross men's competition, Germany's Nico Offenwanger set the pace early, clocking the fastest time in qualifications. Just one hundredth of a second behind was Kaleb Barnum of Canada. the 2024 Junior World Champion, who showed strong form in the early stages. However, in a surprising turn, Barnum was eliminated in the 1/8 final, ending his title defense earlier than expected.

strong international presence.

It was Sebastian Engelbrekts of Sweden who rose to the occasion in the final, executing a flawless run to claim the Junior World Champion title. Germany's Sebastian Machl joined his teammate on the podium, securing the bronze medal after a consistent performance throughout the heats.

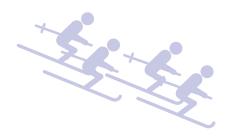
The women's race saw Germany's Veronika Redder dominate from start to finish. After leading the qualification round, she maintained her momentum in the final to take gold, ahead of teammate Leonie Bachl-Staudinger, who earned silver. Morgan Shute of the USA showcased impressive skill and determination to capture the bronze, rounding out a competitive and international podium.

The Ski Cross excitement continued in the Mixed Team event, where national duos competed in a relay-style format. The German pair of Offenwanger and Redder led Germany 1 to a commanding victory, securing the gold medal. Germany 2 followed closely for silver, while Sweden 1 clinched bronze in a tightly contested final.

The second week of competition saw the Snowboard Cross athletes take center stage.

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Tight battle in the Ski Cross men's field. Credit: Thomas Dessites



French standout Léa Casta, 19, who had already claimed the top spot in Friday's qualifiers, dominated the women's competition. Winning every heat, she powered her way to the finish line to secure her third consecutive individual Junior World Championship gold medal. The battle for the remaining podium places was intense. Maya Billingham (AUS), Lyse Laine (FRA), and Noemie Wiedmer

(SUI) all vied for position after Casta took an early lead out of the start gate. The first contact came between Billingham and Laine, with the French rider briefly taking the lead, but Billingham managed to stay on course and continue chasing from behind. Further down the course, Wiedmer crashed on a tight left turn, leaving Billingham and Laine to fight it out for silver. In the end, it was the Australian Billingham who crossed the line second, with Laine claiming the bronze.

In the men's field, the storyline was much the same. France's Jonas Chollet, the fastest in qualifiers, carried his momentum through to the big final after dominating his earlier heats. With a powerful start, he took the lead out of the gate, while Nathan Pare (USA), fresh off World Cup podiums, stayed close behind and pushed all the way to the finish. Chollet held his ground and crossed the line first to take gold, Pare secured silver, and Germany's Julius Reichle rounded out the podium with bronze.

Originally scheduled for Sunday, the Mixed Team event was moved to Saturday afternoon due to forecasted bad weather. In this format, male and female athletes from the same country paired up to compete in heats. A total of 29 teams representing 15 nations lined up for what was expected to be a showcase of team spirit and young talent. The finals didn't disappoint, with plenty of exciting passes and tight racing on display. In the last heat of the day, it was once again Léa Casta – this time racing

alongside Jonas Chollet - who crossed the finish line first in the women's leg of the big final, securing a second gold medal of the day for both herself and her teammate. Team Australia 1 (Cameron Turner and Maya Billingham) earned silver, while Team USA 1 (Nathan Pare and Brianna Schnorrbusch) clinched bronze.

With athletes from across Europe, North America, Asia, and South America, the championships were a true global celebration. The organizers emphasized eco-responsibility, using existing infrastructure, promoting soft transport, and offering local catering and waste reduction initiatives.



Léa Casta and Jonas Chollet (FRA), 2025 Snowboard Cross Junior World Champions. Credit: Thomas Dessites

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# FIS FREESTYLE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALMATY 2025

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13
female athletes





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equalled Kelly Sildaru's (EST) all-time record for most Junior Worlds medals

female athletes 9 nations male athletes



### **2025 FIS Freestyle** Junior World Championships **Nations standing**



	NATION		<b>S</b>		TOTAL
1	China	2	3	2	7
2	Kazakhstan	2	2	0	4
3	<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	2	0	1	3
4	United States of America	1	1	2	4
5	Czech Republic	1	0	0	1
6	<b>■</b> France	0	2	3	5
	<b>K</b> orea	0	0	1	1
	<b>!</b> Canada	0	0	1	1



### **Freestyle Junior World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
MO	Osuke Nakahara	•
MO	Yuma Taguchi	•
DM	Matyas Kroupa	
DM	Anastassiya Gorodko	
Mixed DM	Reese Chapdelaine	
IVIIXEG DIVI	Jiah Cohen	
AE	Dinmukhammed Raimkulov	
AE	Haohao Shen	*2
	Qixian Wang	
AET	Jiubo Gu	*3
	Hu Geng	

MO: Moguls, DM: Dual Moguls, AE: Aerials, AET: Aerials Team





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Gorodko makes history, China sweeps** aerials in Almaty showdown



Anastassiya Gorodko (KAZ) celebrating her Junior World Championship title with her team. Credit: KSA

The 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships lit up Shymbulak Ski Resort from January 7-11, showcasing the future of freestyle skiing across Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, and Mixed Team events.

The opening Moguls competition on the iconic "Yuka G" course immediately set the tone. Japan's Yuma Taguchi captured gold in the women's event, building on her consecutive bronze finishes in 2024. Kazakhstan's Anastassiva Gorodko delighted the home crowd with a silver medal in what will be her final Junior Worlds appearance. Though she posted the fastest time in the finals, minor errors, including a slip after the bottom air, kept her from claiming gold. Rounding out the women's podium was another Japanese star, Kurea Mise, who achieved bronze.

In the men's event, Otsuke Nakahara delivered a flawless run to secure Japan's second gold of the day. France's Leo Crozet impressed for silver, while Korea's Yoonseung Lee, the 2024 Youth Olympic champion, claimed bronze.

Day two was a day of historical achievement as Dual Moguls took center stage. Kazakhstan's Anastassiya Gorodko rose to the occasion to claim dual moguls gold in a nail-biting final against the USA's Reese Chapdelaine. This put Gorodko, already a multiple Junior Worlds medalist, on par with Kelly Sildaru's all-time record for most Junior Worlds medals.

Completing the podium was Chapdelaine's teammate Abbey McLarnon, the 2024 Youth Olympic Games bronze medalist, who secured third place by defeating another U.S. teammate, Anabel Ayad.

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In the men's competition, the Czech Republic marked a historic milestone as Matyas Kroupa captured the nation's first-ever Junior Worlds moguls gold, outdueling France's Leo Crozet in the final. France still celebrated a strong showing with a double podium finish where Crozet claimed his second consecutive silver, while Noe Lameille secured bronze after narrowly defeating Japan's Takuto Nakamura.

The third and final day featured the Moguls Mixed Team event, delivering an exciting display of teamwork and skill. Team USA's Reese Chapdelaine and Jia Cohen claimed gold, while Kazakhstan's Yuliya Feklistova and Denis Rastruba delighted the home crowd with a silver-medal performance. A second American duo, Anabel Ayad and Chase Littlefield, completed the podium with bronze.

Attention then shifted to aerials at Shymbulak's middle station, where Team China dominated. In her first international competition, Haohao Shen led a Chinese podium sweep in women's aerials. Qixian Wang (CHN) took home silver, while Xue Wang (CHN) secured the bronze medal.

In the men's event. Kazakhstan had its moment of celebration as Dinmukhammed Raimkulov soared to gold with a near-perfect double full-double full. China still managed silver and bronze through Yuheng Yang and Zhicheng Yang, reinforcing their status as the discipline's powerhouse.

The championships concluded with the Aerials mixed team event, and once again China proved untouchable. The trio of Qixian Wang, Jiubo Gu, and Hu Geng took gold, with another Chinese team taking silver. Canada secured bronze through Victoria Cote, Elliot Primeau, and Elliot Beauregard.

The 2025 Junior World Championships not only crowned new champions but also cemented Shymbulak's reputation as one of freestyle skiing's premier venues. With its high-altitude courses, stunning scenery, and electric atmosphere, Almaty created the perfect setting to celebrate the sport's rising talent.

Read more: FIS | Successful conclusion to the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World **Championships in Almaty** 



Haohao Shen led a Chinese podium sweep in women's aerials with Qixian Wang taking silver and Xue Wang bronze. Credit: KSA

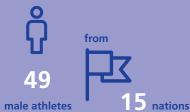


# FIS SNOWBOARD ALPINE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ZAKOPANE 2025

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**









claimed a medal in all events (3 gold and 2 silver)



### **2025 FIS Snowboard Alpine Junior World Championships Nations standing**



RANK		TION		<b>S</b> \$3		TOTAL
1		Bulgaria	3	2	0	5
2	+	Switzerland	1	0	1	2
3	1+1	Canada	1	0	0	1
4	П	Italy	0	2	1	3
5		Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
6	_	Germany	0	0	2	2



### **Snowboard Alpine Junior World Champions 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	ATHLETE	NATION
PGS	Tervel Zamfirov	
PGS	Aurélie Moisan	I+I
PSL	Tervel Zamfirov	
PSL	Xenia von Siebenthal	+
PRT	Tervel Zamfirov	
PKI	Malena Zamfirova	

PGS: Parallel Giant Slalom, PSL: Parallel Slalom, PRT: Parallel Mixed Team







### Sibling power and double golds: Zakopane delivers snowboard thrills

The FIS Snowboard Alpine Junior World Championships 2025 in Zakopane, Poland, show-cased some of the most promising young snowboarders in the world, with standout performances across all events.

Held at the Suche Resort from March 4 to 6, the championships brought together over 100 athletes from 16 nations to compete in Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Parallel Slalom (PSL), and the Mixed Team Parallel event.

In the women's PGS. Canada's Aurelie Moisan demonstrated her consistency and skill by winning her second consecutive junior gold medal, reinforcing her status as one of the leading talents in her age group. Her performance was closely challenged by Bulgaria's Malena Zamfirova, who secured the silver medal just days after achieving her first World Cup podium. Germany's Yuna Taniguchi took bronze after a strong run, edging out Switzerland's Xenia von Siebenthal.

The men's PGS event was equally competitive, with Bulgaria's Tervel Zamfirov taking gold for the second time in his junior career. Italy's Tommy Rabanser finished in second place, while Czech rider Krystof Minarik claimed bronze, defeating Italy's Mike Santuari in a close race for third.

The PSL events took place on the second day. Switzerland's Xenia von Siebenthal delivered a stellar performance in the women's PSL, defeating Malena Zamfirova from Bulgaria in the big final to claim her second PSL gold at the Junior World Championships, having previously triumphed in Bansko 2023. Germany's Aurelia Buccioni won the bronze medal after a strong showing against Ukraine's Eleonora Pavliuk.

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Aurelie Moisan (CAN), 2025 Parallel Giant Slalom Junior World Champion. Credit: Marcin Szkodzinski





Bulgaria's sibling duo, Tervel and Malena Zamfirov, proud 2025 Mixed Team Parallel Junior World Champions, Credit: Marcin Szkodzinski

This event was a reward for the hard work we've been doing here in Poland. Away from the spotlight, we are shaping future talents. The Suche resort has been instrumental in providing training opportunities over the last decade. Hosting top juniors and future World Cup winners on our training grounds was not just a duty but a true pleasure. Huge thanks to FIS, the resort, and Zakopane for helping create such a fantastic event for the next generation.

— Pawel Dawidek, Chief of Competition and a Polish snowboarding coach from Zakopane)

The men's PSL mirrored the PGS results, with Tervel Zamfirov once again winning gold and Tommy Rabanser taking silver. Mike Santuari rebounded from his PGS near-miss to earn bronze, demonstrating resilience and consistency over multiple events.

championships concluded with the Mixed Team Parallel, an event that tested both individual skill and team coordination. Bulgaria's sibling duo, Tervel and Malena Zamfirov, achieved gold, highlighting their dominance in both

individual and team formats. Czechia 1, represented by Krystof Minarik and Adela Keclikova, secured silver, while Switzerland 1, with Xenia von Siebenthal and Nuri Mosca, rounded out the podium with bronze.

The three days showcased snowboarding's future stars, highlighting individual talent alongside teamwork, making the FIS Snowboard Alpine Junior World Championships memorable for all.





# FIS TELEMARK JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BARDONECCHIA 2025

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

medal events





### **Augustine Carliez (FRA)**

swept all women's World Championship titles

1st ever

standalone World Championships for Junior athletes



### **2025 FIS Telemark Junior World Championships Nations standing**



	NATION				TOTAL
1	<b>■</b> FRA	3	2	1	6
2	<b>I</b> ◆ <b>I</b> CAN	2	0	0	2
3	₩ NOR	1	1	2	4
4	<b>SWE</b>	1	1	0	2
5	<b></b> SUI	0	2	2	4
6	<b>GER</b>	0	1	2	3





### **Telemark Junior World Champions 2025**

EVENT	ATHLETE	NATION
Classic	Adrian Ball	I+I
Classic	Augustine Carliez	
Sprint	Alvin Noaksson	-
Sprint	Augustine Carliez	
Parallel Sprint	Adrian Ball	[+]
Parallel Sprint	Augustine Carliez	
Team Parallel Sprint		#=





### **Bardonecchia hosts inaugural Junior-only Telemark World Championships**

The 2025 FIS Telemark Junior World Championships in Bardonecchia marked a historic milestone for the discipline, as the first-ever standalone event dedicated exclusively to junior athletes. Held under the warm Italian spring sun, the venue rose to the challenge of late-season conditions, delivering excellent slope preparation and a vibrant atmosphere that allowed young talents to shine across all race disciplines.

On the men's side, Adrian Ball (CAN) was the standout performer, claiming two Junior World Championship titles in the Classic and Parallel Sprint. His second gold came in a thrilling big final against Even Opheim (NOR), who had previously earned bronze in the Sprint, behind Alvin Noaksson (SWE) and Zian Peccoux (FRA).

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Adrian Ball (CAN) and Even Opheim (NOR) after their duel in the men's Parallel Sprint's big final. Credit: Damiano Benedetto



Coletta Frick (GER), Léa Lathion (SUI) and Augustine Carliez (FRA) celebrating their medals in the women's Sprint. Credit: Damiano Benedetto





In the women's field, Augustine Carliez (FRA) delivered a clean sweep, winning all three individual events: Classic, Sprint, and Parallel Sprint. Her dominance was especially evident in the Classic, where France swept the podium - Carliez took gold, followed by Lenaig Mansart with silver and Margaux Giordana with bronze.

In the Sprint and Parallel Sprint, Léa Lathion (SUI) – the 2023/24 Parallel Sprint Globe winner – secured silver in both disciplines, while Coletta Frick (GER) earned bronze in both, showcasing her consistency and competitiveness.

The Team Parallel Sprint saw Norway triumph in a thrilling final against a spirited German squad, highlighting the depth and determination of the junior teams.

With a total of six medals, France topped the Nations standings, demonstrating the depth and strength of its junior delegation. This success reflects the country's broader excellence in Telemark skiing, where French athletes continue to shine on the World Cup circuit as well.



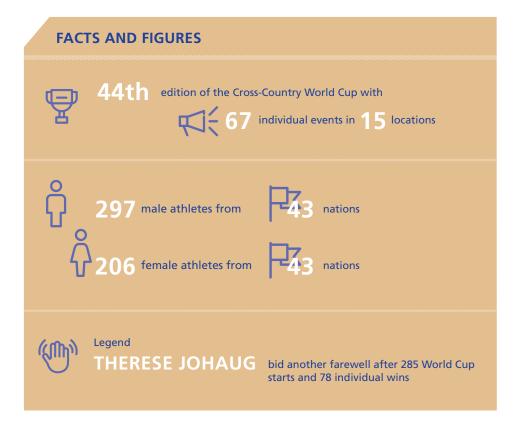
Team Norway celebrating its triumph in the Team Parallel Sprint. Credit: Damiano Benedetto





### **COOP FIS CROSS-COUNTRY** WORLD CUP 2024/25 .....





### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	#	1	2200
Edvin Anger	-	2	1731
Erik Valnes	#	3	1530
Federico Pellegrino		4	1510
Harald Oestberg Amundsen	#	5	1439
Simen Hegstad Krueger	#	6	1431
Hugo Lapalus		7	1388
Andreas Fjorden Ree	#	8	1235
Martin Loewstroem Nyenget	#	9	1154
Ben Ogden		10	1087

### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jessie Diggins		1	2197
Victoria Carl		2	1827
Kerttu Niskanen	H	3	1692
Astrid Oeyre Slind	#	4	1682
Therese Johaug	#	5	1435
Katerina Janatova		6	1347
Ebba Andersson	-	7	1323
Heidi Weng	#	8	1240
Jasmi Joensuu	H	9	1204
Teresa Stadlober		10	1194





### **Distance Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Simen Hegstad Krueger	#	1	1317
Martin Loewstroem Nyenget	#	2	1154
Hugo Lapalus		3	1118

### **Sprint Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo	#	1	927
Erik Valnes	#	2	828
Edvin Anger	-	3	784

### **Distance Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jessie Diggins		1	1384
Astrid Oeyre Slind	#=	2	1382
Victoria Carl		3	1211

### **Sprint Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jasmi Joensuu	H	1	848
Nadine Fähndrich	+	2	732
Maja Dahlqvist	-	3	682



### **Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)**

NATION	RANK	POINTS
<b>H</b> Norway	1	17312
Sweden	2	11888
<b>⊞</b> Finland	3	9559
United States of America	4	8368
Germany	5	8334
<b>■</b> France	6	7316
Switzerland	7	5587
<b>■</b> Italy	8	5513
Czech Republic	9	3512
Austria	10	3284

# Constructors' Championship Overall (Men & Women)

BRAND	RANK	POINTS
FISCHER	1	20281
ATOMIC	2	4786
ROSSIGNOL	3	3895
SALOMON	4	3875
MADSHUS	5	2226





## 'I need some time to process it': Lucky 13 for Klaebo in Lahti caps off season for the ages



Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) - 2024/25 Overall World Cup winner, Credit: Nordic Focus

Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) signed off the FIS Cross Country World Cup season in fitting style with victory in the 50 km Classic in Lahti, Finland.

