

2021/22 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup Press Kit



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1. Official FIS Freestyle Channels

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fisfreestyle>
- Twitter: [@fisfreestyle](https://twitter.com/fisfreestyle)
- Instagram: [@fisfreestyle](https://www.instagram.com/fisfreestyle)
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/FISFreestyle>

We encourage you to mark, tag and @-tag all relevant FIS Freestyle channels in any of your posts concerning freestyle skiing, and in any post relating to your event we will happily return the favour.

Social media is about creating connections and spreading the content as far and as fast as possible. The more we work together, the greater our reach will be!

2. Official Hashtags

For all channels commonly using hashtags (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) the official hashtag is: **#fisfreestyle**

Should you have a particular hashtag you wish to use for your event as well, please let us know in advance so we can coordinate our efforts.

3. Photos and Video

We strongly encourage all of our LOCs to have a designated content manager or photographer on hand to document the on-hill action for use by their (and our) social media channels. Photos and videos are the most efficient way to communicate a sense of what takes place on hill, and through distribution on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and/or photo-sharing sites like Smugmug, quality images of an event are an ideal way to increase visibility for all partners involved.

We do understand that hiring content specialists on a day rate can be an expensive endeavour, which is why we suggest looking to establish something of an internship program. Seeking out a student photographer who is looking to build a portfolio, or an amateur enthusiast who will exchange photos for special competition access, are just two of the possibilities for finding a suitable documentarian for your event.

If and when you have located a photographer for your event, please put him or her in contact with [Julia Ziemska](#) to help organize logistics for the event.

Furthermore a pool of images from GEPA IMAGES will be available free of charge for editorial purpose [HERE](#).

4. Media access

Livestream:

Continuing after the successful first season, also this season all World Cup events will be live streamed on the FIS Freestyle [YouTube channels](#) and this time with the addition of an English live commentary. Available for free viewing in all nations where a national broadcaster does not have exclusive rights to the event, the live streaming agreement with broadcast rights holder InFront Sports and Media is an important and exciting one for our sports moving forward, and we look forward to growing engagement and viewership over the season as awareness spreads.

Youtube:

Women's and men's big final heats as well as winner's interviews will also be available shortly after each competition on our YouTube page, [HERE](#). We happily encourage you to link, share and/or embed these videos through your channels throughout the season

5. Venue Channels and Key Athletes

We follow all of our venue social media channels and share, retweet and regram from them whenever possible as we work to create buzz around our events and build towards the season's marquee competitions. If you would like to see what various organisers are doing ahead of and during a FIS Freestyle event, here are complete lists of 2021/22 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup organisers and their respective social media.

As well, to help you follow and share/retweet/regram athlete posts, we have compiled profiles of some of the most prominent men and women of the Freestyle World Cup tour. If you are interested in more athletes (e.g. from your country) please contact us and we should be able to point you in the right direction.

6. Live-scoring and Statistics

The live-scoring service for the 2021/2022 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tour will be available [HERE](#) or through the [FISApp](#) for IOS and Android smartphones.

Furthermore the FIS websites offers an extensive [STATISTIC](#) section based on athletes' and nation's past result, providing interesting insights from World Cups, World Championships and the Winter Olympic Games. For your convenience we've chosen a handful of key tables.

KEY STATS:

- [2020/2021 World Cup calendar and results](#)
- 2020/2021 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup ranking - [WOMEN](#) & [MEN](#) & [NATION](#)
- TOP 3 World Championships results - [WOMEN](#) & [MEN](#)
- TOP 3 Olympic Winter Games results - [WOMEN](#) & [MEN](#)
- Most World Cup victories - [WOMEN](#) & [MEN](#)
- Nations podium ranking - [ALL](#)

7. Covid-19

If you wish to attend the event in person, there are certain Covid-19 measures in place to be respected and followed.

Please get familiar with the following documents:

- [FIS World Cup Risk Management Covid-19 Testing Protocol](#)
- [FIS Covid-19 Media Guidelines 2021-22](#)
- [FIS Covid-19 Communications Guidelines 2021-22](#)
- [FIS Covid-19 Ceremony Guidelines 2021-22](#)
- [FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines](#)

If you are seeking more information on Covid-19, please visit the [Covid-19 Hub](#) on our website.



This year, the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup will be still for sure facing the same challenges, as other big sports events across the globe with the given circumstances, nevertheless, all stakeholders involved are fully prepared and motivated to make this season work and give the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup season everything.

