

Brand Name : Völkl

What the Constructors Championship means to your team and how it works for you.

For us at Völkl, the competition for the Constructors Championship is a bit like racing down the final pitch of the Chuenisbärgli - we know the challenge is huge, but we love every second of the ride. As one of the smaller racing teams, we're realistic that we're currently not battling for the overall title, but that does definitely not mean we take it lightly. Every point and every top performance from our athletes is a moment of pride for our whole team. At the same time, we're working hard to close the gap to the current big players. Our focus on innovation, athlete collaboration and continuous improvement is stronger than ever. My long-term goal is clear — to bring Völkl back among the top names in the Constructors Championship. We may be a smaller player, but in the world of ski racing, Völkl stands as a benchmark of quality and determination. We're carving our way forward — with focus, grit, and a smile.

Team details, athletes, technicians, team principle, and general info on factory, equipment, etc.

At Völkl, we run a compact but high-performance team on the World Cup circuit — roughly 15 to 20 male and female athletes in total. Our size gives us the agility to individually serve every athlete, ensuring that each one gets the attention and support they need. Thanks to our state-of-the-art in-house production in Germany, we can craft truly tailor-made skis for our racers to match their exact style and preferences.

Athletes

On the women's side Völkl is currently strongest in slalom. Our standout athletes include Katharina Huber and Katharina Truppe (both Austria) and Leona Popović (Croatia).

On the men's side we support the “underdog” Team Global Racing (we equip about half of the team with our skis). Their strongest athletes include Sam Maes (Belgium), Tormis Laine (Estonia), Andrej Drukarov (Lithuania) and George Steffey (USA). Additional talents: Sebastian Holzmann (Germany) and Istok Rodes (Croatia) – specialized in Slalom.

Jonas Stockinger (Germany), Patrick Kenney (USA), Harry Laidlaw and Louis Muhlen-Schulte (Australia) – specialized in Giant Slalom.

Technicians

Our factory team is small, experienced and truly efficient: four highly skilled technicians who already have medal-winning experience with former Völkl athletes like Manfred Pranger.

Factory & Equipment

Völkl has been crafting skis in Straubing, Bavaria since 1923, embodying “Made in Germany” precision and quality. The site integrates development, production, labs, and racing in one location, enabling fast innovation and top-tier products. A team of seasoned athletes and technicians brings deep expertise and passion to every design. Many racing department members have years of competitive experience, ensuring authentic, performance-driven skis. This unique blend of tradition, know-how, and modern technology makes Völkl one of the world’s leading ski brands.

Team Principle

Our guiding principle is simple: empower each athlete to reach their next level. We’re not just about equipment; we’re about the environment, the support and the culture that allow talented skiers to grow, push boundaries and deliver their personal best. While we currently fly under the radar compared to other factory teams, that’s exactly where we are operating now — nimble, focused and fiercely committed.

Key athletes in the team, biography and brand association:

First Name	Family Name	Nickname	Nationality	Disciplines	Top-3 Career Achievements	Hobbies	Motto	Home Mountain
Andrej	Drukarov	Druki	Lithuania	Giant Slalom, Super-G	2025 FIS Europacup, Turnau, Giant Slalom: Winner 2023 FIS Alpine World Cup, Alta Badia, Giant Slalom: 23rd 2021 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, Cortina, Giant Slalom: 23rd	Kitesurfing, Studying Jura	Volume negates luck.	Andermatt
Asaja	Sturm	Sturmi	Austria	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2025 FIS Junior World Ski Championships, Giant Slalom: 15th 2025 FIS Race, Hochficht, Giant Slalom: Winner 2024 Youth Olympic Games, Gangwon, Super-G: Silver Medal	Cycling	It is what it is!	Pitztal
Camden	Palmquist		USA	Slalom	2025 U.S. National Championships, Vail, Slalom: Bronze Medal 2024 FIS North-America Cup, Overall Slalom Standings: 2nd 2024 FIS Junior World Ski Championships, Haute Savoie, Team Parallel: Bronze Medal	Biking, Aviation, Photography, Being outside		Buck Hill, Copper Mountain
George	Steffey	Big George	USA	Giant Slalom	2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Bansko, Giant Slalom: 28th 2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Palisades Tahoe, Giant Slalom: 21st 2022 U.S. National Championships, Sugarloaf, Giant Slalom: Gold Medal	Hunting, Fishing, Mountainbiking	Nobody cares, go harder!	Stratton
Harry	Laidlaw		Australia	Giant Slalom	2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, Courchevel, Giant Slalom: 25th 2023 FIS Europacup, Folgaria, Giant Slalom: 2nd 2022 FIS North-America Cup, Burke Mountain, Giant Slalom: Winner	Surfing		Mount Hotham
Istok	Rodes		Croatia	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Kitzbühel, Slalom, 11th 2022 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Garmisch, Slalom, 8th 2021 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, Cortina, Slalom: 6th	Kitesurfing, Tennis		Sljeme
Jonas	Stockinger	Stocki	Germany	Giant Slalom	2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Adelboden, Giant Slalom: 18th 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Val d'Isère, Giant Slalom: 20th 2024 FIS Europacup, Overall Giant Slalom Standings: Winner	Tennis, Darts, Gaming	It's hard to beat a person who never gives up!	Arber