The 28-year-old came into this season as the undisputed sprint king of the sport but cemented his reputation as the greatest all-round men's skier of all time with a clean sweep of medals at the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships on his home track in Trondheim.

With a fourth Tour de Ski title already in the bag, Klaebo wrapped up the overall World Cup title - his sixth - with Sprint Freestyle victory on Friday. But he still wasn't finished, capping off the campaign with a third straight victory to make it 13 for the season and 98 in his World Cup career.

After a well-deserved rest, he will no doubt have his sights set on breaking the 100 barrier. And after that? So dominant is Klaebo at the moment that nobody would put another clean sweep at the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games 2026 past him - and with it sporting immortality.

Nobody should have been surprised by Klaebo's latest victory. After all, he won the last World Cup 50K race in Oslo a year ago. Yet his class, consistency and confidence continue to defy belief.

If he was finally going to run out of energy this season, it would be on this tough Lahti loop, 7.2km of undulations with the only flat section as the competitors cross the finish line.

But Klaebo has proved he is a man for all conditions and all courses. So, under

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sunny skies in southern Finland, with the snow beginning to melt and break up, it would be up to the other skiers to find a way to beat him.

When it comes to distance races, the proven formula is to try to break Klaebo early, not wait until a sprint to the finish when there will only be one winner. But every time somebody pushed the pace, there was Klaebo: rarely at the front, but never far behind.

By lap six, he was in a lead group of four, alongside three other Norwegians: the in-form Martin Loewstroem Nyenget, 2018 Olympic 30 km Skiathlon champion Simen Hegstad Krueger and rising star Andreas Fjorden Ree.

What's the plan now? Celebrate, that's gonna be my plan! I think I will need some time this spring to process what happened this season but it's a perfect way to finish.

— Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR) —



Each took it in turns to push the pace, but each time Klaebo responded. The longer the race went on without a breakaway, the more confident he would become. By the final climb, it was as if the other three knew they would be fighting for second place.

By this point, Ree had dropped back and Klaebo had hit the front. He cruised round the tricky left-hand corner into the stadium section with his trademark smoothness and streaked away. Normally, Klaebo would wait until the home straight to look over his shoulder to check on the position of his rivals. This time, he used the tuck position in the final downhill to peer between his legs, where he saw Nyenget and Krueger already beaten.

As he has been able to do so many times this season, he slowed down to salute the crowd as he crossed the line, this time putting both ski poles in one hand and dropping them, mic style, to underline his supremacy.

Nyenget finished 0.5s behind Klaebo and, with last season's Crystal Globe winner Harald Oestberg Amundsen (NOR) missing the race through illness, Krueger's third place confirmed him as the distance World Cup winner for the season. Eric Valnes, meanwhile, finished 11th to leapfrog Federico Pellegrino (ITA), who finished 15th, into third in the overall standings behind Klaebo and Edvin Anger (SWE).

It has been a breakthrough season for the young Swede. Whether he can catch Klaebo, though, is another matter entirely.

Read more: FIS | 'I need some time to process it': Lucky 13 for Klaebo in Lahti caps off season for the ages





## Johaug wins Final Climb to claim fourth Tour de Ski title: 'It's amazing'



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Therese Johaug (NOR) - 2025 Tour de Ski Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus

Therese Johaug (NOR) won the Women's 10km Mass Start Free in Val di Fiemme, Italy, on Sunday to secure her fourth overall Tour de Ski victory.

That places the Norwegian comeback queen on par with Poland's Justyna Kowalczyk as the women with most Tour titles.

"Justyna has four and it's cool to have the same as her. She is a legend and I'm so happy that I took the first place today too," the 36-year-old said.

After a successful run in Saturday's Skiathlon, Johaug had taken over the lead in the overall standings for the first time of the Tour. She had a 22-second advantage down to her teammate Astrid Oeyre Slind in second place and was 1:47 ahead of defending champion Jessie Diggins (USA) in third place.

But that did not make Johaug want to sit back and relax in the exhausting last stage of Tour de Ski, the Final Climb, where skiers have climb up an Alpine ski slope. Coming into the start of the steep uphill section of Alpe Cermis, the 36-year-old Norwegian had positioned herself in first position, with no plans on letting anyone else set the pace.

Followed by Heidi Weng (NOR) and Ebba Andersson (SWE), she set off at full speed up the hill that she had mastered so many times before.

The difference this time is that it has been five years since Johaug last went up Alpe Cermis, and since winning the Final Climb to claim her third Tour title in January 2020, she had taken a two-year break from the sport to become a mother.

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It was amazing. It was like the other times I've gone up this hill. I love it, actually. It's hard, it's tough, it's painful, but I love it.

— Therese Johaug (NOR) —



But that did not show on Johaug, who had been training up an Alpine hill back home in Trondheim, Norway, where the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships started the following month.

At a 28% steep section five minutes into the climb, Johaug switched gears and stormed off, leaving the skiers behind her to fight for place two and three.

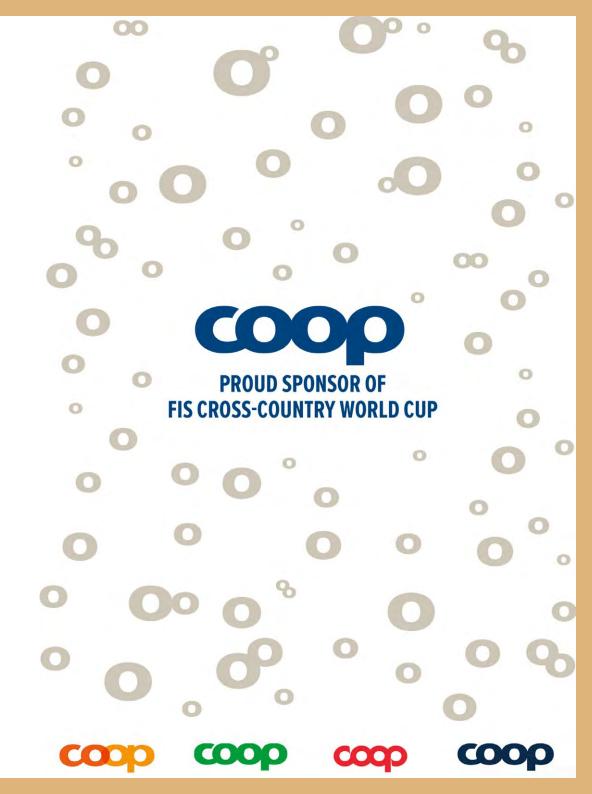
Slind joined Andersson and Weng to lead the chase but Johaug was untouchable, finishing the climb with a gap of more than a minute down to the rest.

The overall Coop FIS Cross-Country World Cup runner-up could relax in the last 500m of the race. She grabbed a Norwegian flag to celebrate her achievement as she crossed the finish line 25.5 seconds before runner-up Slind as Weng completed the all-Norwegian podium, 28 seconds behind the winner.

Focusing on the World Championships, Johaug said she had only decided to take part in the Tour just before Christmas. A few weeks later, she had added another title to her triumphs in 2013-2014, 2016 and 2019-2020.

With 114 points in the Climber standings, Johaug also made history as she became the first winner of the Tour-debuting Best Climber competition. Slind claimed the second place on 66 points as Kerttu Niskanen completed the podium on 46.

Read more: FIS | Johaug wins Final Climb to claim fourth Tour de Ski title: 'It's amazing'







### **Lapalus makes history** with first Climber title

Norway's Therese Johaug and Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo were the main names of the 2024/2025 Tour de Ski, claiming the men's and women's overall titles as well as the men's Sprint prize (Klaebo) and the women's Best Climber (Johaug).

The Tour however crowned two more champions: Nadine Faehndrich from Switzerland, who won the women's Sprint standings and France's Hugo Lapalus, who became the first man to triumph in the event-debuting Best Climber category.

The 26-year-old Frenchman said he had started his battle for the purple climber bib at the first distance stage of the Tour, the 15 km Mass Start Classic in Toblach, Italy. Lapalus finished in 12th place but managed to pick up eight points towards the climbing standings.

"I tried to take a few points in each lap but I didn't want to push too hard every time. I tried to stay in the top-five during the race and took a few points," he said.

In the Freestyle races, he was not just going for the purple bib but for the podium. "I knew that if I went for the podium I'd for sure also go for the points in the top of the uphill," said Lapalus.

He finished fourth in the 10km Mass Start Free, also known as the infamous Final Climb, where skiers race up an Alpine ski slope in Alpe Cermis in Italian Val di Fiemme. As Simen Hegstad Krueger (NOR) won the race in a dominant fashion, sharing the podium with Mika Vermeulen (AUT) and Friedrich Moch (GER), Lapalus picked up 30 climber points.

That placed him four points ahead of Climber No.2 Krueger, who earned 45 points with his victory. "The most important was for sure the last race in Alpe Cermis," Lapalus said. "It was key to stay in the top-three, because it was really close with Mika and Simen."

It was the first time Lapalus climbed to the top of the podium in a Tour de Ski or World Cup. "This title in my career is important for sure," Lapalus said. "It's like the overall Tour de Ski title - it's important to always stay in the top-five in the races so I'm really happy and I love this purple bib, it is beautiful."

It was my goal before the Tour de Ski, to be the first Best Climber in history. It's nice and I will compete to keep it the next year, but it will be hard. It is really cool and I'm really happy.

— Hugo Lapalus (FRA)

#### New bib 'worked really well', says Race **Director**

FIS Cross-Country Race Director Michal Lamplot said the new purple climber bib had been introduced "to offer success, promotion, and visibility to different types of athletes". "Distance athletes are maybe not fighting for the win in the overall Tour de Ski standing but have something else to fight for with this bib," Lamplot said.

"We also wanted to have something to bring even more excitement to the competitions. Some feature that would encourage athletes to execute different race tactics, so that they ski fast, go for the bonus, and maybe stretch out the field. We want even more action during the races."



Hugo Lapalus (FRA) – 2025 Tour de Ski Best Climber. Credit: Nordic Focus

Read more: FIS | Lapalus makes history with first Climber title as Faehndrich claims 'career-best' Tour Sprint prize



The 2024/25 World Cup season stands out as one of the most remarkable seasons for Cross-Country skiing. It began with the season opener in Ruka and continued through events with a great atmosphere such as Davos, Cogne, Les Rousses, Engadin, and Lahti. The season included the 19th edition of the Tour de Ski and culminated in the highly anticipated World Championships in Trondheim. There, the level of competition and engagement was exceptional. The atmosphere in Trondheim was truly inspiring – with over 130,000 spectators turning the event into a true festival celebrating Cross-Country skiing.

We hope the momentum of increasing numbers of fans and spectators visiting our events continues and that we can look forward to many more great moments in the seasons to come.

— Michal Lamplot, FIS Cross-Country Race Director —



### VIESSMANN FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP 2024/25



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



461 edition of the Men's Ski Jumping World Cup with

= 36 competitions at 18 hills



41 edition of the Women's Ski Jumping World Cup with

28 competitions at 18 hills





63 female athletes from





a new Women's World Record by NIKA PREVC (SLO)

a new Men's DOMEN PREVC (SLO)
World Record by



The last season of CHIKA YOSHIDA

as Race Director of the Women's Ski Jumping World Cup

### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Daniel Tschofenig		1	1805
Jan Hoerl	=	2	1652
Stefan Kraft		3	1290
Anze Lanisek	-	4	1056
Pius Paschke		5	1006
Gregor Deschwanden	+	6	996
Andreas Wellinger	_	7	989
Johann Andre Forfang	#	8	955
Ryoyu Kobayashi	•	9	910
Domen Prevc	-	10	776

### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Nika Prevc		1	1933
Selina Freitag		2	1293
Katharina Schmid		3	1201
Eirin Maria Kvandal	#=	4	1026
Jacqueline Seifriedsberger		5	978
Lisa Eder		6	877
Eva Pinkelnig		7	819
Anna Odine Stroem	#=	8	801
Ema Klinec	-	9	710
Alexandria Loutitt	I+I	10	681





### Four Hills Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Daniel Tschofenig		1	1194
Jan Hoerl		2	1193
Stefan Kraft		3	1190

### **RAW AIR Tournament Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Andreas Wellinger		1	1202
Domen Prevc	-	2	1186
Ryoyu Kobayashi	•	3	1178

### Ski Flying Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Domen Prevc		1	485
Anze Lanisek	-	2	317
Andreas Wellinger		3	310

### **RAW AIR Tournament Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Nika Prevc	-	1	455
Eirin Maria Kvandal	#	2	371
Anna Odine Stroem	#=	3	357



### **Grand Prix Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)**

NATION	RANK	POINTS
Austria	1	1490
Norway	2	1070
Poland	3	940
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	4	813
Germany	5	807
Switzerland	6	430
<b>■</b> Italy	7	374
France	8	372
United States of America	9	361
Slovenia	10	346





# Nika Prevc: A season of superlatives in Women's Ski Jumping

At just 19 years old, Slovenian sensation Nika Prevc entered the 2024/25 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup season in Lillehammer as the defending champion and top favorite. What followed was a season that not only met expectations – it redefined them.

Unfazed by pressure and the weight of her own reputation, Prevc delivered a historic campaign marked by 15 individual victories, a feat previously matched only by Japan's Sara Takahashi in 2013/14. In the men's field, this record had only been achieved by one athlete: Peter Prevc – Nika's brother – during his legendary 2015/16 season.

But Nika Prevc's dominance extended far beyond the win column. She claimed both prestigious special rankings: the Two Nights Tour and RAW AIR, showcasing her consistency and brilliance across formats. In Vikersund, she soared to 236 meters, setting a new women's ski flying world record and pushing the boundaries of what's possible in the sport.

Despite her record-breaking performances, Prevc remained a model of humility and grace – calm, modest, and always friendly. Her demeanor off the hill is as impressive as her achievements on it, making her a true ambassador for Ski Jumping.

Prevc clinched the overall World Cup title with a commanding 1933 points, well ahead of Germany's Selina Freitag (1293) and Katharina Schmid (1201). In the Nations Cup, Germany took top honors with 4241 points, followed by Norway (3719) and Austria (3624).

Nika Prevc's 2024/25 season will be remembered not just for the records she broke, but for the way she elevated the sport – gracefully, powerfully, and with a quiet confidence that inspired fans around the world.

**Read more:** FIS | Prevc ends stunning World Cup season with record-equaling win



Nika Prevc (SLO) - Ski Jumping Women's World Record holder and 2024/25 World Cup Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus



# **Daniel Tschofenig:** From outsider to Overall **World Cup Champion**





Daniel Tschofenig (AUT) - 2024/25 World Cup Champion. Credit: Nordic Focus

The 2024/25 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup season delivered one of the most compelling stories in recent memory, as Daniel Tschofenig, a 22-year-old Austrian, transformed from a promising contender into the undisputed champion of the winter.

Having never won a World Cup event before the season began, and finishing 11th overall in 2022/23, Tschofenig entered the campaign as an outsider. But that status quickly changed. His first career victory in Wisla (POL) marked the beginning of To be honest, I didn't believe it. I didn't see any chance for myself before the final. When Krafti was waiting at the top, I knew it was a tough situation. But when he landed, I thought – okay, it could work out. Indescribable. I really don't know what to say yet.

— Daniel Tschofenig (AUT) —



a meteoric rise, followed by triumphs in Zakopane, Willingen, and Lake Placid, and culminating in a dramatic win at the Four Hills Tournament.

The Four Hills Tournament was a thriller to the very end. After three events, three Austrians - Stefan Kraft, Jan Hoerl, and Daniel Tschofenig – were separated by just 1.3 points. In the final showdown in Bischofshofen, Tschofenig delivered a clutch performance, jumping 140.5 meters to overtake his teammates and claim the title with 1194.4 points, edging out Hoerl (1193.0) and Kraft (1190.3).

The season finale in Planica was the perfect stage for Tschofenig's crowning moment. On his 23rd birthday, he secured the overall World Cup title with a breathtaking Ski Flying jump that earned 5 x 20 marks from the judges - a rare and prestigious achievement.

"At first I thought it was a technical error when it showed 5 x 20. My idols have managed that - and now I have too," he said, beaming with pride.

Tschofenig ended the season with eight World Cup victories and 1805 points, ahead of teammates Jan Hoerl (1652) and Stefan Kraft (1290). Austria also dominated the Nations Cup, finishing with 8343 points, well ahead of Germany.

Read more: FIS | Prevc peerless in Planica as Tschofenig claims Crystal Globe



The season 2024/25 for Ski Jumping was counting again amazing and spectacular competitions across the world, with a lot of fans attending on site our events and TV viewers amazed by the fantastic flights of our modern gladiators.

We all know that this season will be marked by the suit manipulation case in Trondheim and everything that followed from it. It's something that should be a milestone, a turning point for the sport. But we are also very thankful for the support of our Organizing Committees with thousands of volunteers that are constantly spending their free time to provide excellent conditions for our events. We cannot forget the thrilling moments we experience in the final rounds of our events including the incredible final of the last stage of the Four Hills Tournament.

A season that defines a new milestone for our sport with a new World Record in both genders, thanks to the Prevc siblings Nika (236,0 meters in Vikersund, Norway) and Domen Prevc (254,5 meters in Planica, Slovenia). The "Icarus' dream of flight" continues in our sport to experience new borders and new limits.

And last but not least, again a huge number of fans joining the passion and the adrenaline of our events. A great community that constantly follows us and dreams with us.