A short recap of last season - women

As for the women, it was Swiss ski cross ace Fanny Smith (SUI), who took home the ski cross overall crystal globe for the third (2013, 2019, 2021) time in her career after a truly historic season for her. Not only did the Swiss champ dominate the World Cup podium throughout the season, she also managed to beat the all-time record of World Cup victories among men and women.

For the longest time, it had been France's Ophelie David holding that record with 26 wins. Smith did not only manage to tie that record, she broke it and kept going until 29, writing ski cross history.

As if it wasn't enough, Smith also became the 2021 Vice-World Champion at the World Champs in Idre Fjall (SWE). Although she made two big mistakes during the big final, the exceptional athlete fought her way back and managed to cross the finish line second.

It was no other than Sandra Naeslund (SWE) to make a super strong appearance at the World Champs. She missed out on the first half of the 2020/21 World Cup season due to a knee injury, but just in time, she managed to get back into competition mode and it was the World Champs on her home soil, which was the first race for her to come back after the break. And what a comeback that was! Of course, Naeslund did fight until the very final heat and with that spirit, she managed to win her second World Championships gold medal.

Although Naeslund could not make up for the missing World Cup points from the first half of the season, she managed to jump onto the podium on the four following World Cup stops, making it to top position twice and showing that she was back in business.

Another great comeback from injury last season was Alizee Baron (FRA), who managed to perform strongly from the very first competitions on and she did gain enough confidence to climb back on top of the podium at one of three World Cup races in Idre Fjall (SWE). This achievement was followed by two other podium spots throughout the season, securing the French athlete the second place at the World Cup ranking in the end. Furthermore, Baron claimed the bronze medal at the World Championships for the second consecutive time. A great comeback indeed!



Rounding out the top three ranking on the overall standings was Sochi 2014 Olympic Champion and Solitude 2019 World Champion Marielle Thompson (CAN). Although she was not quite on top of her game last season due to some ongoing issues with her knee, which ultimately forced her to miss out on the World Cup finals in Veysonnaz (SUI), the Canadian did fight her way into the top three ranking by taking three third and two second places in total.

Throughout the summer, Thompson focused a lot on rehab and getting the knee back into shape. It is not clear yet, whether Thompson will be competing from the first competition on, but one thing is for sure, she will try everything to be in top shape as soon as possible for this Olympic season.

A short season recap 2020/21 - men

On the men's side, it was Canadian young gun Reece Howden, who at the end of the season walked home with the overall SX crystal globe AND the male rookie award, which he was able to claim, since it was Howden's first full World Cup season ever. It was the first time in history that an athlete had won both titles in the same season. The Canadian delivered outstanding performances throughout the season, grabbing six podiums, of which four were wins. For sure, we can expect to see more excellent racing performances by the 23-year-old in the very near future.

At the World Champs, Swiss veteran Alex Fiva took home the gold medal, ending up as oldest athlete in ski cross to ever claim gold at World Championships. No insult intended here, just reflecting on what they say...the older, the better?!

2019 World Champ Francois Place (FRA), who is known for his excellent performances at World Champs, came in second and it was 24-year-old Swede Erik Mobaerg who won bronze.

Jonas Lenherr (SUI) was one to watch throughout the season, as his racing was on another level, resulting for him to land on the podium three times, which ultimately led him to the second rank in the final World Cup overall standings.

Third on the overall World Cup ranking was Bastien Midol from France, who also already has an overall SX crystal globe from 2018/19 on his shelf and a World Champs silver medal from 2013. So, definitely no stranger to great achievements as well.

The overall Nations Cup went to Switzerland as a result of really strong performances of the entire team during the entire season.



What else was new?

The [mixed-team event](#) premiere in Bakuriani (GEO) is also worth mentioning. For the first time ever, a male and female athlete of a nation teamed up in order to compete against other nation's teams. With the men starting first, the women then had to wait until their team mates were in the finish and then started with the respective relay time of their male team mates. The first woman crossing the finish line determined the winning team.

An exciting racing format, which will make it to the calendar this season in Arosa (SUI) under the flood lights as a night event. The ultimate goal is it, to add this event format to the World Championships and Olympic programme.

New faces on the podium

We also saw some great maiden podiums, like the Swedish double pack Alexandra Edebo and David Mobaerg at the season kick-off races in Arosa (SUI) with both of them grabbing their first-ever wins.