Katharina	Huber	Kathi	Austria	Slalom	2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Saalbach, Slalom: 5th 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Beijing, Alpine Combined: 5th 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Beijing, Team Parallel: Gold Medal	Cycling, Waterskiing, Climbing, Meeting friends	Life is a gift...embrace it!	I don't really have a home mountain, but my favourite place to ski is the Arlberg.
Katharina	Truppe	Kathi, Truppi, Trupps	Austria	Slalom	2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Åre, Slalom: Winner 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, Saalbach, Team-Combined: Bronze Medal 2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Courchevel, Slalom: 3rd	Table tennis, Meeting friends, Living and working on a family owned farm	Keep it simple.	Mallestiger Mittagskogel
Leona	Popović		Croatia	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Levi, Slalom: 2nd 2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Soldeu, Slalom: 2nd 2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Spindleruv Mlyn, Slalom: 5th	Cycling, Mountainbikin g, Hiking	You only fail when you stop trying.	Bjelolasica
Patrick	Kenney	PK	USA	Giant Slalom	2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Kranjska Gora, Giant Slalom: 22nd 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Adelboden, Giant Slalom: 23rd 2024 FIS North-America-Cup, Panorama, Giant Slalom: Winner	Golf, Tennis, Anything on the beach	Live Free or Die!	Attitash Mountain, Burke Mountain
Pauline	Schlosser		Germany	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2024 FIS Europacup, Aal, Giant Slalom, 6th Place 2022 FIS Europacup, Mayerhofen, Giant Slalom, 4th Place 2021 FIS Junior World Ski Championships, Bansko, Slalom: 4th Place	Skiing, Hiking, Kayaking		Jenner
Sam	Maes		Belgium	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Hafjell, Giant Slalom: 9th 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Kranjska Gora, Giant Slalom: 10th 2019 FIS Junior World Ski Championships, Val di Fassa, Slalom: Bronze Medal	Golf, Tennis, Ice hockey and every other sport you can name	The word 'compete' stems from the Latin words 'com' (together) and 'petere' (to rise/elevate). So let's compete and raise the bar together.	Zell am See - Kaprun

Sebastian	Holzmann	Woody	Germany	Slalom	2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Adelboden, Slalom: 13th 2024 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Wengen, Slalom: 14th 2023 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, Courchevel, Slalom: 5th	Downhill biking, Tennis	Lass spicke!	Nebelhorn
Tormis	Laine	Tormito, Torpedo	Estonia	Slalom, Giant Slalom	2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Val d'Isere, Giant Slalom: 14th 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Alta Badia, Giant Slalom: 20th 2025 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Val d'Isere, Slalom: 22nd	Sleeping	"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that's why it's called the present." Kung Fu Panda	Götzens

Pre-season planning, new skis development, what length for what discipline

s for every other brand, pre-season is the time of the year to innovate. Our engineers, technicians and athletes come together to test, tweak and fine-tune the next generation of race skis. Our athletes and technicians are in constant feedback loops with our R&D team, every adjustment (flex patterns, material, sidecuts) comes directly from real racing experience.

With Marker, we're proud to have the top binding producer within our organization and the top product on the market: the Marker Comp binding. Völkl and Marker work close together in innovation processes both in the plate and binding sector. Dalbello is a major expert in fit, continually improving performance and credibility in racing, Popovic and Rodes are the two main athletes and 'developers' for ski boots at the moment.

Ski Length:

- Slalom Woman: 155-160cm
- Giant Slalom Woman: 188-191cm
- Slalom Men: 165cm
- Giant Slalom Men: 193cm

Ski Technical details, who are the servicemen and how their job works

Our service team includes:

Sandro Melmer – responsible for Katharina Truppe and Katharina Huber

Miha Kosmac – working with Sam Maes

Martin Holzmeister – supporting Sebastian Holzmann and Jonas Stockinger

Marian Bires – taking care of Andrej Drukarov and George Steffey

These technicians work closely with our R&D department to constantly refine our race skis and setups. They're the vital link between the athlete's feedback and our engineers in Straubing - ensuring that every ski is not just technically perfect but personally tuned.

Technicians have a tough job: long days on the road, early mornings, late nights and precision work often not in ideal conditions. They travel across continents, carry a small workshop with them and somehow still manage to smile while fine-tuning edges 5 minutes before race start