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### **VIESSMANN FIS NORDIC COMBINED** WORLD CUP 2024/25



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42nd edition of the Men's World Cup with  (19 individual events in 8 locations
5th edition of the Women's World Cup with  (14. individual events in 6 locations
98 male athletes from 76 nations 46 female athletes from 71 nations
JARL MAGNUS RIIBER bid farewell after 156 World Cup starts and 78 individual wins

### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Vinzenz Geiger		1	1506
Jarl Magnus Riiber	#=	2	1385
Johannes Lamparter	=	3	1317
Schmid Julian	_	4	1285
likka Herola	#=	5	1114
Jens Luraas Oftebro	#	6	1073
Stefan Rettenegger	=	7	854
Franz-Josef Rehrl	=	8	826
Johannes Rydzek	_	9	801
Kristjan Ilves		10	743

### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Nathalie Armbruster		1	1130
Ida Marie Hagen	#	2	1042
Haruka Kasai	•	3	1029
Yuna Kasai	•	4	854
Gyda Westvold Hansen	#	5	842
Lena Brocard		6	656
Minja Korhonen	<b>H</b>	7	652
Jenny Nowak		8	609
Alexa Brabec		9	559
Maria Gerboth		10	552



### **Best Jumper Trophy Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jarl Magnus Riiber	#=	1	1489
Franz-Josef Rehrl		2	1223
Johannes Lamparter		3	1197

### **Best Skier Trophy Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jens Luraas Oftebro	#=	1	1451
Vinzenz Geiger		2	1201
Stefan Rettenegger		3	1003

### **Best Jumper Trophy Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Maria Gerboth		1	985
Haruka Kasai	•	2	902
Yuna Kasai	•	3	901

### **Best Skier Trophy Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Ida Marie Hagen	#	1	1190
Nathalie Armbruster		2	1130
Marte Leinan Lund	#	3	840





### Armbruster crowned queen of Seefeld in historic TRIPLE debut

Nathalie Armbruster made history in Seefeld by winning the first-ever women's Nordic Combined Triple. Over three formats – Mass Start, Compact, and Gundersen – the 19-year-old German rose to the challenge, claiming her first career win on Saturday and finishing the weekend as the overall champion.

The event marked a major milestone for women's Nordic Combined. For the first time, athletes competed in the same demanding TRIPLE format that has long featured in the men's World Cup. And the athletes delivered.

Gyda Westvold Hansen showed strong and steady form throughout the weekend and finished second overall, while Japan's Haruka Kasai claimed third overall, continuing her consistent World Cup run with a fourth podium finish of the season.



Nathalie Armbruster and her TRIPLE Trophy. Credit: Nordic Focus

It is still unbelievable I can call myself
Queen of Seefeld right now. I still need a
little bit of time to realize what happened
this weekend. I am just so happy and
overwhelmed again. It is the first TRIPLE
ever for the women and I won it. It is
amazing. I hope that the format will stay
in the calendar. It's something different
and really demanding, but that makes the
victory even more meaningful.







### Herola takes first career win at Riiber farewell



Ilkka Herola finally claimed his first World Cup victory after more than a decade on tour, delivering a flawless performance in the 7.5 km compact format at Holmenkollen. The Finn stunned the field with a massive jump of 146.0 meters on the HS134 hill the best of the day - which gave him a six-second head start heading into the cross-country phase.

Herola guickly turned that lead into a commanding margin. He extended the gap to 34 seconds after just 5km and skied confidently to the finish, winning in 17:11.3.

Germany's Vinzenz Geiger continued his consistent run with a second-place finish, moving within reach of his first overall Crystal Globe.

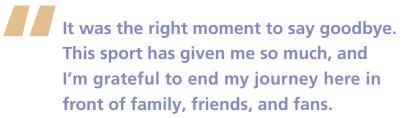


Ilkka Herola - 1st WC win in Oslo. Credit: Nordic Focus

#### An emotional farewell for Riiber

Before the start of the cross-country race, Jarl Magnus Riiber announced that this would be his final World Cup appearance. The Norwegian legend, competing in front of a home crowd, had placed 21st in the jumping round and started the skiing over a minute behind the leaders.

He fought his way into the top ten before a fall on a corner dropped him down the rankings. Rather than rush, Riiber paused, waved to the cheering fans, and soaked in the moment. He crossed the finish line in 45th place, nearly three minutes behind the winner.



— Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)



Jarl Magnus Riiber being celebrated at his farewell. Credit: Nordic Focus





Gyda Westvold Hansen flying at the women's large hill premiere in Oslo. Credit: Nordic Focus

Today showed what's possible. We've been asking for this chance, and now we've proven we can handle it.

Hopefully, this opens the door for more.

- Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR) -





The season reached one of its most defining moments in Oslo, as the women competed on the iconic Holmenkollen large hill for the first time in World Cup history.

Under blue skies and in front of an enthusiastic crowd, 21 athletes took to the HS134 large hill – long the domain of men's competition. For the women, it was a long-awaited and hard-earned opportunity to prove that they, too, belong on ski jumping's biggest stage. They delivered.

Norway's Gyda Westvold Hansen, the reigning World Champion and pioneer of the women's field, claimed her first individual World Cup win of the season in front of her home fans. After finishing second in the cross-country race, she put down a decisive jump of 128.5 meters – showing her strength and her comfort on the large hill.

Behind her, Armbruster secured second place, which was enough to clinch the overall World Cup crystal globe. Third place went to Japan's Haruka Kasai, who has been one of the breakout stars of the winter.

The Oslo large hill premiere represented a major step forward for the sport, reflecting the growing push for equal opportunities in Nordic Combined – a discipline that has only officially included women since the 2020/21 season.



The 2024–25 season was another record-breaking year for Nordic Combined. We saw the highest number of FIS international events ever held in a single season for both women and men, the first-ever Seefeld Triple for women, and a historic large hill World Cup debut for women in Holmenkollen. At the World Championships in Trondheim, we celebrated full equality – with an equal number of individual events and equal prize money for women and men.

Off the field, the launch of the behind-the-scenes series The Overlooked, Viessmann's continued support through the 'Combined for Change' initiative, and the strong engagement of all LOCs in our sustainability project showed once again how united and forward-thinking the Nordic Combined community truly is.





# **AUDI FIS ALPINE SKIING** WORLD CUP 2024/25



FACTS AND FIGURES
59th edition of the Men's World Cup with  38 individual events in 18 locations
59th edition of the Women's World Cup with 37 individual events in 19 locations
259 male athletes from 3 nations 211 female athletes from 40 nations
LINDSEY VONN (USA) and MARCEL HIRSCHER (NED) returned to competition

Read more: FIS | From Soelden to Sun Valley: A World Cup season to remember

# **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marco Odermatt	+	1	1916
Loïc Meillard	+	2	1236
Henrik Kristoffersen	#=	3	1168
Franjo Von Allmen	+	4	958
Timon Haugan	#=	5	902
Atle Lie McGrath	#=	6	774
Lucas Pinheiro Braathen	<b>♦</b>	7	752
Alexis Monney	+	8	627
Vincent Kriechmayr		9	625
Dominik Paris		10	610

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Federica Brignone		1	1594
Lara Gut-Behrami	+	2	1272
Sofia Goggia		3	931
Zrinka Ljutic		4	816
Sara Hector	:=	5	752
Camille Rast	+	6	736
Alice Robinson	AK J.	7	700
Lara Colturi	*	8	655
Cornelia Huetter		9	619
Wendy Holdener	+	10	612



# Downhill Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marco Odermatt	+	1	650
Franjo Von Allmen	+	2	622
Alexis Monney	+	3	387

# Super-G Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marco Odermatt	+	1	636
Vincent Kriechmayr		2	367
Stefan Rogentin	+	3	350

# **Giant Slalom Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marco Odermatt	+	1	630
Loïc Meillard	+	2	494
Henrik Kristoffersen	#	3	486

# **Downhill Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Federica Brignone		1	384
Cornelia Huetter		2	368
Sofia Goggia		3	350

# **Super-G Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Lara Gut-Behrami	+	1	665
Federica Brignone		2	630
Sofia Goggia		3	466

# **Giant Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Federica Brignone		1	580
Alice Robinson	3K.*	2	520
Sara Hector	-	3	447



# **Slalom Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Henrik Kristoffersen	#	1	662
Loïc Meillard	+	2	610
Timon Haugan	#	3	609

# **Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Zrinka Ljutic		1	541
Katharina Liensberger	=	2	509
Camille Rast	+	3	492

# Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NAT		RANK	POINTS
+	Switzerland	1	10823
	Austria	2	7459
П	Italy	3	6399
#	Norway	4	5098
	United States of America	5	4179
	France	6	3347
_	Germany	7	2107
	Sweden	8	1884
-	Slovenia	9	1681
1+1	Canada	10	1567

# Constructors' Championship Overall (Men & Women)

BRAND	RANK	POINTS
HEAD	1	7900
ROSSIGNOL	2	6385
ATOMIC	3	4420
STOECKLI	4	2360
VAN DEER	5	1635







Mikaela Shiffrin's (USA) 100th World Cup victory. Credit: Agence Zoom

I never dreamed about a number like 100. I just tried to be better today than I was yesterday. That's always been enough.

— Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) —



# Mikaela Shiffrin: The century mark and beyond

On 23 February 2025, in Sestriere, Italy, Mikaela Shiffrin did what no skier, man or woman, had ever done before. With a clinical display of slalom mastery, she claimed her 100th World Cup victory, becoming the first alpine athlete in history to reach triple digits.

It was a number that once seemed untouchable. And yet, for Shiffrin, at just 29 years old, it marked another step in a career defined by rewriting what's possible.

But reaching that milestone wasn't without struggle. Just three months earlier, a brutal crash in Killington left her with serious internal injuries and forced her off snow for 60 days. The physical toll was matched by the emotional one, she later described battling PTSD, doubt, and fear on the road back.

"To truly recover," she said at the time, "I had to get back in the start gate and face those emotions, the good and the bad."

She now owns 64 World Cup slalom wins, more than any other skier, in any discipline. Add in her triumphs across Giant Slalom (22), Super-G (5), Downhill (4), and even Parallel and Alpine Combined, and the scope of her dominance becomes clear.

Take away all her Slalom wins, and she'd still rank among the top 10 women of all time. She remains the only skier in history to win across all six World Cup disciplines.

#### More than medals

Shiffrin's century isn't just a number, it's a symbol. Of consistency. Of courage. Of quiet excellence over time. With over 157 World Cup podiums, wins in 16 countries, and a career win rate unmatched by anyone since Ingemar Stenmark, her achievements are as historic as they are humbling.

And yet, through it all, she's remained grounded, never chasing records, only good turns.

The milestone came on 23 February. But the story didn't end there. For Mikaela Shiffrin, it's still being written, one turn, one race, one win at a time.

#### Read more:

FIS | Mikaela Shiffrin claims sporting immortality with incredible World Cup win No.100





# Unstoppable Switzerland: Records, podiums, and Crystal Globes

The 2024/25 Alpine Ski World Cup season was one for the history books, a winter marked by breakthroughs, milestones, and exceptional consistency across the board, but even more so for the Swiss Team. With a staggering total of 10,823 points in the Nations Cup, Switzerland led the standings by a wide margin ahead of second-place Italy (7,459 points), underscoring the team's collective strength across all disciplines.

Among the defining moments, Lara Gut-Behrami (Head) made history by clinching her sixth Super-G Crystal Globe, an all-time record in the discipline. The Swiss skier also became only the sixth woman in history to reach 100 World Cup podiums, further cementing her status as one of the sport's all-time greats.



Victorious Swiss Team in Sun Valley. Credit: Agence Zoom

It was also a season of new names rising to the top. Camille Rast (Head) earned her first World Cup podium, followed by a maiden victory and a string of standout performances that brought her onto the final discipline podium in slalom. Malorie Blanc (Atomic) made headlines with a stunning second-place finish in her World Cup debut, later confirming her potential with additional strong results.

Breakthroughs weren't limited to the women's field. In December, Justin Murisier (Head) claimed his first-ever World Cup victory, sharing the podium with Marco Odermatt (Stöckli) in a memorable one-two finish, the first of many Swiss double and triple podiums throughout the season.

From Bormio to Kvitfjell, Adelboden to Crans-Montana, the circuit showcased the team's remarkable depth and momentum. In total, the Swiss men achieved multiple shared podiums, including triple sweeps in the Crans-Montana downhill, Kvitfjell Downhill, and in Hafjell Giant Slalom.

Meanwhile, Marco Odermatt quietly rewrote the record books: with his 84th World Cup podium, he became the most decorated Swiss skier of all time, surpassing the legendary Pirmin Zurbriggen. He wrapped up the winter with four Crystal Globes, overall, Downhill, Super-G, and Giant Slalom, for the second season in a row, along with podiums in nearly every race he entered.

Read more: FIS | ,It's unbelievable': Gut-Behrami wins in Sun Valley to clinch record sixth Super G globe



# Brignone & Ljutic: A season of mastery and breakthroughs





Federica Brignone (ITA) with her Overall Crystal Globe. Credit: Agence Zoom

At 34, Federica Brignone (ITA/Rossignol) made history by becoming the oldest woman to win a World Cup race in the season opener in Sölden – then went on to break her own record nine more times throughout a phenomenal campaign.

The Italian all-rounder delivered the most dominant season of her career, claiming 10 World Cup victories, securing her second Overall Crystal Globe by more than 300 points, and adding the Downhill and Giant Slalom globes to her growing trophy collection. She also finished second in the Super-G standings, confirming her exceptional versatility across all disciplines.

Brignone won multiple races in each of her three main events, including a long-awaited first career Downhill victory in St. Anton in January, followed by another in Garmisch later that month. Alongside her World Cup triumphs – which elevated her into the top 10 on the all-time women's World Cup victory list – she also struck gold at the World Championships in Saalbach, winning the Giant Slalom and taking silver in Super-G.

"It's been a crazy and amazing season for me," Brignone said after clinching the Giant Slalom globe in March. "I never thought I could ski like this this year – it's something magic."

A season of this magnitude had never before been achieved by any Italian alpine skier – male or female. With 10 victories, three Crystal Globes, and two World Championship medals, Federica Brignone delivered the most successful single season in the history of Italian Alpine Skiing, cementing her legacy as one of the sport's all-time greats.

Her spectacular season came to a devastating conclusion, however, as Brignone tore her ACL and broke multiple bones in her left leg during a crash at the Italian championships. Her presence for the upcoming season is still uncertain, but we all hope to see her back at the start gate soon.

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I could not imagine at the beginning of the season I would get all these wins and that I would adapt to the new material so well. I think the sky is the limit now.

— Zrinka Ljutic (CRO) —

Across the circuit, another standout season took place, one that signalled the rise of a new generation.

On Friday, 27 March, at just 21 years old, Zrinka Ljutic (Atomic) captured the Slalom Crystal Globe at the Finals in Sun Valley, securing her place among the sport's rising elite. It was a day full of tension, win or lose, and though Ljutic admitted it wasn't her best skiing, a tenth-place finish was enough to seal the title. "I sort of knew I would win it, I just didn't know how," she said, moments before raising the first Crystal Globe of her career.

Ljutic's dream season took shape quickly. From her first World Cup slalom victory in Semmering, she followed up with back-to-back wins in Kranjska Gora and Courchevel, all achieved when leading after the first run. "I am living the dream... don't wake me up." The Croatian also made her mark in giant slalom, stepping onto the GS podium for the first time in Killington.

It was a breakout not just for Ljutic, but for her country. She became the first Croatian to win a World Cup race since Janica Kostelić's final victory in Åre, back in 2006, a symbolic milestone in Croatian skiing history.



Zrinka Ljutic's (CRO) first Crystal Globe. Credit: Agence Zoom

This season offered everything: history, emotion, and a glimpse into the future of our sport. You don't need to look any further than the names that shone the brightest: from Mikaela rewriting the history books to Zrinka Ljutic fetching her first Globe, not to mention the performances of other legends like Federica Brignone and Lara Gut-Behrami.

- Peter Gerdol, FIS Women's Alpine World Cup Chief Race Director -



It's nothing short of incredible how Marco Odermatt continued his remarkable dominance, but it drew my attention how we have also witnessed a wave of new faces stepping onto the podiums. This highlights the growing depth and competitiveness across nations.

— Markus Waldner, FIS Men's Alpine World Cup Chief Race Director —





# **FIS SKI CROSS** WORLD CUP 2024/25



# **FACTS AND FIGURES** 23no edition of the Ski Cross World Cup with 17 events in 9 locations 38 female athletes and 77 male athletes REECE HOWDEN (CAN) joined the very exclusive circle of male athletes who have won more than one Ski Cross Crystal Globe now counts 83 World Cup podiums, 7 World Championships podiums, and 4 Crystal Globes

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Reece Howden	I+I	1	1038
Simone Deromedis		2	965
Florian Wilmsmann	_	3	902
Youri Duplessis Kergomard		4	715
Alex Fiva	+	5	638
David Mobaerg	==	6	544
Kevin Drury	I+I	7	518
Ryan Regez	+	8	495
Tobias Baur	+	9	413
Adam Kappacher		10	392

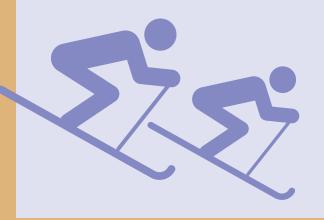
#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Fanny Smith	+	1	1076
Daniela Maier		2	915
India Sherret	I+I	3	869
Jole Galli		4	847
Marielle Berger Sabbatel		5	844
Marielle Thompson	I+I	6	744
Courtney Hoffos	<b>I+I</b>	7	714
Abby McEwen	[+]	8	518
Talina Gantenbein	+	9	502
Jade Grillet Aubert		10	457



# Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NATION	RANK	POINTS
<b>I→</b> Canada	1	5690
• Switzerland	2	4292
France	3	3711
Germany	4	3489
<b>■</b> Italy	5	2473
Sweden	6	1478
Austria	7	1451
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	8	853
United States of America	9	314
<b>L</b> Chile	10	179





HIGHLIGHTS







# Howden moves into tie for second on all-time list with third career **Crystal Globe**

While the story of the women's Ski Cross World Cup since its inception in 2002/03 has been one of a few top athletes earning consistent glory, with five women winning at least three Crystal Globes each during that time (lead by Ophelie David of France with seven trophies), for the men it has proven far more difficult to put together extended periods of domination.

In fact, there are only three men with more than one Crystal Globe to their credit - all-time men's leader Tomas Kraus (CZE) with four, Jean-Frederic Chapuis (FRA) with three and, now, Reece Howden of Canada, who claimed back-to-back victories in the final races of the season in Idre Fiall (SWE) to lock in his own third Globe to match Chapuis for second on the all-time list.

The goal has been three Globes, and it's been a battle. I haven't been able to do consecutive back-to-back seasons. but in five years we were able to make it happen.

- Reece Howden (CAN) -

"Next to Olympic medals and World Championship stuff, the biggest goal for me was to compete with Mr. Jean-Frederic Chapuis (on the Crystal Globe wins list)," Howden said after winning his third Globe in Idre.