Also, France's Jade Grillet-Aubert managed to fight her way into second place in Val Thorens (FRA) to grab her first-ever podium spot.

Switzerland's Talina Gantenbein showed some real talent last season, making it to third spot at two races and fighting herself into the big final four times in total.

For sure, a very emotional maiden win went to Johannes Rohrweck (AUT), who managed to win on home soil at the World Cup premiere event at Reiteralm (AUT).

We cannot leave out the German team with Niklas Bachsleitner climbing onto the podium for the first time ever, or Florian Wilmsmann with his maiden win in Bakuriani (GEO) and then his second career win at the season finals in Veysonnaz (SUI).

What's in store for the 2021/22 season

The 2021/22 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup will feature 14 individual races and additionally one mixed-team night event in Arosa (SUI). There will be an early kick-off in China with the Olympic test event in Secret Garden (Zhangjiakou) on November 27. The December leg of the tour will feature double races in Val Thorens (FRA) on December 10-11, then head to Arosa (SUI) for back-to-back races on December 14 and 15, the latter one being the mixed-team event, and round up with the pre-Christmas double pack of races in Innichen/ San Candido (ITA) on Dec 19 and 20.



After a short Christmas break, and already in high anticipation for the Olympic Winter Games, the tour will then go to Nakiska (CAN) for back-to-back races on January 14 and 15 and the ultimate stop before the major event will be in Sweden's Idre Fjall, also with two individual races being conducted on January 22-23.

The athletes are going to be fighting for the Olympic qualification until its deadline on January 16, 2022. The Olympic qualification period started on July 1, 2020 and athletes have been fighting ever since to get a spot on the team for the OWG.

Then, it will be THE time of the year that everyone has been waiting for four long years!!! Ski cross athletes will travel to the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing 2022, with the women's competition going down on February 17 and the men's competition on February 18. The fight for the golden medals is going to be fully on!

After the Olympic Winter Games, at the end of February, the World Cup will continue with a weekend of two races going down in Sunny Valley (RUS) on Feb 26-27. A short break until mid-March will follow, and then the tour will have its penultimate stop at the Crosspark in Reiteralm (AUT) on March 13 and finally, the crystal globe show will go down at the World Cup finals in Veysonnaz (SUI) on March 19th, concluding the season.

And here is what last year's SX crystal globe winners had to say about the upcoming season:

Fanny Smith pre-season interview [HERE](#).

Reece Howden pre-season interview [HERE](#).

AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup Venues 2021/22

WEBSITE	DATE	FACEBOOK	TWITTER	INSTAGRAM
Secret Garden (CHN)	25.-27.11.2021	OWG 2022	OWG 2022	OWG 2022
Val Thorens (FRA)	09.-11.12.2021	Val Thorens resort	@Val_Tho	@val_thorens
Arosa (SUI)	13.-15.12.2021	Arosa resort	@arosalenzerheid	@arosalenzerheide
Innichen/San Candido (ITA)	18.-20.12.2021	Innichen/San Candido World Cup	@skicrossitaly	@skicross_san_candido
Nakiska (CAN)	13.-15.01.2022	Nakiska Ski Area	@SkiNakiska	@nakiskaskiarea
Idre (SWE)	21.-23.01.2022	Idre resort	@idrefjall	@idrefjall
Sunny Valley (RUS)	25.-27.2.2022	Sunny Valley resort	@Moya_Dolina	@dolina.su
Reiteralm (AUT)	11.-13.3.2022	Crosspark Reiteralm		@crosspark_reiteralm
Veysonnaz (SUI)	19.3.2022	Veysonnaz Worldcup	@VeysonnazSuisse	@worldcupveysonnaz



SECRET GARDEN, CHINA

The Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup 2021/22 will kick-off with an Olympic test event in Secret Garden (Zhangjiakou), China. Unfortunately, last year's event was cancelled due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic, therefore ski cross athletes did not get to familiarize themselves with the Olympic track.

Therefore, the circuit will travel to China to take a look at what's in store for the highlight event of the season, which will be the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 in February.

Zhangjiakou is a prefecture-level city in northwestern Hebei province in Northern China, bordering Beijing to the southeast, Inner Mongolia to the north and west, and Shanxi to the southwest.

Zhangjiakou will host Freestyle and Nordic skiing and snowboarding excluding big air for the 2022 Winter Olympics. The events will be held in a venue in Taizicheng, a village in Chongli District. All venue constructions started in November 2016 and were finished by the end of 2020.