"He's been a real big inspiration, just seeing his dominance was huge back when I was growing up.

The 2024/25 season came down to the wire on the men's side of things, as Howden was joined in the big final by his closest rival for the Overall, Simone Deromedis of Italy.

Deromedis needed to win the big final while hoping that Howden would finish third or lower in order for the Italian to win the Globe. Unfortunately for Deromedis, the Italian suffered a poor start to the final heat of the season in the big final, Howden powered to the win, and now the Canadian has the potential in 2025/26 to match the great Kraus for the most men's Crystal Globe wins of all time.



Reece Howden (CAN) - 2024/25 Ski Cross World Cup Champion Credit: Agence Zoom

Looking at Howden's stats from 2024/25, no one should be counting that possibility out, as he claimed seven victories and nine total podiums over the course of a marathon 17-race season. At 27-years-old and still in the prime of his career, Reece Howden has proven himself time and again over the past half decade to be in an elite class of ski cross athletes.

After a third Crystal Globe campaign this past winter, he has put himself within striking distance of SX immortality.



# Smith bounces back from early-season injury to claim fourth career Crystal Globe



Fanny Smith (SUI) - 2024/25 Ski Cross World Cup Champion. Credit: Agence Zoom

Seventeen years into her time on the FIS Ski Cross World Cup circuit and Swiss miss Fanny Smith shows absolutely no signs of slowing down, as the 33-year-old put together one of the most impressive campaigns of her storied career in 2024/25 to claim a fourth Crystal Globe, which joins a trophy shelf that also includes double World Championships gold from Engadin 2025.

While the absences of Sweden's Sandra Naeslund and Canadian Marielle Thompson for much of the season no doubt made the road to the Globe a little bit easier for Smith in 2024/25, that road was by no means without its fair share of twists, turns, and the occasional bumpy section.

Smith came into this past winter fresh off a disappointing 2023/24 campaign that saw her finish ninth overall by season's end - the first season she had been held out of the top-3 on the FIS Ski Cross World Cup rankings list in over a decade.

Then, a crash at the second World Cup of the season in Arosa kept Smith out of the next race in Innichen, and the Swiss star found herself limping into the holiday break back in the standings and likely wondering if it was going to be a repeat of 2023/24 all over again.

However, the tides changed significantly when World Cup action resumed in the New Year, with Smith coming out of the gate with the pedal to floor and keeping it there through the rest of the campaign.

Beginning with back-to-back runner-up finishes in Reiteralm (AUT) in January and including the World Championships in March, Smith would claim podiums in 12 of the final 14 races of the season, including nine straight podiums to end the winter, of which six were victories.

By winning her fourth career Crystal Globe in 2024/25, Smith now sits in a tie for second on the FIS Ski Cross World Cup all-time list. Her 83 career World Cup podiums have her firmly in top spot on the all-time list there. And, with her double gold at Engadin 2015, Fanny Smith now holds the all-time FIS record for World Championships podiums, with seven.



The 2024/25 season was a long and intense one – the biggest season in Ski Cross history. The weather was also on our side, as we didn't have to cancel a single race. The Ski Cross World Cup tour remains stable thanks to our long-term organizers, who provide the framework for each World Cup season. With one or two newcomers joining the tour, this creates an exciting mix of experience and fresh energy.

Additionally, the courses featured a wide variety of layouts, meaning that the overall World Cup winner required a broad repertoire of skills to claim the Crystal Globe at the end of the season. As a result, the fight for the Globe remained open until the very last race. The women's field made significant progress this season, with new federations such as China and the USA joining, highlighting the excellent development and investment in women's Ski Cross across different national programs.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the World Championships in St. Moritz. The event took place on a challenging and spectacular course, where athletes delivered their best performances.

The only disappointment of the season was the inability to hold a test event at the upcoming Olympic venue in Livigno due to various circumstances. Nonetheless, we are eagerly looking forward to the Olympic season ahead.

— Klaus Waldner, FIS Ski Cross Race Director —





# FIS FREESKI PARK & PIPE WORLD CUP 2024/25



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



years since the first Freeski World Cup in 2003



different nations on the podium



podiums for two-time Crystal Globe winner Flora Tabanelli (ITA)

career podiums for all-time leader Andri Ragettli (SUI), earned at Tignes (FRA)



30 years, 281 days – age of NICK GOEPPER (USA), oldest men's Freeski World Cup winner of all-time at Secret Garden (CHN)

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Matej Svancer		1	472
Luca Harrington	***	2	470
Alex Ferreira		3	420
Andri Ragettli	+	4	355
Tormod Frostad	#	5	330
Alex Hall		6	323
Nick Goepper		7	320
Mac Forehand		8	319
Brendan Mackay	I+I	9	304
Miro Tabanelli		10	274

# **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Flora Tabanelli		1	540
Tess Ledeux		2	470
Ailing Eileen Gu	*)	3	400
Mathilde Gremaud	+	4	342
Zoe Atkin		5	341
Anni Karava	<b>H</b>	6	340
Fanghui Li	*)	7	212
Megan Oldham	· ·	7	313
Muriel Mohr		9	295
Mengting Liu	*)	10	280





# Freeski Slopestyle Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Alex Hall		1	282
Andri Ragettli	+	2	250
Colby Stevenson		3	229

# Freeski Big Air Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Luca Harrington	35.	1	390
Matej Svancer		2	351
Miro Tabanelli		3	270

#### Freeski Slopestyle Top 3 Women

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Tess Ledeux		1	218
Megan Oldham	+	2	213
Flora Tabanelli		3	192

#### Freeski Big Air Top 3 Women

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Flora Tabanelli		1	440
Tess Ledeux		2	270
Anni Karava	<b>H</b>	3	267



# **Snowboard Halfpipe Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Alex Ferreira		1	360
Nick Goepper		2	320
Brendan Mackay	•	3	275

# **Snowboard Halfpipe Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Zoe Atkin		1	305
Fanghui Li	*0		
Ailing Eileen Gu	*)	3	300



# Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NATION	RANK	POINTS
United State of America	1	4940
<b>I</b> ◆I Canada	2	2695
China	3	2328
<b>★</b> Switzerland	4	2120
New Zealand	5	1530
<b>₩</b> Norway	6	1462
<b>■</b> Italy	7	1003
<b>■</b> France	8	988
<b>A</b> ustria	9	820
<b>⊞</b> Finland	10	818









Flora Tabanelli (ITA). Credit: Chad Buchholz

# Tabanelli takes place amongst Freeski elite ahead of home-snow Games

The biggest breakout of the 2024/25 World Cup on the Freeski side of things came at just the right time for the hosts of next season's Olympic Winter Games, as 17-year-old Flora Tabanelli put together a superlative campaign that saw her claim both the Big Air and Freeski overall Crystal Globes while establishing herself as one of the finest freeskiers in the world in the process.

Tabanelli was an absolute machine in 2024/25, dropping in on a total of 11 FIS Freeski World Cup competitions and walking away with seven podiums on the season, including the first World Cup victory of her career at the Big Air Kreischberg (AUT), another Big Air win in Tignes (FRA), and her first Slopestyle win at the Step-Up Stoneham (CAN) competition.

Throw in a Big Air World Championships gold medal at Engadin 2025 and you've got a truly remarkable start-to-finish campaign for teenager in only her second season of top-tier competition.

In 17 career World Cup starts Tabanelli now has nine podiums, for a better-than-fifty-percent top-3 rate, and she has shown that she's more than capable of going toe-to-toe with the likes veteran stars like Mathilde Gremaud (SUI) and Tess Ledeux (FRA).

With the eyes of the world turning to Milano-Cortina 2026 this upcoming February, young Flora Tabanelli will be carrying a huge weight of expectation into what will be her first Olympic Winter Games turn. However, if last season has shown us anything, it's that the understated teenager has no problem stepping up and throwing down when it matters. Expect big things come drop-in time at her home resort of Livigno during this winter's Games.



# Lead by Goepper and Ferreira, old dogs keep learning new tricks in Freeski Halfpipe

In a sport so defined by pushing boundaries, the relentless pursuit of progression, and the fearlessness of youth, you would be forgiven for doing a double take when looking at the podium from the Secret Garden (CHN) Freeski Halfpipe World Cup this past December, where all three of the podium finishers Nick Goepper, Alex Ferreira, and David Wise (all USA) were above the age of 30 years old.

It was the first time in FIS Freeski history that an entire World Cup podium was composed of athletes in their fourth decade on earth, with Goepper's win at the age of 30 years, 281 days making him the oldest halfpipe World Cup winner in FIS Freeski history.

And that (relatively) ancient podium in Secret Garden was no fluke, either, with Ferreira going on to win the next two





Alex Ferreira, Nick Goepper and David Wise (USA). Credit: Chad Buchholz

Halfpipe World Cups at Copper Mountain and Aspen on his way to a second consecutive Crystal Globe, Goepper finishing with four podiums on the season for a second overall ranking behind Ferreira, and the men's Halfpipe top three rounded out by Canada's Brendan Mackay, himself 28 years old.

While Ferreira has established himself as the de-facto king of Freeski Halfpipe with 10 straight World Cup podiums

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over the past two seasons - including a perfect five-for-five victory season in 2023/24 – the emergence of Goepper as a true Halfpipe contender was perhaps the biggest story in 2024/25.

A veteran Slopestyle skier with three Olympic medals to his credit, Goepper retired from Slopestyle competition at the end of 2022/23, only to announce his comeback as a Halfpipe skier the very next season.

What started out as a curiosity that some may have viewed as a publicity stunt has quickly become a very serious development indeed, as Goepper has now matched his Slopestyle World Cup podium total of five with five Halfpipe podiums. However, while it took him 22 starts to hit that number in Slopestyle, in

Halfpipe he's achieved the same in just eight World Cup drop-ins.

The successes enjoyed by the likes of Goepper, Ferreira, Mackay and Wise over the past season suggest that there might be something else at play in the world of Freeski Halfpipe, where discipline, repetition, and carefully managed risk seems to be paying off in a longevity not so typically seen in Slopestyle and Big Air competition side of things.

Whether the old dogs' approach to learning new tricks will lead to success in the allimportant 2025/26 Olympic season remains to be seen, however. At Engadin 2025 both Goepper and Ferreira found themselves looking up at the top of the podium, after 19-year-old New Zealander Finley Melville Ives came through with a Halfpipe run considered by many to be the greatest of all time. Sometimes, it seems, the best laid plans are no match for youthful abandon.



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# FIS SNOWBOARD PARK & PIPE WORLD CUP 2024/25



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



years since the first snowboard Park & Pipe World Cup in 1994



different nations on the podium



38% (11 of 29) wins for Japanese riders



41% (36 of 87) podiums for Japanese riders



5 years, 38 days – age of SARA SHMIZU (JPN),

youngest women's Park & Pipe winner of all-time at Copper Mountain (USA)



consecutive Big Air podiums streak for

ANNA GASSER (AUT), ended at Big Air Chur (SUI)

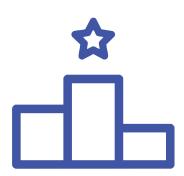
#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Taiga Hasegawa	•	1	439
Ruka Hirano	•	2	385
Yuto Totsuka	•	3	360
Ayumu Hirano	•	4	290
Scotty James	**.	5	275
Cameron Spalding	I+I	6	266
Redmond Gerard		7	257
Yiming Su	*)	8	241
Oyvind Kirkhus	#	9	230
lan Matteoli		10	220

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mia Brookes		1	500
Mari Fukada	•	2	465
Zoi Sadowski Synnott	NK .	3	436
Kokomo Murase	•	4	420
Maddie Mastro			350
Reira Iwabuchi	•	5	
Annika Morgan		7	311
Anna Gasser		8	303
Chloe Kim		9	250
Sara Shimizu	•	10	241







ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Cameron Spalding	I+I	1	230
Redmond Gerard		2	192
Yiming Su	*3	3	186

# **Snowboard Big Air Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Taiga Hasegawa	•	1	360
Ian Matteoli		2	210
Wenlong Yang	*)	3	204

### **Snowboard Slopestyle Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Zoi Sadowski Synnott	38.0	1	312
Mia Brookes		2	300
Kokomo Murase	•	3	290

#### **Snowboard Big Air Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mia Brookes		1	305
Mari Fukada	•	2	305
Reira Iwabuchi	•	3	255



# **Snowboard Halfpipe Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Ruka Hirano	•	1	340
Yuto Totsuka	•	2	310
Ayumu Hirano	•	3	290

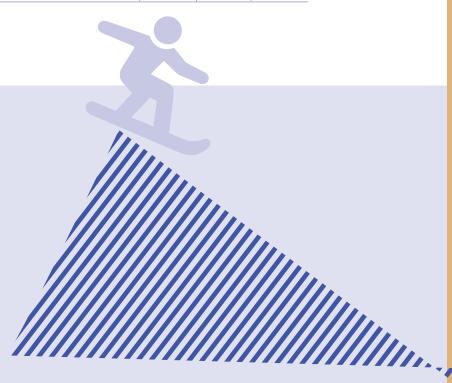
# **Snowboard Halfpipe Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Maddie Mastro		1	310
Chloe Kim		2	250
Sara Shimizu	•	3	241



# **Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)**

NAT		RANK	POINTS
•	Japan	1	5392
	United States of America	2	3490
*)	China	3	1749
٠	Canada	4	1517
無点	New Zealand	5	1167
	Great Britain	6	878
+	Switzerland	7	841
	Germany	8	840
**	Australia	9	688
	Austria	10	677









Zoi Sadowski Synnott (NZL). Credit: Chad Buchholz

# Winner-of-everything-else Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (NZL) finally claims first Crystal Globe

With three Olympic medals (including Beijing 2022 Slopestyle gold), three World Championships victories, six X Games wins, a Natural Selection victory, as well as Laax Open and Burton U.S. Open wins to her credit, there was essentially no elite-level trophy that New Zealand's 24-year-old snowboard star Zoi Sadowski-Synnott had not collected in her outstanding career heading into the 2024/25 World Cup season.

Except, that is, for a World Cup Crystal Globe.

Sadowski-Synnott exists in that rare tier of riders known as ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) who excel anywhere you might drop them on the mountain, whether that be through the pro-line terrain park, in a rail garden at the base of the resort, at the top of an Alaskan backcountry line, and probably in the halfpipe as well – if she decided to give that venue more than a couple of runs per season.

Because of this, Sadowski-Synnott's attentions during the winter are required not only at the top of World Cup courses, but also in judge-free alpine locales around the world as she stars in photoshoots and filming missions where no contest bib is required.

All of which is to say that, most seasons, the woman widely considered to be one of the best all-around snowboarders in the world often doesn't have the time to complete the full slate of World Cup competitions that is typically required to win a Crystal Globe.

That all changed in 2024/25, however, as Sadowski-Synnott claimed podiums in three out of three slopestyle starts, starting with a runner-up finish at the Laax Open (SUI) and followed by victories in Aspen (USA) and Flachau (AUT), all of which powered her to the top of the slopestyle World Cup rankings by season end.

With a big air victory in Aspen also on her CV for 2024/25, Sadwoski-Synnott finished third on the Park & Pipe overall standings as well, proving that her injury-plagued 2023/24 season is well in the rearview mirror and that a double gold performance in Milano-Cortina 2026 is more than a distinct possibility for New Zealand's finest.





At the end of every season it's always great to look back, revisit the highs and the lows, and remember those emotions that we lived every day over the course of the winter. The one thing that always comes back to me and amazes me is the true sense of togetherness and community feeling that the Park & Pipe family shares. We travel from event to event, week after week, as a group of competitors, but also as a big family.

These freeskiers and snowboarders are the best of the best, performing at the highest level day-in and day-out and pushing the sport to places we never thought possible. This past season it seemed that we were witnessing NBD (never-been-done) tricks on a weekly basis as riders reimagined what is possible on skis and snowboards.

It was an intense season that ended with the greatest FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships ever at Engadin 2025, putting a cap on a groundbreaking winter. Everybody went home drained but with a smile on their faces, and this was seen by the world.

It's always a honor and pleasure to be part of this amazing group and to witness everybody involved – and I mean everybody – giving 110%, everyday.





# **FIS FREESTYLE** WORLD CUP 2024/25



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**











Olympic Champion and multiple World Champion
PERRINE LAFFONT (FRA) returned to competition



QI GUANGPU (CHN)

and NOÉ ROTH (SUI) both ended the season with 400 points

#### **Aerials Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Guangpu Qi	*>	1	400
Noé Roth	+	2	400
Xindi Wang	*>	3	304
Jiaxu Sun	*>	4	298
Christopher Lillis		5	274
Quinn Dehlinger		-	244
Xinpeng Li	*>	6	244
Tianma Li	*>	8	230
Dmytro Kotovskyi		9	210
Pirmin Werner	+	10	196

#### **Aerials Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Laura Peel	*:	1	542
Mengtao Xu	*)	2	444
Danielle Scott	ak.	3	368
Meiting Chen	*)	4	267
Abbey Willcox	** ·	5	259
Anhelina Brykina		6	258
Karenna Elliott		7	246
Marion Thenault	I+I	0	222
Qi Shao	*)	8	233
Airleigh Frigo	¥K	10	220





# Aerials Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)



NATION	RANK	POINTS
China	1	3060
United States of America	2	1830
** Australia	3	1642
<b>◆</b> Canada	4	1467
Ukraine	5	1141
+ Switzerland	6	596
Kazakhstan	7	306
Germany	8	219
Czech Republic	9	161
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	10	42

# **Moguls Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mikael Kingsbury	I+I	1	1299
Ikuma Horishima	•	2	1038
Filip Gravenfors	==	3	647
Matt Graham	*:	4	605
Nick Page		5	587
Benjamin Cavet		6	544
Julien Viel	1+1	7	523
Severi Vierela	<b>H</b>	8	439
Charlie Mickel		9	405
Rasmus Stegfeldt	==	10	402

# **Moguls Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jaelin Kauf		1	1336
Perrine Laffont		2	1090
Tess Johnson		3	683
Maia Schwinghammer	+	4	681
Rino Yanagimoto	•	5	608
Olivia Giaccio		6	573
Hinako Tomitaka	•	7	533
Anastassiya Gorodko	•	8	510
Yuliya Galysheva	•	9	507
Kasey Hogg		10	451





# Moguls Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mikael Kingsbury	I+I	1	755
Ikuma Horishima	•	2	598
Nick Page		3	344

# **Dual Moguls Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mikael Kingsbury	I+I	1	544
Ikuma Horishima	•	2	440
Filip Gravenfors	-	3	365

# **Moguls Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jaelin Kauf		1	676
Perrine Laffont		2	650
Maia Schwinghammer	+	3	456

# **Dual Moguls Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jaelin Kauf		1	660
Perrine Laffont		2	440
Rino Yanagimoto	•	3	385

# Moguls Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)



NATION	RANK	POINTS
United States of America	1	5458
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	2	3871
<b>◆</b> Canada	3	3758
<b>■</b> France	4	2451
Sweden	5	1956
Kazakhstan	6	1556
Australia	7	1520
<b>⊞</b> Finland	8	797
<b>™</b> Korea	9	437
Great Britain	10	317







# Kauf, Kingsbury, Peel and Roth shine in 2024/25 Freestyle World Cup season



Laura Peel (AUS) led a historic first-ever podium sweep for Australia on her way to claiming her third World Cup title Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski

The 2024/25 FIS Freestyle World Cup season brought athletes to 12 venues across nine nations and three continents for 28 events in Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials and Mixed Team Aerials. The return of classic stops like Lake Placid (USA) and Beidahu (CHN) was warmly welcomed, while Livigno (ITA) staged a highly praised Olympic test event that set the tone for Milano-Cortina 2026.

In Moguls, Jaelin Kauf (USA) emerged as the undisputed star of the women's circuit. On the strength of eight victories and a total of 16 podiums across the World Cup season, she swept the Moguls, Dual Moguls and Overall Moguls Crystal Globes – the first titles of her career. Kauf finished with 1,336 points in the Overall Moguls standings, winning the Moguls title with 676 points and the Dual Moguls crown with 660

points. Perrine Laffont (FRA) finished runner-up overall with 1,090 points, followed by Tess Johnson (USA) in third with 683.

On the men's side, Mikael Kingsbury (CAN) once again proved unstoppable, capturing the Moguls, Dual Moguls and Overall Moguls Crystal Globes for the third time in his career – a rare "triple crown" achievement. Kingsbury capped his season with nine wins and 13 podiums, finishing the year with 1,299 points overall, 755 in Moguls, and 544 in Dual Moguls. His final victory in Livigno – a Dual Moguls win over Ikuma Horishima (JPN) – was the 99th World Cup win of his career and his 29th Crystal Globe. Horishima finished second overall with 1,038 points, while Filip Gravenfors (SWE) took third with 647.

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In Aerials, Australia's Laura Peel returned to the top after a season away, securing her third career Crystal Globe. The 35-year-old won five events, including the Livigno finale, and finished the season with 542 points, comfortably ahead of China's Xu Mengtao (444) and fellow Australian Danielle Scott (368).

The men's Aerials race went down to the wire. Olympic champion Qi Guangpu (CHN) had led the standings all season, but a qualification crash in Livigno opened the door for Switzerland's Noé Roth. The reigning World Champion seized the opportunity with a clutch, high-difficulty jump worth 130.05 points – his first World Cup win in over two years – to tie Qi at 400 points. The title went to Qi on the tiebreak of most victories, with Wang Xindi (CHN) finishing third.



Qi Guangpu (CHN) was unstoppable in Quebec, winning both events in Lac-Beauport. Credit: Carl Vignola

Rookie of the Year honors went to Charlotte Wilson (AUS) and Matyas Kroupa (CZE) in Moguls, and Alexandra Montminy (CAN) and Ian Schoenwald (USA) in Aerials. The United States claimed the Nations Cup in Moguls and Dual Moguls, while China took the Aerials team crown.

On the financial side, a total prize pool of CHF 960,000 was distributed in Moguls and Dual Moguls, and CHF 450,000 in Aerials and Mixed Team Aerials. Kingsbury was the top earner across Moguls and Dual Moguls with CHF 170,400, while Kauf led the women with CHF 161,250. Peel's dominance in women's Aerials brought her CHF 68,100, and Roth topped the men's list in Aerials with CHF 43,200.



Mikael Kingsbury (CAN) completed a rare "triple crown," winning the Moguls, Dual Moguls, and Overall Moguls Crystal Globes for the third time in his career, Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski



Jaelin Kauf (USA) kept her eyes on the Crystal Globes all season long – and made the dream come true with three of them. Credit: Mateusz Kielpinski





This season showed once again the strength and growth of freestyle skiing on the World Cup stage. The level of professionalism from all sides has been impressive, and it gives me great satisfaction to see the sport moving forward in such a promising direction.

— Andrea Rinaldi, FIS Freestyle Race Director —





# FIS SNOWBOARD CROSS WORLD CUP 2024/25 ,,,,



# **FACTS AND FIGURES** edition of the Snowboard Cross World Cup with individual events and mixed team events in 7 locations 56 female athletes from 7 nations 88 male athletes from nations

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Eliot Grondin	I+I	1	684
Loan Bozzolo		2	473
Jakob Dusek	=	3	444
Aidan Chollet		4	407
Julien Tomas		5	322
Adam Lambert	äk.	6	311
Lukas Pachner		7	300
Leon Ulbricht	_	8	297
Cameron Bolton	*:	9	295
Merlin Surget		10	269

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Léa Casta		1	805
Charlotte Bankes		2	622
Julia Pereira De Sousa		3	474
Josie Baff	無	4	458
Sina Siegenthaler	+	5	374
Noemie Wiedmer	+	6	356
Michela Moioli		7	348
Mia Clift	XK.	8	342
Manon Petit Lenoir		9	320
Pia Zerkhold	=	10	296

#### **Snowboard Cross Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)**

NATION	RANK	POINTS
France	1	4083
Australia Australia	2	1928
Austria	3	1676
<b>I</b> ◆I Canada	4	1668
Switzerland	5	1236
United States of America	6	1094
Germany	7	1048
<b>■</b> Italy	8	837
Great Britain	9	820
Czech Republic	10	555









# **Snowboard Cross season delivers** quality and new champions



Crystal globe glory in Mont-Sainte-Anne – Eliot Grondin (CAN) and Léa Casta (FRA) celebrate their overall titles with victories in the final race of the season. Credit: Miha Matavz

The 2024/25 FIS Snowboard Cross World Cup season will be remembered as a campaign of strong organization, high-level racing, and a depth of talent that kept the standings alive until the very end. Across the calendar, local organizers and communities delivered challenging courses in solid to excellent condition, giving athletes the chance to perform at their best and fans thrilling, close racing. Despite increasing logistical demands, events ran smoothly thanks to the combined efforts of teams, federations, and partners, ensuring the discipline's continued momentum.

The season once again highlighted the global reach of Snowboard Cross. Athletes from a wide range of nations reached the podium, veterans showed their class, and young talents broke through to underline the sport's depth. The atmosphere at venues was bolstered by enthusiastic fans, and the mix of experienced names with up-and-coming riders created an exciting balance that defined the year.

In the men's competition, Canada's Eliot Grondin successfully defended his overall crystal globe after another season of remarkable consistency. He reached six podiums in seven big finals, finishing with a total of 684 points to secure his second consecutive title. France's Loan Bozzolo capped an excellent year in second overall with 473 points, while Austria's Jakob Dusek, one of the most successful race winners of the season, completed the top three.

On the women's side, France's Léa Casta emerged as the breakthrough star of the year, claiming her first career crystal globe at just 19 years old. Casta

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was a model of consistency, making nine big finals and reaching the podium in all of them, including four victories. Her total of 805 points gave her a commanding margin at the top. Great Britain's Charlotte Bankes, who won five races before her campaign ended early due to injury, still secured second overall with 622 points, while France's Julia Pereira de Sousa delivered a career-best season to finish third overall.

The competitive intensity of the season was a hallmark. Races were often decided by fractions of a second, with dramatic overtakes and unpredictable outcomes keeping the standings tight throughout the year. SBX once again proved itself as one of the most spectacular and crowd-pleasing winter sports,



Grondin (CAN) celebrates in Beidahu – two straight victories in China that proved pivotal for his second overall title. Credit: Miha Matavz

where on any given day, a number of riders had the potential to win. That mix of unpredictability and consistency is what made the 2024/25 season so compelling to follow.

The year also underscored the development of the next generation. Swiss rider Noémie Wiedmer and Austria's Elias Leitner were named Rookies of the Season after promising debut campaigns, signaling that new talent is ready to carry the discipline forward. In the Nations Cup standings, France confirmed its strength in SBX by winning the discipline title thanks to depth across men's, women's, and mixed team events. Austria, meanwhile, captured the overall Snowboard Nations Cup, reflecting strong results across all four snowboard disciplines.

Taken together, the 2024/25 campaign was a success on every level: excellent courses, strong organization, and world-class performances from both established names and rising stars. With compelling rivalries, breakthrough champions, and a clear pathway for future growth, Snowboard Cross ended the season with its reputation stronger than ever.

The 2024/25 Snowboard Cross World Cup has been an outstanding success. We had excellent organizers, strong courses, and great support from the local communities. The performances of Eliot Grondin and Léa Casta as our overall winners showed the very best of the sport, and the level of competition across the board was exceptional. With so many nations on the podium and new talents stepping up alongside established champions, the future of Snowboard Cross is in very good hands.

- Uwe Beier, FIS Snowboard Cross Race Director -







## **VISA FIS SNOWBOARD ALPINE** WORLD CUP 2024/25



# **FACTS AND FIGURES** 31St edition of the Snowboard Alpine World Cup with 17 individual events in 12 locations 80 female athletes from 21 nations TSUBAKI MIKI (JPN) swept all women's Crystal Globes

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Maurizio Bormolini		1	910
Andreas Prommegger		2	731
Daniele Bagozza		3	594
Gabriel Messner		4	591
Benjamin Karl		5	565
Radoslav Yankov		6	543
Tim Mastnak	-	7	537
Arvid Auner		8	531
Elias Huber		9	516
Aaron March		10	505

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Tsubaki Miki	•	1	1209
Ramona Theresia Hofmeister	_	2	1034
Sabine Payer		3	914
Julie Zogg	+	4	693
Michelle Dekker		5	681
Aleksandra Krol-Walas		6	639
Jasmin Coratti		7	574
Claudia Riegler		8	505
Elisa Caffont		9	484
Cheyenne Loch		10	450



#### **Parallel Giant Slalom Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Maurizio Bormolini		1	692
Andreas Prommegger		2	495
Radoslav Yankov		3	455

#### **Parallel Slalom Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Arvid Auner		1	299
Gabriel Messner		2	252
Daniele Bagozza		3	237

### **Parallel Giant Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Tsubaki Miki	•	1	804
Ramona Theresia Hofmeister	_	2	773
Sabine Payer		3	588

## **Parallel Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Tsubaki Miki	•	1	405
Sabine Payer		2	326
Ramona Theresia Hofmeister		3	261



#### Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NATION	RANK	POINTS
• Italy	1	5610
Austria	2	4807
Germany	3	2753
• Switzerland	4	2294
Japan	5	1558
Slovenia Slovenia	6	1278
<b>K</b> orea	7	1120
Poland	8	1023
<b>I</b> ◆I Canada	9	1009
Bulgaria Bulgaria	10	882



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## A landmark season for Snowboard Alpine

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Italy's Bormolini and Japan's Miki crowned the overall winners of the 2024/25 VISA FIS Snowboard Alpine World Cup. Credit: Miha Matavz

The 2024/25 VISA FIS Snowboard Alpine World Cup season will be remembered as one of the most competitive and significant in recent years. With 17 competitions staged across 12 venues in 9 countries, the tour showcased the full spectrum of the sport: seasoned champions reinforcing their status, emerging riders pushing into the top tier, and high-level racing that kept standings tight throughout. The season also marked the beginning of a new chapter, with Visa joining as title sponsor. Their involvement added visibility and momentum, underscoring the growing international appeal of Snowboard Alpine.

Diversity and depth defined the year. Athletes from a wide range of nations consistently reached the podium, demonstrating the truly global reach of the discipline. Gender equity in participation was nearly achieved once again, and the variety of courses ensured that adaptability was as decisive as speed. Week after week, athletes were asked to prove not just their skill, but also their resilience.

On the women's side, Japan's Tsubaki Miki delivered the most complete season of her career. Already recognized as a top competitor in past years, she raised her consistency to a new level, staying at the front of the field from the opening races through to the finish. That steadiness paid off with a sweep of the crystal globes - PSL, PGS, and overall - the first of her career. Germany's Ramona Theresia Hofmeister once again demonstrated her exceptional quality, finishing second overall and in PGS while adding a third place in PSL, keeping her firmly among the sport's leading figures. Austria's Sabine Payer, already familiar with the top of the overall standings, confirmed her status as a reliable contender by securing third place overall with balanced results across both disciplines.

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For the men, Italy's Maurizio Bormolini finally realized the potential he had shown over several seasons. The 31-year-old put together a campaign marked by consistency and precision, highlighted by three victories and a total of eight podiums. His efforts were rewarded with both the PGS and overall crystal globes, the first of his career and a defining achievement for the veteran rider.

Austria's Arvid Auner took his first career crystal globe by winning the PSL standings, a milestone that underlined his steady progress in recent years. In the overall rankings, Andreas Prommegger, Daniel Bagozza, and Gabriel Messner all concluded strong seasons, securing places inside the final standings and reinforcing Austria's depth in the men's field.

Italy secured the Snowboard Alpine Nations Cup for 2024/25, a reflection of the team's strength and depth across both men's and women's competitions. Led by Maurizio Bormolini's career-best season and

supported by consistent performances from teammates throughout the calendar, Italy's collective results placed them on top of the national standings, confirming their position as the leading force in Snowboard Alpine this winter.

Taken as a whole, the 2024/25 campaign was a showcase of Snowboard Alpine at its very best. It combined tradition and breakthrough moments, a demanding calendar, and a competitive balance that ensured no title was easily won. With new champions, established names still at the top, and the sport stepping confidently into a new partnership era, this season confirmed Snowboard Alpine's strong position and promising future on the international stage.



Austria's Arvid Auner delivered his lone victory of the season in Davos a crucial result that paved the way to the PSL crystal globe. Credit: Miha Matavz



Italy's Edwin Coratti Bormolini stood tall in Mylin, an early-season victory that set the tone for the best campaign of his career. Credit: Miha Matavz





This season has been a fantastic showcase of what Snowboard Alpine can deliver – excellent organization, exciting racing, and strong commitment from all our local organizers. The addition of Visa as title sponsor has been a great step forward, and we're excited about the developments ahead as we continue to grow the sport and look to the future.

— Uwe Beier, FIS Snowboard Alpine Race Director -



## FIS PARA ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP 2024/25 ....



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



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**ARTHUR BAUCHET (FRA)** and JEROEN KAMPSCHREUR (NED)

reached 100 World Cup podiums

#### **Overall Top 3 Men VI**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Johannes Aigner (Guide: Nico Haberl)		1	1850
Giacomo Bertagnolli (Guide: Andrea Ravelli)	••	2	1620
Hyacinthe Deleplace (Guide: Perrine Clair)		3	985

#### **Overall Top 3 Women VI**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)		1	1770
Elina Stary (Guide: Vanessa Josefa Arnold)	=	2	720
Alexandra Rexova (Sophia Polak)		3	710







#### **Overall Top 3 Men Standing**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Arthur Bauchet		1	2035
Robin Cuche	+	2	970
Jules Segers		3	855

#### **Overall Top 3 Men Sitting**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jeroen Kampschreur		1	1645
Jesper Pedersen	#	2	1640
Renè De Silvestro		3	790

## **Overall Top 3 Women Standing**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Ebba Aarsjoe	-	1	1700
Anna-Maria Rieder		2	1260
Aurélie Richard		3	1000

#### **Overall Top 3 Women Sitting**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Anna-Lena Forster		1	1650
Audrey Pascual Seco	6	2	1020
Momoka Muraoka	•	3	920



#### **Super-G Globe Winners**

ATHLETE	NATION	CATEGORY	POINTS
Johannes Aigner (Guide: Nico Haberl)		VI Men	500
Arthur Bauchet		Standing Men	430
Jeroen Kampschreur		Sitting Men	405
Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)	=	VI Women	440
Ebba Aarsjoe	-	Standing Women	500
Audrey Pascual Seco	£	Sitting Women	440

#### **Giant Slalom Globe Winners**

ATHLETE	NATION	CATEGORY	POINTS
Giacomo Bertagnolli (Guide: Andrea Ravelli)		VI Men	600
Arthur Bauchet		Standing Men	680
Jeroen Kampschreur		Sitting Men	580
Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)	=	VI Women	700
Ebba Aarsjoe	-	Standing Women	600
Anna-Lena Forster		Sitting Women	460

#### **Slalom Globe Winners**

ATHLETE	NATION	CATEGORY	POINTS
Giacomo Bertagnolli (Guide: Andrea Ravelli)		VI Men	600
Arthur Bauchet		Standing Men	700
Jesper Pedersen	#=	Sitting Men	610
Veronika Aigner (Guide: Elisabeth Aigner)	=	VI Women	530
Anna-Maria Rieder	_	Standing Women	550
Anna-Lena Forster	_	Sitting Women	700









NAT	ION	RANK	POINTS
	France	1	7326
	Austria	2	6785
	Italy	3	4661



Jeroen Kampschreur (NED) – 2024/25 Para Alpine Skiing World Cup Champion in the Men's Sitting category. Credit: Eva Tosi

The last run of the season revealed the overall winner, and this is special!

— Jeroen Kampschreur (NED) –



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



Just five points separated Jeroen Kampschreur (NED) from Jesper Pedersen (NOR) in the overall Sitting World Cup standings after a gripping seasonlong battle.

What was perhaps the decisive moment came in the second Super G at Bardonecchia (ITA) at the end of February. After his Slalom gold and Giant Slalom silver at the World Championships in Maribor (SLO), Pedersen took the first Super G as René De Silvestro (ITA) split the two Crystal Globe rivals.

But in the next race, the Norwegian crashed out with Kampschreur claiming a full 100 points. The Dutchman also won the third race, with Pedersen only third behind De Silvestro, to further extend his advantage in the Super G and overall standings.