It will be the first-ever ski cross World Cup to be held at the Chinese resort.

Secret Garden/ Beijing 2022 links and info:

- [Secret Garden data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [GEPA pictures](#)

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VAL THORENS, FRANCE

Val Thorens is, quite simply, one of the most impressive resorts in all of Europe. If the view from the top of the Cime Caron cable car at 3200m isn't enough to convince you of this, then perhaps a quick look at some of the mountain stats will change your mind as, with a base of 2300m, Val Thorens is the highest ski resort in all of Europe, while, as part of the 3 Vallees mountain chain, Val Thorens helps make up the largest linked ski area in the world.

With so much terrain combined with a deep and reliable annual snowfall, Val Thorens is an ideal location for early season ski cross action. The 2021/22 season will be the tenth consecutive year that the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup will visit Val Thorens' imposing slopes, with the Jean Frederic Chapuis ski cross course (named after Val Tho's favourite son and Sochi 2014 Olympic champion) hosting the first two World Cup races on European soil in December.

With its spectacular setting, technical course layout, and impressive history as an Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup venue, Val Thorens has become perhaps the premier stop on the tour.

Val Thorens links and info:

- [Val Thorens past results](#)
- [Val Thorens data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
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AROSA, SWITZERLAND

An intimate, secluded resort located some two hours south of Zurich at the end of the Schanfigg valley in the Graubünden mountains, Arosa is a classic Swiss mountain town in all aspects, surrounded by high peaks, rolling farmland, and boasting a ski history that dates back to the 1930's.

The mountain itself is serviced by 16 lifts that give access to 100km of piste and a 900m vertical drop. With terrain that showcases a somewhat more mellow character than many other Swiss resorts, Arosa is an ideal family and freestyle-oriented resort, with the terrain parks and a halfpipe to prove it.

2020/21 will be the ninth consecutive season in which Arosa will host the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup. This season's stop will be one to watch, as the Arosa stage of the Tour will not only feature the thrilling nighttime short-course format of racing, but also the mixed-team event, which made its debut to the ski cross World Cup in Bakuriani last season. So, athletes will have to give its best from start to finish in their single race, but also as a team the next day, to get a spot on the podium and all the action will be happening under the floodlights of the Swiss town and will be shown live in prime time television. Buckle up!

Arosa links and info:

- [Arosa past results](#)
- [Arosa data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
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- [GEPA pictures](#)

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SAN CANDIDO/ INNICHEN, ITALY

A small town located just inside the Italian border in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Dolomite mountains, Innichen/San Candido is rich in history, warm in atmosphere, and - as an annual host of the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup since 2009 - deep in its commitment to skiing.

While the Three Peaks resort at Innichen/San Candido is modest by European standards, offering 425m of vertical drop serviced by nine lifts, it is also perhaps the most picturesque setting of all on the FIS Freestyle circuit.

With the La Rocca dei Baranci massif looming behind it, the ski cross course at Innichen/San Candido offers athletes and spectators alike the truly incredible experience of taking part in World Cup skiing action within the boundaries of one of the only 193 locations that have been dedicated "World Heritage Site" worldwide.

This season, Innichen/San Candido is back as the traditional last stop before Christmas at the Audi FIS Ski Cross Tour. The back-to-back competitions are back after a one-year pandemic caused hiatus, so on December 19 & 20, 2021, it's time to witness some ski cross action in the Dolomites.

San Candido/Innichen links and info:

- [Innichen past results](#)
- [Innichen data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
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NAKISKA, CANADA

Based in the beautiful Canadian province of Alberta, Nakiska is well surrounded by the Rocky Mountains, just 83 kms away from Calgary which presents numerous possibilities for winter sports. Nakiska offers a great skiing experience with its 64 trails and four chairlifts.

The Canadian Rockies have numerous high peaks and ranges, such as Mount Robson (3,954 m) and Mount Columbia (3,747 m). Much of the range of the Canadian Rockies is protected by national and provincial parks, several of which collectively comprise a World Heritage Site.

It is almost guaranteed that the Northern hemisphere gets snow early enough in the season to enable a great maintenance of the slopes and provide all that is necessary to build a great Ski Cross course to be ready for some more back-to-back racing on January 13-15. This will be the first races in the new year after a well-deserved holiday break.