In late March, Kampschreur took three second-place finishes in the Giant Slalom finale in Veysonnaz

(SUI). Pedersen was third in the first race, but then won the next two to keep his overall title hopes alive.

With two Slalom races to go in Veysonnaz, Kampschreur knew exactly what he needed to do with two second places enough to clinch the big Crystal Globe even if Pedersen scored two wins. And that is exactly what happened. There was almost nothing to choose between the two, but it was Kampschreur who came out on top to gain some consolation after a disappointing World Championships by his high standards.

There was more to celebrate for Kampschreur as he claimed his 100th podium finish in the penultimate race of the season, just a couple of weeks before his 26th birthday. With Pedersen some four months younger, we can all look forward to this rivalry continuing for years to come.





# **Anna-Lena Forster retains** overall Sitting crown, but the challengers are coming

After two years of almost complete dominance, Anna-Lena Forster (GER) completed a hat-trick of overall World Cup titles in the Sitting category. However, she did not have things all her own way as two-time overall World Cup winner Momoka Muraoka (JPN) and Audrey Pascual Seco (ESP) gave spirited chase.

Having collected all the Crystal Globes in the previous season, Forster lost to Pascual by 50 points in the Super G standings. And the German star was just 20 points ahead of Muraoka in the Giant Slalom rankings.

Forster's Slalom supremacy – she won seven races out of seven in the most technical discipline - ensured a fifth big Crystal Globe. But Muraoka, making her World Cup return after clinching her second

overall crown in the 2021-22 season, showed she could challenge the German next season after three wins plus Giant Slalom gold at the World Championships in Maribor (SLO).

Pascual tallied an impressive six wins during the campaign, but her tendency to crash out - six DNFs this season compared to five the previous year - means she does not yet have the consistency to figure in the overall title race.

As well as the World Cup, there is the small matter of the Paralympic Winter Games Milano-Cortina 2026. Forster will bid for three consecutive golds in the Slalom and Alpine Combined, while Muraoka defends her titles in the Downhill, Super G, and Giant Slalom.



Anna-Lena Forster (GER) - 2024/25 Para Alpine Skiing World Cup Champion in the Women's Sitting category. Credit: Eva Tosi

This season was challenging. We had a lot of competitors in my class, and they're very strong. I think next year will be very

exciting, and that's cool – I love it!

- Anna-Lena Forster (GER)





Arthur Bauchet (FRA) in disbelief of his 100th World Cup podium claimed on home soil in Courchevel. Credit: France Paralympique

It feels amazing, it was a really good season for me. My best since my beginning in Para Alpine, so I'm really, really happy. For next season, I'll be focusing on the Paralympic Games of Milano-Cortina. I hope to have the same results as this season and, of course, in the World Cup to win all the World Cups before the Games to arrive there in the best conditions.











#### **Arthur Bauchet reaches 100 podiums** in another stellar season

Arthur Bauchet (FRA) brought up a magnificent seven consecutive overall Standing category World Cup titles in the 2024–25 season. He also won all the discipline globes with the exception of the Downhill which could not be awarded due to too many cancelled competitions in the discipline, and for which Robin Cuche (SUI) was once again on track to win.

Bauchet made it 12 world titles with Slalom and Giant Slalom golds at the weather-curtailed World Championships in Maribor (SLO). And he made more history in December as he took the first Giant Slalom race on home snow in Courchevel (FRA) to reach 100 World Cup podium appearances.

At the start of the season, it looked like Bauchet might have a fight on his hands as he finished fourth in the opening Super G at Steinach am Brenner

(AUT). Thomas Grochar (AUT) took the first win and 100 World Cup points, while Bauchet scored 50.

Bauchet was third after the second Super G of the week - the first leg of the Alpine Combined event that he ended up winning. And normal service was soon resumed as victory in the final Steinach am Brenner Super G started a run of five consecutive World Cup wins including that 100th podium finish.

The Frenchman turns 25 in October and. injury permitting, can look forward to defending his three Paralympic titles at the Milano Cortina Games in March.





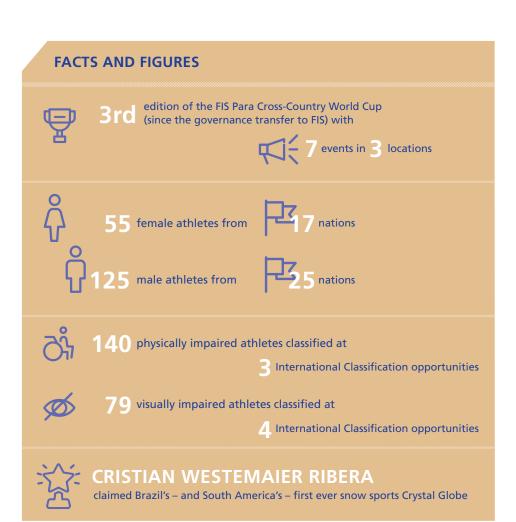
The 2024/25 Para Alpine Skiing season was full of challenges and successes. Although the warm weather affected the speed events, the technical events were held at a high level. The hard work and dedication of all participants and organizers deserves a special recognition. Superstars Aigner, Årsjö, Forster, Bauchet, Pedersen, and Kampschreur consolidated their legendary status, while newcomers such as Audrey Pascual Seco and Kalle Eriksson announced the arrival of a new generation. All attention now turns to the 2026 Winter Paralympic Games in Milano-Cortina, which promise historic duels and the emergence of new heroes. We look forward to new challenges and an even better season ahead.

— Anja Skutelj, FIS Para Alpine Skiing Race Director —





## FIS PARA CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP 2024/25





#### **Overall Top 3 Men VI**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Zebastian Modin (Guide: Emil Joensson Haag)	-	1	879
Inkki Inola (Guide: Arttu Kaario)	H	2	792
Thomas Oxaal (Guide: Geir Lervik)	#=	3	643

#### **Overall Top 3 Women VI**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Leonie Maria Walter (Guide: Christian Krasman)	<u> </u>	1	767
Yue Wang (Guide: Hang Liu)	*9	2	684
Aneta Kobryn (Guide: Bartlomiej Puto)		3	683







#### **Overall Top 3 Men Standing**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Taiki Kawayoke	•	1	791
Serafym Drahun		2	660
Yoshihiro Nitta	•	3	600

#### **Overall Top 3 Men Sitting**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Cristian Westemaier Ribera	<b>6</b>	1	915
Yerbol Khamitov		2	715
Oleksandr Aleksyk		3	644

## **Overall Top 3 Women Standing**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Vilde Nilsen	#=	1	940
Oleksandra Kononova		2	787
Zhiqing Zhao	*)	3	632

## **Overall Top 3 Women Sitting**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Kendall Gretsch		1	829
Anja Wicker	_	2	707
Shiyu Wang	*)	3	634



## Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NATION	RANK	POINTS
Ukraine	1	11083
China	2	9917
Germany	3	5892







#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Ukraine overhaul China** at World Cup Finals to retain **Nations Cup**

Despite not having an individual World Cup series winner between them, Ukraine and China were locked in a season-long battle for the Nations Cup crown.

China led going into the World Cup Finals in Steinkjer (NOR) but, with a number of its athletes absent, had to settle for second behind reigning champions Ukraine who had no fewer than nine podium finishes on the final weekend.

Among the main contributors to Ukraine's effort was Oleksandra Kononova who took second place in the women's Standing rankings behind the unstoppable Vilde Nilsen (NOR). Serafym Drahum was also second in the men's Standing series behind Taiki Kawayoke (JPN).

The Chinese were rampant in the seasonopener in Vuokatti (FIN) with Yue Wang (guide Hang Liu) taking the women's Vision Impaired (VI) Sprint Classic. Shuang Yu and Wang Guanyu matched them in the men's equivalent.

On the second day of racing, Qiu Mingyang led a Chinese podium sweep in the men's Standing Interval Start. Yuxin Zhai won the first women's Sitting race, although Kendall Gretsch (USA) would go on to take the Crystal Globe.

Yue Wang and Hang Liu won all three VI races on the opening weekend, and they dominated for most of the season. The pair took 20 km Freestyle gold at the World Championships in Toblach (ITA) which also counted for World Cup points - but missed the Steinkjer Finals with Leonie Maria Walter (GER; guide Christian Krasman) taking the series title.

China led the medal table in Toblach with five golds - including two for Zhongwu Mao (men's Sitting) – but could not hold off Ukraine in Steinkjer.



Oleksandra Kononova (UKR), one of the main contributors to Ukraine's Nations Cup victory. Credit: Newspower.it





Simona Bubeníčková (CZE), the women's VI rising star. Credit: Newspower.it

# Simona Bubeníčková: the rising star of women's VI

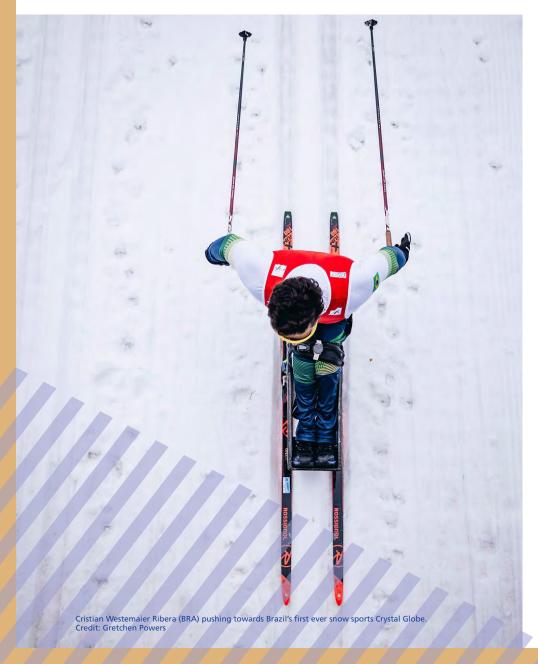
At just 16 years of age, Simona Bubeníčková (CZE) has established herself as one of the top performers in women's VI racing. With guide David Srutek, the Czech won her second World Cup race by taking the 10 km Classic in the Paralympic test event at Val di Fiemme (ITA).

Ten days later, she claimed her first world title, also in the 10km Classic, ahead of Carina Edlinger (AUT; guide Jakob Kainz). Bubeníčková then took silver in the 20km Freestyle behind Yue Wang (guide Hang Liu).

The women's VI is perhaps the most competitive event in all of Para Cross-Country right now. Walter won the title by 83 points from Wang who was just one point ahead of Aneta Korbyn (POL). Bubeníčková was two points further back in fourth place ahead of Edlinger, who subsequently beat the Czech to take Sprint Classic gold at the FIS Nordic World Championships in Trondheim (NOR).

Another exciting World Cup season is in the offing, with Bubeníčková set to make her Paralympic debut at the Milano-Cortina Games in March.







# **Cristian Westemaier Ribera makes snow sports history for Brazil**

Brazil is not a country traditionally associated with snow sports but, in Cristian Westemaier Ribera and Aline Dos Santos Rocha, it has two Sitting skiers capable of taking on the world.

Rocha was the first Brazilian to score a World Cup win, in the Ostersund (SWE) Sprint Freestyle in January 2023. She has yet to repeat that triumph although she did take consecutive second places in the 10 km Classics in Val di Fiemme and at the Toblach World Championships.

The 34-year-old was also desperately unlucky in the 20 km Interval Start, falling on a downhill section and breaking a ski binding having looked on course for victory.

Ribera scored his first World Cup success in January 2024 season in Sprint Freestyle in Toblach. And he started the 2024–25 campaign with a bang, taking all three races in Vuokatti before winning the Sprint Classic at Val di Fiemme. After finishing

second to Zhongwu Mao in the 10km Classic, he then took two bronze medals at the Toblach World Championships.

Those results all but assured him of the season title, but the 22-year-old put an exclamation mark on the triumph with a double victory at the World Cup Finals in Steinkjer. That saw him claim Brazil's – and South America's – first ever snow sports Crystal Globe.

And Ribera was not done yet. At the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Trondheim, he won Brazil's first world title in the Sprint Classic.

The sky is the limit for Ribera who will defend his Crystal Globe, while he and Rocha will seek maiden Winter Paralympic medals for their nation at Milano-Cortina 2026.



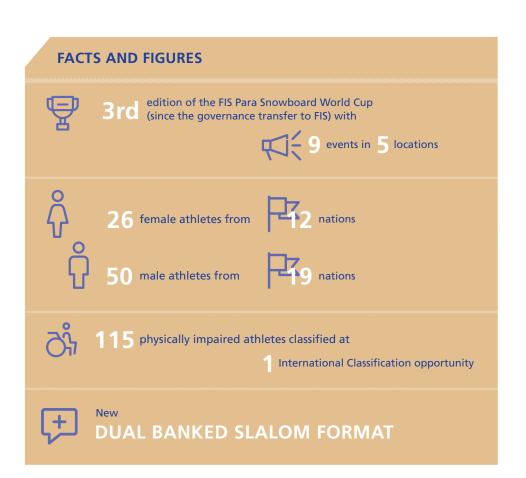
The FIS Para competitions in Cross-Country skiing must be given greater importance by the teams and national federations to enable stable planning from both FIS and the organizers. It would be very beneficial to continue the path taken at the WSC Trondheim also for the upcoming World Championships in Falun 2027 and Lahti 2029! With a shared goal, this is achievable!

— Georg Zipfel, FIS Para Cross-Country Race Director –





## FIS PARA SNOWBOARD WORLD CUP 2024/25 ....





#### **Overall Top 3 Men UL**

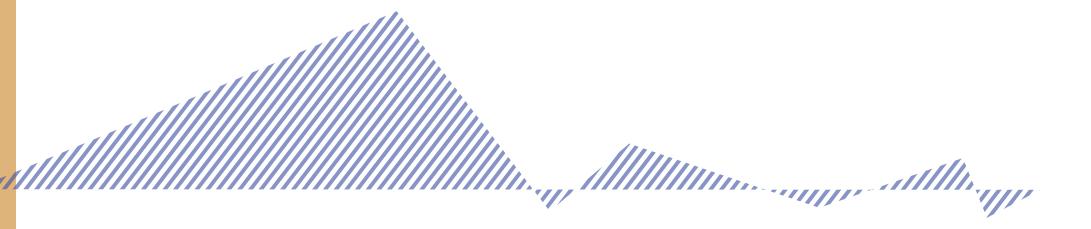
ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jacopo Luchini		1	665
Aron Fahrni	+	2	600
Pengyao Wang	*3	3	370

#### **Overall Top 3 Women UL**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Irati Idiakez Lopez	E	1	600
Monika Kotzian		2	320
Anna Drobna		3	230







#### Overall Top 3 Men LL1

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Noah Elliott		1	760
Tyler Turner	<b>I+I</b>	2	542
Mike Schultz		3	520

#### **Overall Top 3 Women LL**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Cécile Hernandez		1	640
Kate Delson		2	541
Brenna Huckaby Clegg		3	529

#### Overall Top 3 Men LL2

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Emanuel Perathoner		1	840
Ben Tudhope	XK.	2	640
Fabrice Von Gruenigen	+	3	452



#### **Banked Slalom Globe Winners**

ATHLETE	NATION	CATEGORY	POINTS
Aron Fahrni	+	Men UL	360
Noah Elliott		Men LL1	400
Emanuel Perathoner		Men LL2	400
Irati Idiakez Lopez	6	Women UL	400
Cécile Hernandez		Women LL	400

#### **Snowboard Cross Globe Winners**

ATHLETE	NATION	CATEGORY	POINTS
Jacopo Luchini		Men UL	410
Tyler Turner	I+I	Men LL1	380
Emanuel Perathoner		Men LL2	440
Isabelle Hicks		Women UL	200
Irati Idiakez Lopez	2	Women UL	200
Brenna Huckaby Clegg		Women LL	440





NAT		RANK	POINTS
	United States of America	1	3764
*3	China	2	2353
	Japan	3	1906





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



## **New Dual Banked Slalom** format delights racers



Noah Elliott (USA), 2024/25 Banked Slalom and Overall Globe winner in the Men's LL1 category. Credit: Invisions.at

New for the FIS Para Snowboard World Cup 2024/25 was a variation on the Banked Slalom format inspired by Snowboard Cross. After a solo run against the clock, as before, the top four went into semi-finals with the quickest facing the fourth fastest, and second meeting third. Then came a grand final and a small final to decide third place.

The format, which had been used at the previous two Para Snowboard World Championships, certainly suited Irati Idiakez Lopez (ESP). The reigning women's Upper Limb (UL) World Champion from 2023 won both races on the opening stop in Landgraaf (NED), and the two contests in Kühtai (AUT) for a first career Crystal Globe.

Idiakez shared the Snowboard Cross title with Isabelle Hicks (USA), but was a clear winner of the overall World Cup title.

Cécile Hernandez (FRA) was equally dominant in the women's Lower Limb (LL) category, with Noah Elliott (USA; men's Lower Limb 1), and Emmanuel Perathoner (ITA; men's Lower Limb 2) also claiming four Banked Slalom wins out of four.

That supremacy went a long way to each of the three securing big Crystal Globes. Hernandez was the only one of the unbeaten four not to win Banked Slalom gold at the 2023 World Championships in La Molina (ESP). The Frenchwoman was only third in the Snowboard Cross standings, behind Brenna Huckaby Clegg (USA), but regained the overall crown from the American.

Elliot and Perathoner both secured backto-back overall World Cup titles, with Perathoner scooping a clean sweep of titles as he finished 90 points clear of Ben Tudhope (AUS) in the Snowboard Cross standings.

Read more: FIS | New competition format and record participation kick off the Para Snowboard season in Landgraaf





# Kate Delson makes her name in the Women's LL category

A teenager from San Diego made the world sit up and take notice in the Women's LL category, putting herself in the mix for a medal at the Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026.

Kate Delson (USA) had two Snowboard Cross podium finishes on her World Cup debut in Grasgehren (GER) at the end of the 2023/24 season. In this campaign, she was never off the podium in that discipline and claimed victory at Lenk (SUI) before taking top spot again in the finale at Steamboat (USA). While she has fared less well in Banked Slalom - failing to make the semi-finals in four attempts – Delson took second place in the Snowboard Cross standings behind her compatriot, three-time Paralympic gold medalist Brenna Huckaby Clegg. She was also second in the overall World Cup rankings, behind Cécile Hernandez but narrowly ahead of defending champion Clegg.