Athletes claim that it is one of the more technical courses on the circuit, and the Canadian team always puts up a great show for many supporters who find their way to the finish area, including school kids, families and fans.

Nakiska links and info:

- [Nakiska past results](#)
- [Nakiska data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
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IDRE FJÄLL, SWEDEN

A small town near the Norwegian border in central Sweden, Idre resort provides some of the best skiing in the country, with a long winter season that typically runs from mid-October until late-April and 27 lifts that service 41kms of trails.

2015/16 was the first season that Idre hosted Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup action and the Swedes stepped up in a big way, introducing a truly unique course set-up that lead to some of the most thrilling action seen on tour all year.

Additionally, the Swedish resort stepped in as a World Championship host for ski and snowboard cross in the 2020/21 season, when the originally slated event in China got cancelled due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic. Needless to say that the organizing committee did an amazing job in pulling off this major event in just three weeks of time and all competitions were hosted in World Champs matter.

The Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tour is coming back with a double race feature in Idre Fjall on January 21 – 23, which will be the last World Cup races before the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing 2022, with the women's competition going down on February 17th and the men's competition on February 18th.

Idre links and info:

- [Idre past results](#)
- [Idre data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
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OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, CHINA

The next stop for ski cross athletes will be the major event of the Olympic Winter Games 2022 in Beijing, China. This is definitely a highlight event, athletes prepare for during a period of four long years.

Having won the bid for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games on 31 July 2015, Beijing is set to become the first city in the world to have hosted both the summer and winter editions of the Olympic Games.

With a vision of "Joyful Rendezvous upon Pure Ice and Snow," Beijing 2022 will build on the legacies of the landmark Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The 109 events in seven Olympic winter sports will be held in the three competition zones of central Beijing, Yanqing and Zhangjiakou.

The ski cross events will be held in Zhangjiakou with the women's competition going down on February 17th and the men's competition on February 18th.

Defending Olympic World Champions in Ski Cross:

Women: [Kelsey Serwa](#) (CAN) – retired

Men: [Brady Leman](#) (CAN)

Beijing links and info:

- [OWG top 3 results women and men](#)
- [OWG data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage Beijing](#)
- [Homepage IOC](#)
- [Facebook Beijing 2022](#)
- [Facebook IOC](#)

Beijing links and info:

- [Instagram Beijing 2022](#)
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SUNNY VALLEY, RUSSIA

Located in the southern Ural mountain range, right where Europe meets Asia, Russia's Sunny Valley ski resort is one of the newest and most progressive ski resorts in the entire world, with focus on sustainability and a commitment to freestyle skiing that has us at FIS Freestyle truly excited after the resort's debut on the World Cup stage in 2016/17.

Sunny Valley resort is based around a compact village that virtually eliminates the need for anything besides one's own feet to get from hotel, to ski lift, to any of the various other amenities a ski traveler may require. Meanwhile, on hill, an extensive terrain park and World Cup regulation halfpipe, dedicated ski and snowboard cross piste, aerials and moguls facilities, and a world-class maintenance crew have made Sunny Valley a resort that seems sure to be a World Cup destination for the years to come.

After the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tour will head to the South Ural region and athletes will be competing again in back-to-back races in front of a huge crowd, which is always guaranteed at the ski cross events in Sunny Valley. It gives the athletes a very special feeling and some extra motivation to perform at their highest level. Who will be crowned king and queen of ski cross in 2022, as the main prize is a golden crown?! So far, four crowns went to Fanny Smith (SUI) on the women's side already and on the men's side, Kevin Drury (CAN) and Jonas Lenherr (SUI) share one, Bastien Midol (FRA), Marc Bischofberger (SUI) and Reece Howden (CAN) own one each.

Sunny Valley links and info:

- [Sunny Valley past results](#)
- [Sunny Valley data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
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REITERALM, AUSTRIA

In the 2020/21 season, the Crosspark Reiteralm, which is a permanently installed training facility for ski and snowboard cross athletes of all levels, stepped in quite last minute to host their first-ever Audi FIS Ski Cross and FIS Snowboard Cross World Cup. Although it was a last-minute call for the organisers, they really stepped up to face the challenge of organizing a double World Cup event. And while the weather conditions were perfect, athletes benefited from a brand new course at their World Cup tour.