At the Big White World Championships, Hernandez bounced back from a surprising third place in the Banked Slalom to win gold in Snowboard Cross. Delson beat Huckaby Clegg in the USA battle for silver with Nianjia Hu (CHN) missing out on the medals.

Days after turning 20 in May, Delson was nominated to the 2025/26 U.S. Para Snowboard Team which leaves her in excellent shape to make the Paralympic team.

In an interview with Nexstar's KSEE, Delson revealed that she was not sure she would ever be able to walk after being born with a right leg disability. "I'm way better at snowboarding than walking," she admitted.

She took up skiing at Mammoth Lakes aged three, but things clicked into place when she switched to snowboarding. Since then, the activity has helped her both mentally and physically.

Now she seeks to add to her World Cup win tally in the new season and, perhaps, make the podium at her debut Paralympic Winter Games.

Read more: FIS | A thrilling debut for Lenk on the Para Snowboard Cross World Cup circuit



Kate Delson (USA) stocked of her World Cup victory at the Snowboard Cross finals in Steamboat (USA). Credit: Joshua Duplechian

Having my two legs work together on the board, being able to ride the mountain, it's the best sense of freedom.

— Kate Delson (USA)





# **USA dominates Nations Cup** in Para Snowboard World Cup 2024-25

Noah Elliott and Kate Delson led the way as USA retained both its women's and men's Nations Cup crowns in style, and on home snow.

At the World Cup Finals in Steamboat, Colorado, the hosts racked up five wins from 12 podium placings, with Delson leading a USA 1-2-3 in the Women's Lower Limb Snowboard Cross finale. Brenna Huckaby Clegg's second place ensured she retained her discipline Crystal Globe, with Courtney Godfrey taking third.

Elliott's perfect Banked Slalom record helped secure him a second consecutive overall Men's Lower Limb 1 World Cup crown, but he was edged out by Tyler Turner (CAN) for the Snowboard Cross title. After his win in the penultimate race, Mike Schultz (USA) led the standings by just five points with Elliott and Turner tied for second. And in a thrilling finale, the Canadian took victory to retain his Crystal Globe by just 20 points.





Team USA celebrating both Women's and Men's Nations Cups. Credit: Joshua Duplechian

Elliott beat teammate Schultz to take second in the series, but neither was too disheartened after an enjoyable couple of days. For Elliott, it was a return to the site of his first forays into snow sports, while Schultz was watched by his family for the first time in seven years.

With Irati Idiakez Lopez skipping Steamboat having already secured her first overall Women's Upper Limb crown, Isabelle Hicks won both Snowboard Cross races on her World Cup debut. That saw the 22-year-old from Utah share the discipline Crystal Globe with the Spaniard.

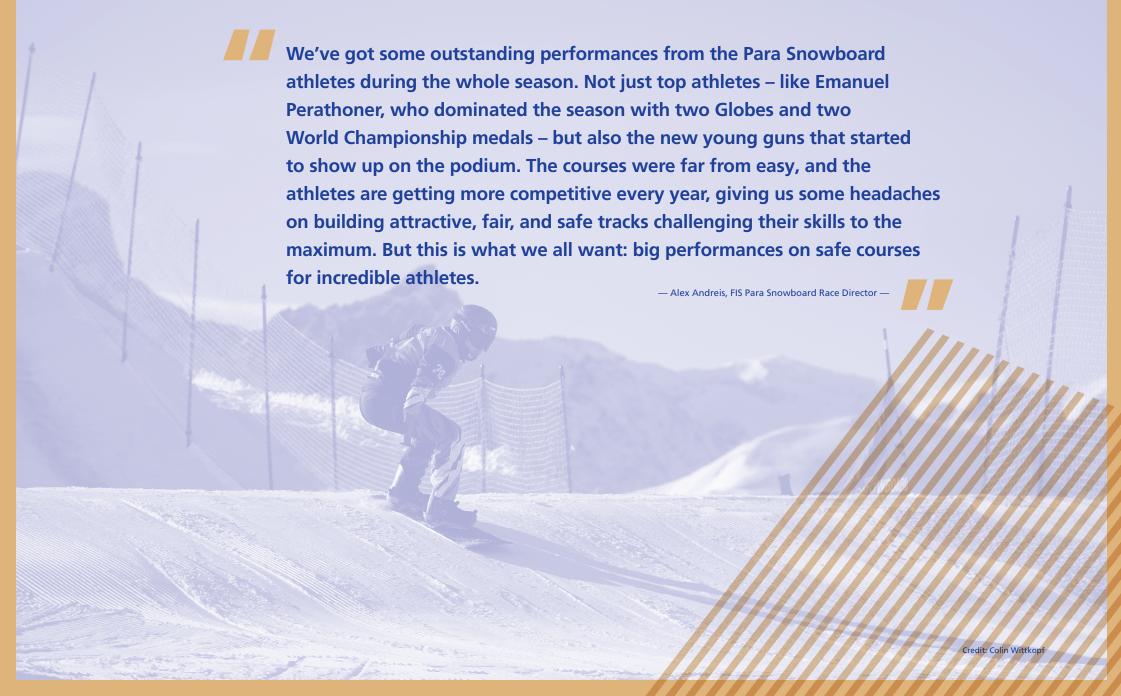
Since the Nations Cup was inaugurated in 2013/14, USA has finished on top each time. The 2023/24 season was the first to see the rankings split by gender, and this campaign saw the Americans dominate in both.

Italy, spearheaded by the formidable Emmanuel Perathoner, was the USA's nearest challenger in the Men's. The Italians amassed 1822 points, more than 400 shy of the USA's total of 2239.

USA was in a league of its own in the Women's Nations Cup. Its winning total of 1525 points was more than double that of second-placed China who managed 740.

Read more: FIS | USA dominates as Para Snowboard World Cup makes long-awaited return to Steamboat

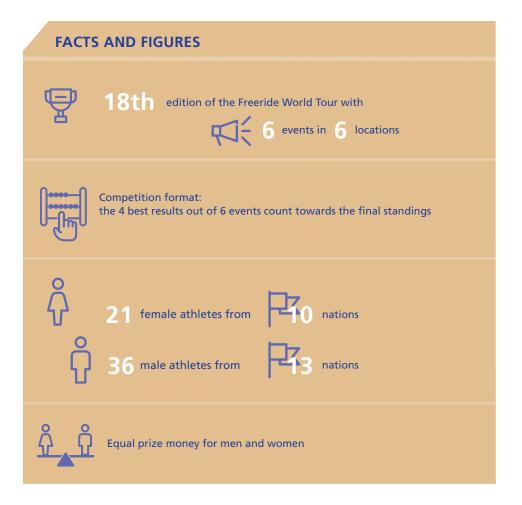






## **FIS FREERIDE WORLD TOUR 2025**





#### Ski Top 5 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marcus Goguen	[+]	1	36570
Martin Bender	+	2	29620
Toby Rafford		3	29020
Valentin Rainer		4	28900
Ben Richards	3K .*.	5	28835

#### Ski Top 5 Women

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Justine Dufour-Lapointe	I+I	1	34000
Jenna Keller	+	2	31275
Astrid Cheylus	11	3	27045
Lena Kohler	_	4	24570
Molly Armanino		5	24545





## **Snowboard Top 5 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Victor de Le Rue		1	34075
Cody Bramwell	**	2	32620
Liam Rivera	+	3	30875
Enzo Nilo		4	22945
Jonathan Penfield	+	5	22820

## **Snowboard Top 5 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Noémie Equy		1	42000
Michaela Davis-Meehan	₩	2	35600
Nuria Castan Baron	£	3	25595
Anna Martinez		4	25425
Erin Sauve	<b> + </b>	5	16895



#### **NATION** NAME Noémie Equy France **Toby Rafford** United States of America



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

# Justine Dufour-Lapointe, the perseverant

Olympic Moguls champion in 2014, Justine Dufour-Lapointe (CAN) had nothing left to prove. Or so everyone thought. After the Beijing 2022 Olympics, she closed the chapter on moguls skiing and took a bold leap into the freeride. The gamble paid off: in her very first season, she was crowned 2023 FWT Champion.

In 2024, she was ready to defend her crown. But life threw her into an even harsher battle: her mother was diagnosed with lung cancer. Justine stepped away from competition to be by her side. Her mother passed away in March 2024, a loss that would mark Justine forever.

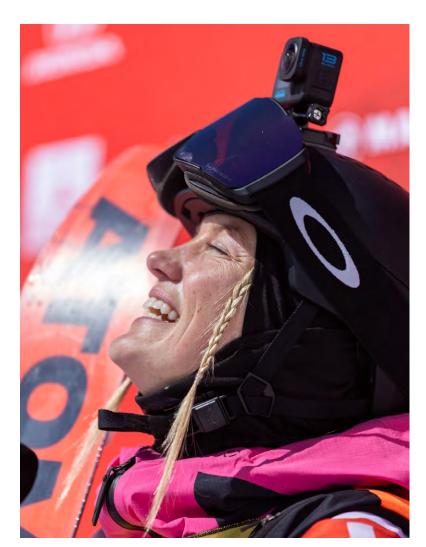
When she returned in 2025, it was a different Justine - but still with that same radiant joy that defines her. She opened the season with a win in Spain, then claimed 2nd place in France. All season long she fought with her rivals, climbing the podium again in Austria, her adopted home where she trains every winter.



At every start gate, before dropping in, she thought of her mother. She could still hear her voice, those little messages of encouragement, like a guiding presence warning her of danger. That invisible strength stayed with her all the way to Verbier, where she finished 2nd in the final.

And that was enough: Justine claimed the 2025 Freeride World Tour title. Beyond the victory, it's the story of resilience, of grief transformed into strength, and of her place affirmed among the greats of freeride. An inspiring champion, in every sense.

Read more: FIS | Baqueira Beret Pro by Movistar launches the 2025 FIS Freeride World Tour by Peak Performance with spectacular runs

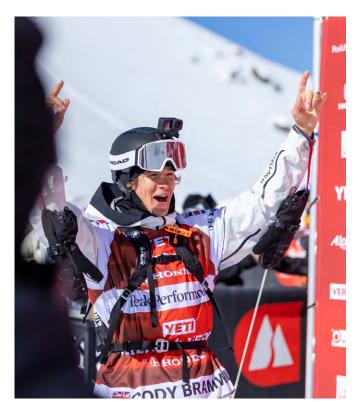


Justine Dufour-Lapointe (CAN), 2025 Freeride World Tour Champion in the Women's Ski category.



## **Cody Bramwell:** falling hard, rising higher





Cody Bramwell (GBR), 2025 Freeride World Tour Champion in the Men's Snowboard category. Credit: G.CEAS

Cody Bramwell (GBR) is no stranger to the Freeride World Tour. The British rider, with his dual heritage and boundless energy, first burst onto the scene in 2021 with a flawless, unforgettable run that earned him a spectacular win at the Ordino Arcalís Pro. Two consecutive overall podium finishes (3rd in both 2021 and 2022) cemented his reputation: Bramwell wasn't just an outsider - he was one of the most consistent and talented riders on the circuit.

But freeride is a ruthless sport. After narrowly missing the podium in Georgia last season, Bramwell failed to make the Cut. Only a wildcard could bring him back. Determined to prove he still belonged, he launched into 2025 with burning ambition and a point to prove.

The start of the season, however, was a nightmare. Uncharacteristic falls, costly lapses of focus, finishes of 11th, 7th, then 11th in the first three stops... Far from his usual level, Bramwell sank deeper into doubt. It wasn't just his results on the line anymore - it was his confidence, his future. He even considered walking away, starting conversations with sponsors about ending his career. The painful shadow of 2024 hung heavy over him once more.

Then came Georgia. An event like no other - remote, raw, where riders are stripped of all support and left face-to-face with the mountain and themselves. Standing before Ushba,

the Caucasian giant, Bramwell found himself again. With a masterful run, he claimed victory and reignited the spark. Hope was alive once more.

Reenergized, he followed up in Austria with a commanding 2nd place, punching his ticket to the grand finale in Verbier. And it wasn't just a ticket it was a chance. If everything aligned, he could still dream of the title.

On the Bec des Rosses, Cody Bramwell rode with nothing to lose. His backflip etched itself into the memory of the season, pushing him into the lead - if only for a moment. Behind him, though, stood Victor De Le Rue. The three-time champion called on all his experience to secure 3rd place, just enough to clinch the 2025 crown. Bramwell finished the season in 2nd.

Not the title, but something greater: a wide smile, rebuilt confidence, and the fire rekindled. Cody Bramwell had proven to himself - and to everyone else - that he still belongs among the giants of freeride. His path forward is wide open once again.

Read more: FIS | Spectacular Freeride action unfolds on the Kakhiani Face



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## Noémie Equy, the revelation



Her very first season on the Freeride World Tour, and the French rider Noémie Equy is already making headlines. In Baqueira, under tough snow conditions, she came out swinging. Where many expected a veteran to take the win, it was a rookie who stole the spotlight with a stunning first victory.

Next came Val Thorens, her home mountain. Competing in front of her crowd, wearing the golden bib, the pressure was immense: this was her chance to prove Baqueira wasn't a "beginner's stroke of luck," but the result of years of work, discipline, and raw talent. Her run was nearly perfect, and she took the lead - until her friend and mentor, fourtime FWT champion Marion Haerty, stepped in as a wildcard. This time, experience edged out youth, and Equy finished 2nd.

Then came a setback in Canada at Kicking Horse. A missed landing left her 4th, off the podium for the first time, and doubts crept in. Was her brilliant start beginning to fade? But Equy refused to let the story end there. In Georgia, she roared back with a decisive win. In Austria at Fieberbrunn, she did it again. This time, the gap was unbridgeable: she secured the overall title before even reaching the grand finale.

In Verbier, on the legendary Bec des Rosses - the most feared and respected face in freeride - Equy didn't flinch. She claimed yet another victory, sealing a historic season: 4 wins, 5 podiums in 6 events.

The revelation is complete. Noémie Equy had set herself two goals: to win the Tour, and to triumph in Val Thorens. The first is checked in bold, the second remains within reach. One thing is certain: next season, on her home mountain, Noémie will stop at nothing to get the victory that still eludes her.

Read more: FIS | History made at the YETI Xtreme Verbier by Honda as 2025 Freeride World Tour Champions are crowned



Noémie Equy (FRA), 2025 Freeride World Tour Champion in the Women's Snowboard category. Credit: JBernard



The Freeride World Tour (FWT) season 2025 was a success in many ways. First of all, the 6 FWT Pro competitions proposed the best riding level ever seen, with rookies and young guns pushing the sport to the next level. The live webcasts were solid with an average of 200'000 viewers. Social media amounted a record of 304 million views. Destination partners and sponsors see a high return on investment, with contract renewals and upgrades confirmed, in particular with YETI becoming a naming partner of the Alaska Pro 2026. The return to Haines Alaska is a major step-up for the Tour. The grassroots is booming with 10'154 licensed riders from 70 nations competing in 314 events in 23 countries. With the first ever FIS Freeride World Championships Andorra 2026 in scope, and a potential Olympic inclusion in 2030, freeride is on solid tracks going into next season!

- Nicolas Hale-Woods, Freeride World Tour Founder and CEO -





#### **FIS SPEED SKIING** WORLD CUP 2024/25 .....



## **FACTS AND FIGURES** 7 events in 2 locations 11 female athletes from 7 nations 38 male athletes from 5 nations On 2 February 2025, world record holder **VALENTINA GREGGIO (ITA)** skied faster than all men competing on the same slope, in equal conditions. SIMONE ORIGONE (ITA) won his 16th Crystal Globe VALENTINA GREGGIO (ITA) won all the 2024/25 World Cup events

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Simone Origone		1	600
Bastien Montes		2	475
Simon Billy		3	430
Radim Palan		4	280
Tawny Wagstaff	<b>3</b> € ∴	5	237
Ugo Portal		6	220
Michal Bekes	<u>•</u>	7	179
Marc Amann		8	174
Olof Abrahamsson	-	9	162
Tom Martinez		10	150

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Valentina Greggio		1	700
Clea Martinez		2	520
Agnes Abrahamsson	-	3	320
Maelle Loridon			320
Cornelia Thun Sandstrom	-	5	300
Marta Visa Carol	8	6	269
Siri Kling Andersson	-	7	250
Sylvie Hudeckova		8	182
Mathilda Persson	-	9	116
Seraina Murk	+	10	94





#### Italian excellence and historic firsts

The 2024/25 FIS Speed Skiing World Cup season will be remembered as a landmark chapter in the sport's history - defined by Italian dominance, record-breaking performances, and the rise of a new generation of speed skiing talent.

#### Valentina Greggio: A season of perfection and a historic first

Italy's Valentina Greggio delivered a flawless campaign, winning every single World Cup event and finishing the season with the maximum 700 points. Her closest rival, Clea Martinez (FRA), followed with 520 points, while rising stars Agnes Abrahamsson (SWE) and Maelle Loridon (FRA) tied at 320 points.

The defining moment of the season came on 2 February 2025 in Vars (FRA), when Greggio made history by skiing faster than all men on the same slope and under identical conditions. Her speed of 202.14 km/h edged out the fastest male competitor - her compatriot Simone Origone, who clocked 202.12 km/h. This marked the first time in FIS history that a woman outperformed a man in equal racing conditions.

Greggio's dominance was not only statistical – it was symbolic. Her performance this season elevated the sport and inspired a new wave of female athletes. Among them, Agnes Abrahamsson (20 years old) stood out with five podiums, while Siri Kling Andersson (18 years old) celebrated her first World Cup podium, and Maelle Loridon (22 years old) continued her pursuit of a breakthrough result.



Valentina Greggio (ITA), 2025 World Cup champion. Credit: Serge Briand





Valentina Greggio (ITA), 2025 World Cup champion. Credit: Serge Briand

#### **Simone Origone: The legend continues**

On the men's side, Simone Origone once again proved why he is the most successful speed skier of all time. With 600 points, he claimed yet another Crystal Globe, allowing only two victories to slip away - both to Bastien Montes (FRA) in Salla (FIN), and Vars (FRA).