This season again, Reiteralm will host a double-cross event, after the athletes had some days of a break after a lot of travelling across the world since the beginning of the year, including the journey to the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

The Crosspark Reiteralm belongs to one of the most popular Austrian skiing regions, which is Schladming in the Styria region. The entire skiing region bundles together four peaks, Hauser Kaibling, Planai, Hochwurzen and Reiteralm. A total of 123 kilometers of slope and 44 modern gondolas and chairlifts provide for an excellent wintersports experience.

Let's see what this year's edition of the Reiteralm World Cup holds in store.

Reiteralm links and info:

- [Reiteralm past results](#)
- [Reiteralm data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
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VEYSONNAZ, SWITZERLAND

The final stop on the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tour will once again be at Switzerland's Veysonnaz resort. It has been the general idea to establish Veysonnaz as the final resort to conclude both, the FIS Snowboard Cross and Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tours together at this final stage. Therefore, the resort has been working hard to give the final World Cup weekend its best: a big, fast, and technical course and a great atmosphere during the prizegiving ceremony, where the overall globes are handed in as the reward for the best athletes of the season.

Beginning at an altitude of just above 2,500m above sea level and finishing around the 2,000m mark, the Veysonnaz track offers a breathtaking vertical drop of some 500 metres.

And while the steep and tricky start section is as crucial as any on the World Cup circuit, with more than 20 features facing the riders from top to bottom of the course there is plenty of time and space for the passing and lead changes that typically make Veysonnaz one of the most entertaining cross races to watch in the world.

Veysonnaz links and info:

- [All Veysonnaz results](#)
- [Veysonnaz data page \(live timing/brackets and results\)](#)
- [Homepage](#)
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Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup Key Athletes 2021/22

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Athlete snap shots Women

	<p>Marielle Thompson (CAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Sochi OWG gold medalist • 2013 Voss World Championships silver medallist • 2019 Solitude World Championships gold medallist • 3 times Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner (2011/12, 2013/14, 2016/17) • 46 World Cup podiums (including 24 victories)
	<p>Fanny Smith (SUI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 times Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner (2012/13, 2018/19, 2020/21) • 2018 PyeongChang OWG bronze medalist • 5 World Championships podiums (gold medal in Voss in 2013, silver medalist in Sierra Nevada 2017, Solitude 2019, Idre Fjall 2021, bronze medal in Kreischberg 2015) • 56 World Cup podiums (including 29 victories – all time record of most World Cup wins among men and women so far!)
	<p>Sandra Naeslund (SWE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 times Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner (2017/2018; 2019/20) • 2017/2018 FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup overall winner • 2 times World Championships gold medalist (2017 Sierra Nevada, 2021 Idre Fjall) • 43 World Cup podiums (including 17 victories)
	<p>Marielle Berger Sabbatel (FRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished third in the overall SX World Cup ranking 2020/21 • 13 World Cup podiums (including 1 victory)
	<p>Katrín Ofner (AUT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 135 World Cup starts • 11 World Cup podiums (including 1 victory) • 7 World Championships starts • Finished the past six seasons within top-10 ranking
	<p>Alixée Baron (FRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 times World Championships bronze medalist (2019 Solitude, 2021 Idre Fjall) • 19 World Cup podiums (including 2 victories) • Finished second in the overall SX World Cup ranking 2020/21

Athlete snap shots Men

	<p>Reece Howden (CAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020/2021 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner • Male rookie of the year 2020/21 (the same year as the crystal globe win, also his first full World Cup season) • 7 World Cup podiums (including 5 victories) • 2016 Youth Olympic Games gold medalist
	<p>Jean-Frédéric Chapuis (FRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Sochi OWG gold medalist • 2013 Voss World Championships gold medalist • 2015 Kreischberg World Championships silver medalist • 33 World Cup podiums (including 18 victories) • 3 times Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)
	<p>Bastien Midol (FRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/2019 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner • 2013 Voss World Championships silver medalist • 15 World Cup podiums (including 4 victories) • Finished third in the SX overall World Cup ranking 2020/21
	<p>Francois Place (FRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Idre Fjall World Championships silver medalist • 2019 Solitude World Championships gold medalist • 2017 Sierra Nevada World Championships bronze medalist • 42 World Cup starts • 3 Word Cup podium
	<p>Brady Leman (CAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 PyeongChang OWG gold medallist • 2019 Solitude World Championships silver medalist • 28 Word Cup podiums (including 5 victories)
	<p>Alex Fiva (SUI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup overall winner • 2021 Idre Fjall World Championships gold medalist • 27 World Cup podiums (including 12 victories)

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