Origone's consistency and experience kept him ahead of the pack, with Montes finishing second overall with 475 points, and Simon Billy (FRA) - the current world record holder and 2025 World Champion – taking third with 430 points.

A highlight for the men's field was Tawny Wagstaff (NZL), who celebrated the best result of his career with a second place in Vars on 19 March 2025 – his second World Cup podium after last season's third place.





This has been a historical season, and not only for Speedski. For the first time in history of FIS, a woman beat in equal conditions all competing men in an official FIS World Cup competition. On 2 February, in Vars, the Italian world record holder Valentina Greggio was with a speed of 202.14 km/h – 0.02 km/h faster than the fastest man that day, Italian champion Simone Origone. This shows once more that the fastest non-motorized discipline is committed to give men and women equal chances to compete together.

— Ricardo Adarraga, Chair of the FIS Speed Skiing Committee –





#### **FIS TELEMARK** WORLD CUP 2024/25



## **FACTS AND FIGURES** 33 female athletes from 52 male athletes from 4.4. individual events in \$\ \text{locations} Quadruple 2025 Telemark World Champion TRYM NYGAARD LOEKEN (NOR) bid farewell after 186 World Cup start, 35 individual victories, 84 podiums, and 7 Globes

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Trym Nygaard Loeken	#=	1	1669
Nicolas Michel	+	2	981
Yoann Rostolan		3	930
Charly Petex		4	810
Alexis Page		5	752
Noé Claye		6	656
Elie Nabot		7	644
Jacob Benjamin Alveberg	#	8	553
Olle Collberg	-	9	549
Raphael Mahlknecht		10	472

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jasmin Taylor		1	1295
Argeline Tan Bouquet		2	1220
Augustine Carliez		3	1036
Kaja Bjoernstad Konow	#	4	982
Laly Chaucheprat		5	925
Goril Strom Eriksen	#	6	761
Camille Bourbon		7	517
Maely Vernet		8	465
Coletta Frick	<u> </u>	9	457
Berit Junger		10	430





#### Classic Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Trym Nygaard Loeken	#	1	400
Yoann Rostolan		2	216
Charly Petex		3	209

#### **Sprint Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Trym Nygaard Loeken	#	1	960
Nicolas Michel	+	2	545
Yoann Rostolan		3	524

#### Parallel Sprint Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Trym Nygaard Loeken	#	1	309
Nicolas Michel	+	2	254
Noé Claye		3	218

#### **Classic Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jasmin Taylor	**	1	340
Augustine Carliez		2	272
Kaja Bjoernstad Konow	#	3	245

#### **Sprint Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jasmin Taylor		1	720
Argeline Tan Bouquet		2	705
Laly Chaucheprat		3	601

#### **Parallel Sprint Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Argeline Tan Bouquet		1	305
Augustine Carliez		2	250
Jasmin Taylor	28	3	235

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### Nations Cup Top 10 (Men & Women)

NAT		RANK	POINTS
	France	1	8981
#	Norway	2	5351
	Germany	3	2148
+	Switzerland	4	2050
	Great Britain	5	1504
-	Sweden	6	1311
	Italy	7	747
1+1	Canada	8	387
	United States of America	9	234
	Austria	10	231

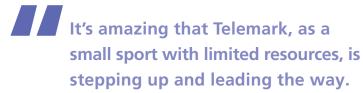








# Trillevallen sets the pace – on the slopes and for sustainability



— Olle Collberg (SWE) —





Laly Chaucheprat (FRA) showing technical precision and confidence. Credit: FIS Telemark

After more than a decade, the Telemark World Cup made a triumphant return to Sweden with a spectacular two-day event in Trillevallen, Sweden. Nestled in the heart of Jämtland, the resort delivered not only thrilling competition but also a bold statement on sustainability, setting a new benchmark for environmentally conscious winter sports.

The racing was fierce and unforgettable. Laly Chaucheprat (FRA) dominated the women's field, winning both Sprint races with technical precision and confidence. Her performance on Trillevallen's demanding course – featuring a dramatic 20-meter jump and a highly technical loom section – was the most commanding of her season. On the men's side, Trym Nygaard Loeken (NOR) continued his winning streak, while young Swedish athletes Alvin and Vile Noaksson brought local pride to the start gate.

But Trillevallen's impact extended far beyond the slopes. The event was a showcase for fossil fuel reduction and cleaner transport, led by a coalition including the Swedish Telemark Federation, Green Mind, and the 2030 Secretariat. Athletes and officials traveled using Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and

electric or HVO-powered vehicles, drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Even the resort itself operated entirely on renewable electricity, aligning with Sweden's broader climate goals.

The initiative demonstrated that meaningful change is possible – even in resource-limited sports – when the right people come together with a shared vision. Trillevallen's success is expected to inspire similar efforts across other winter disciplines and venues.

With its blend of high-level competition, local pride, and environmental leadership, Trillevallen proved that Telemark skiing can be both thrilling and forward-thinking. It was a weekend where sport and sustainability skied side by side.

Read more: FIS | Trillevallen hosts Telemark World Cup with focus on fossil fuel reduction and cleaner transport





### Norwegian brilliance in Ål

The Telemark World Cup stop in Al, Norway was more than just another competition – it was a deeply emotional and historic weekend for the Norwegian team. Racing on home snow, the athletes delivered a performance that will be remembered for years, marked by double victories, personal milestones, and a heartfelt tribute to their late teammate, Emil.

In the Sprint race, Norway's Trym Nygaard Loeken and Kaja Bjørnstad Konow claimed victory in both runs, showcasing technical mastery on aggressive snow conditions. Loeken's win was especially poignant, as he dedicated it to Emil.



We are all skiing for and with our teammate Emil in mind. It's still very hard to believe...

- Trym Nygaard Loeken (NOR)



The Parallel Sprint brought even more celebration for Team Norway. Loeken and Konow once again topped the podium, marking a rare back-to-back double victory on home soil. For Loeken, it was a long-awaited triumph in Al's Parallel Sprint - a race that had eluded him for years. Konow, meanwhile,



A proud and victorious Norwegian team led by Trym Nygaard Loeken and Kaja Bjørnstad Konow. Credit: FIS Telemark

celebrated her first-ever Parallel Sprint win, while Maria Heggheim Berge joined the podium for the first time, making it a dream day for the Norwegian women's team.

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Behind the Norwegian winners, the competition remained fierce. Argeline Tan Bouquet (FRA), Augustine Carliez (FRA), and Jasmin Taylor (GBR) battled for podium spots in the women's Sprint, while Nicolas Michel (SUI), Charly Petex (FRA), and Noé Claye (FRA) rounded out the top finishers in the men's field.

Read more: FIS | Norwegian dominance in Al: A historic weekend for Telemark Skiing





# Maybe it was my grandfather up there who gave me that little push I needed to win.

— Nicolas Michel (SUI) —





A legendary finale in Thyon

Nicolas Michel's (SUI) emotional victory on the slope where he first learned to ski. Credit: Guillaume Borga

Thyon, the spiritual home of Telemark skiing in Switzerland, delivered a dramatic and emotional conclusion to the 2024/25 World Cup season. With its rich legacy – home to icons like Amélie Wenger Reymond and Bastien Dayer – the resort welcomed the world's best Telemark athletes for a finale that celebrated both history and the future of the sport.

In the women's field, the battle for the overall and discipline Globes reached a thrilling climax. Jasmin Taylor (GBR) emerged as the standout athlete, securing not only the Classic Globe but also the coveted overall "big" Globe, thanks to her consistent performances throughout the season. She had already locked in the Sprint Globe before the finals, making her one of the most decorated athletes of the year.

The Parallel Sprint Globe went to Argeline Tan Bouquet (FRA), who delivered a clutch performance in Thyon, defeating Augustine Carliez (FRA) in the semi-final and winning the final. Carliez, who had led the Classic standings heading into the last race, suffered a costly mistake that dashed her hopes of a first Globe. Despite the heartbreak, she finished third in the overall standings and confirmed her status as one of the sport's rising stars.

On the men's side, Trym Nygaard Loeken (NOR) completed a storybook comeback. After missing the previous season due to a life-threatening illness, Loeken returned to dominate, winning both the Classic and Sprint races in Thyon and securing four Globes before announcing his retirement. His career closes with 35 World Cup victories, 84 podiums, and 7 Globes – a legacy that will inspire generations.

The emotional highlight of the weekend came from Nicolas Michel (SUI), who won the final Parallel Sprint on his 200th World Cup start, on the piste where he first learned to ski. Surrounded by teammates and fans, Michel dedicated his victory to his grandfather.

As the curtain closed in Thyon, the emergence of new talents like Carliez, Lenaig Mansart (FRA), and Coletta Frick (GER) signaled a promising future. On the men's side, veterans like Michel will face rising French stars Petex, Rostolan, and Page in the seasons to come.

**Read more:** FIS | Thyon delivers a legendary season finale

The 2024/25 season was highly successful. A full calendar of events culminated in the discipline's first standalone World Junior Championships in Bardonecchia ITA; and Sweden provided a welcome addition to the calendar. The athletes excelled as the organizers outdid themselves in the ever-increasing quality of events.

On the men's side the season was dominated by Trym Nygaard Loeken who took a clean sweep of Crystal Globes in what has turned out to be his final season. The women's competition was closely fought right up until the final races, with Jasmin Talyor (GBR) clinching her second overall Globe, closely trailed by Argeline Tan-Bouquet (FRA) and up-and-coming Augustine Carliez (FRA), who will be one to watch for the future.

As Race Director it has been amazing to join this wonderful family of athletes and Telemark enthusiasts that make up our organizers and supporters. Next season cannot come soon enough!

- Adrian Pery, FIS Telemark Race Director -





#### FIS GRASS SKIING **WORLD CUP 2024**



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**



10 events in 4. locations









claimed her third consecutive Overall Crystal Globe





9/10 women's overall top 10 athletes were born in the 2000 S

#### **Overall Top 10 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Andrea Iori		1	530
Lorenzo Dante Marco Gritti		2	511
Mirko Hueppi	+	3	505
Martin Bartak	<b></b>	4	436
Daniele Buio		5	361
Ales Knor	<b></b>	6	250
Jan Borak	<b></b>	7	250
Hannes Angerer		8	248
Michael Bertagno		9	221
Sebastian Posch		10	214

#### **Overall Top 10 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Eliska Rejchrtova		1	680
Lara Teynor		2	670
Sarka Abrahamova		3	415
Emma Eberhardt	=	4	376
Tina Hetfleisch	=	5	372
Nikola Fricova		6	316
Margherita Mazzoncini		7	270
Noemi Oettl		8	241
Lisa Anastasia Lucchese		9	210
Sara Stloukalova		10	179





#### Super-G Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Andrea Iori		1	260
Lorenzo Dante Marco Gritti		2	216
Ales Knor		3	160

#### **Giant Slalom Top 3 Men**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mirko Hueppi	+	1	190
Martin Bartak		2	180
Andrea Iori		3	145
Lorenzo Dante Marco Gritti			145

#### **Super-G Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Sarka Abrahamova		1	260
Eliska Rejchrtova		2	260
Lara Teynor		3	150

#### **Giant Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Lara Teynor		1	280
Eliska Rejchrtova		2	180
Emma Eberhardt		3	165



#### Slalom Top 3 Men

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Mirko Hueppi	+	1	180
Jan Borak		2	160
Lorenzo Dante Marco Gritti		3	150

#### **Slalom Top 3 Women**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Eliska Rejchrtova		- 1	240
Lara Teynor			240
Emma Eberhardt		3	150



NATION	RANK	POINTS
• Italy	1	3256
Czech Republic	2	3217
Austria	3	2195
• Switzerland	4	505
Slovakia	5	368







Andrea Iori (ITA), 2024 Grass Skiing World Cup winner. Credit: Martin Štěpánek



#### A season led by youth

The 2024 FIS Grass Skiing World Cup was a thrilling showcase of emerging talent, with the younger generation not just participating - but dominating. At the heart of this youth-led revolution were Eliska Rejchrtova (CZE) and Andrea Iori (ITA), two athletes who turned potential into podiums and rewrote the narrative of the sport.

#### Andrea Iori: The breakthrough star

At just 19 years old, Andrea Iori had a season to remember. Already a Junior World Champion in 2021, Iori exploded onto the senior scene in 2024 with a near-perfect World Cup campaign. He won the Overall and Super-G Crystal Globes, collecting 530 points, and was only off the podium four times – two 5th places and two DNFs.

His dominance was even more striking at the Junior World Championships, where he swept all four gold medals. This clean sweep also helped Italy secure the Nations Cup, ahead of the Czech Republic and Austria.

Iori's teammate, Lorenzo Dante Marco Gritti (39), finished second overall with 511 points, proving that experience still has its place. Switzerland's Mirko Hueppi (35) rounded out the top three with 505 points and claimed both the Slalom and Giant Slalom Globes.

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## -----Eliska Rejchrtova: A reigning queen among rising stars

Eliska Rejchrtova, 20, continued her reign with a third consecutive Overall Crystal Globe, confirming her status as the most consistent force in women's grass skiing. Her season included three World Cup victories, and she was on the podium in every race except one DNF in Predklasteri (CZE).

At the Junior World Championships, she added four medals to her collection – two golds – cementing her place as one of the sport's brightest stars.

Her closest rival, Lara Teynor (AUT, 20), matched her with three wins and claimed the Slalom Globe, finishing just 10 points behind in the overall standings. Sarka Abrahamova (CZE) took third overall and won the Super-G Globe, edging Rejchrtova on a tie-break thanks to her two victories.

#### A youth movement in full Swing

One of the most striking aspects of the 2024 season was the composition of the women's overall top 10 - nine out of ten athletes were born in the 2000s. This generational shift signals a vibrant future for grass skiing, where young athletes are not just participating but leading.



Eliska Rejchrtova (CZE), 2024 Grass Skiing World Cup winner. Credit: Martin Štěpánek

A season full of emotions fought until the last race.

A World Cup ever younger, with young racers on the top of the rankings. If in the women's field the young athletes dominated, in the men's field the young and more experienced athletes fought until the end for the final podium. While the men's field saw an Italian dominate, the women's field saw a big battle between Czech Republic and Austria, highlighting a continued growth in competitiveness between nations.

— Fausto Cerentin, Chair of the FIS Grass Skiing Committee -



#### FIS MASTERS CUP 2024/25



#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**







5 female athletes from

939 male athletes from



st ever FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix took place across 3 venues



The oldest athlete competing

on the 2024/25 Masters Cup was born in 1933

The youngest athletes competing on the 2024/25 Masters Cup were born in 1994.



13 age categories for men and

age categories for women

#### Overall Top 5 Men Cat. A

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Daniel Böckli	+	1	1630
Otto Unterkofler		2	1565
Milan Hrstka		3	1292
Luca Novi		4	1210
Klaus Hubert		5	1069

#### **Overall Top 5 Women Cat. C**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Miyuki Kirikubo	•	1	2030
Doris Bergner		2	1460
Silvie Kaiser		3	1385
Dagmar Tumova		4	1376
Denise Rita Rigo		5	1129





ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Patrick Avenier		1	1860
Andreas Dimmen	#=	2	1580
Christian Gut	+	3	1289
Roberto Siorpaes	+	4	1126
Gottfried Ascher		5	1028

#### Overall Indoor Top 5 Men Cat. A

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Jürgen Guggenbichler		1	550
Daniel Böckli	+	2	490
Milan Hrstka		3	390
Thomas Schretzmayer		4	360
Mauro Lapucci		5	211

#### Overall Indoor Top 5 Men Cat. B

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Vladimir Ternavsky		1	382
Hermann Oberlechner		2	300
Andreas Dimmen	#=	3	224
Rainer Plaeschke		4	171
Hannu Hyttinen	<b>H</b>	5	170

#### **Overall Top 5 Women Cat. D**

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Muriel Jay		1	1800
Marina Capretta		2	1700
Sidonie Lentner	_	3	1480
Jana Ries		4	1412
Julia Schärer	+	5	1257

#### Overall Indoor Top 5 Women Cat. C

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Christiane Santen		1	400
Silvie Kaiser		2	340
Miyuki Kirikubo	•	3	295
Andrea Noell		4	287
Anne Christiansen	:=	5	220

#### Overall Indoor Top 5 Women Cat. D

ATHLETE	NATION	RANK	POINTS
Marina Capretta		1	535
Julia Schärer	+	2	485
Muriel Jay		3	410
Helga Runggaldier		4	290
Françoise Duflau-Berthet		5	217





#### A year of firsts, records, and renewed vision

The 2024/25 FIS Masters Cup season was a landmark year for alpine skiing's Masters community, blending tradition with innovation and setting new standards for participation, competition quality, and global engagement. With 71 races organized by 18 National Ski Associations (NSAs) across 26 ski resorts, the season was a vibrant celebration of lifelong athleticism and international camaraderie.

As per tradition, the season began in South America, offering early opportunities for competition and connection. In November, the tour shifted to Europe, where the inaugural FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix made a spectacular debut across three venues. This innovative series of Indoor Slalom races not only introduced a fresh format but also drew a remarkable 52% increase in participation compared to 2023, setting a new benchmark for Masters alpine racing and reinforcing the community's growth and enthusiasm.

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FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix 2025. Credit: FIS





Podium FMC Pila 2025 Finals, category D7. Credit: FIS

The Masters Cup continues to thrive as a truly global and inclusive series:

- 215 female athletes from 26 nations
- 939 male athletes from 36 nations
- 13 age categories for men, 12 for women

The age range of competitors - from those born in 1933 to 1994 – underscored the enduring appeal of alpine skiing and the Masters Cup's role in fostering lifelong sport.

A major highlight of the season was the introduction of Jean-Louis Galinier as the first-ever FIS Masters Race Director. His appointment marks a new chapter for the Masters community, with a clear focus on enhancing safety, quality, and the overall experience of competitions. Under his leadership, the Masters Cup is poised to evolve while staying true to its core values.

The season concluded with the Masters World Cup Finals in Pila, celebrating a record-breaking year. The finals brought together athletes, organizers, and supporters to honor the achievements of the season and the spirit of Masters skiing.

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