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# SKI 2023 WORLD CUP

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Thursday, 26.10. – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, 28.10.2023

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### MEDIA CENTER – RETTENBACHGLETSCHER

Friday, 27.10.2023 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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Sunday, 29.10.2023

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# PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, 27.10.2023

2:00 – 3:30 pm	FIS FORUM ALPINUM	Freizeit Arena
4:00 pm	Meet the Sölden Athletes	360° Erlebniswelt – Ötztal Tourism
from 5:00 pm	World Cup Party with DJ Lukas Brunner	Giggijoch Valley Station
6:00 pm	Start oldtimer convoy of top female athletes	Freizeit Arena Sölden
6:15 pm	Ladies bib drawing	Giggijoch Valley Station
8:00 pm	World Cup Party with BÄÄM&Brass and DJ Instyle	
11:00 pm	End	

## SATURDAY, 28.10.2023

10:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> run Womens GSL	Rettenbach Glacier
	Glacier Party with BÄÄM&Brass	
1:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> run Womens GSL	
	Winners presentation	
	Glacier Party with BÄÄM&Brass and DJ Lukas Brunner	
from 5:00 pm	World Cup Party with DJ Lukas Brunner	Giggijoch Valley Station
6:00 pm	Parade of fan clubs	Main road
6:30 pm	Start oldtimer convoy of top male athletes	Freizeit Arena
6:45 pm	Men bib drawing	Giggijoch Valley Station
7:30 pm	Prize giving ceremony women	
7:45 pm	Fan Club Parade Awards	
8:00 pm	World Cup Party with JOSH.	
11:00 pm	End	

## SUNDAY, 29.10.2023

10:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> run Mens GSL	Rettenbach Glacier
	Glacier Party with Melissa Naschenweng and DJ Lukas Brunner	
1:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> run Mens GSL	
	Prize giving ceremony men	
	Award ceremony fan club	
	Glacier Party with Melissa Naschenweng and DJ Lukas Brunner	

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# PRESS- CONFERENCES

COMPANY	DATE + TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Norway Alpine Ski Team Women & Men	Thursday, 26.10. 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Hotel Bergland Dorfstraße 114	Claes-Tommy Herland herland@skiforbundet.no
USA Ski & Snowboard Team Men	Thursday, 26.10. 3:00 pm		Sierra Ryder sierra.ryder@usskiandsnowboard.org
USA Ski & Snowboard Team Women	Thursday, 26.10. 4:45 pm		Sierra Ryder sierra.ryder@usskiandsnowboard.org
HEAD	Thursday, 26.10. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Alexandra Metzler a.metzler@head.com
Alexis Pinturault	Thursday, 26.10. 4:45 pm		Romane Pinturault pinturaultromane@gmail.com
Audi Media Talk Teams	Thursday, 26.10. 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Giggi Tenne Giggijochstraße 21	
Ski Austria Women	Thursday, 26.10. 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Manuela Riegler manuela.riegler@skiastria.at
Swiss Ski Team Women	Thursday, 26.10. 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Jérôme Krieg jerome.krieg@swiss-ski.ch
DSV Women & Men	Thursday, 26.10. 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Ralph Eder ralph.eder@deutscherskiverband.de
French Ski Team Women	Thursday, 26.10. 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm		Laurent Chrétien lchretien@ffs.fr
FIS Alpine Forum	Friday, 27.10. 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Jenny Wiedeke wiedeke@fis-ski.com
Italian Ski Team	Freitag, 27.10. Women 3:30 pm Men 4:15 pm	Hotel Sunny Rechenaustraße 41	Andrea Facchinetti andreafacchinetti@fisi.org
Sölden: 30 Years Ski World Cup Sölden Meet the Sölden Athletes	Friday, 27.10. 4:00 pm	Ötztal Tourismus 360° Experience Room Achweg 5	Anna Pircher anna.pircher@oetztal.com
Swiss Ski Team Men	Friday, 27.10. 5:00 pm	Hotel Erhart Windaustraße 24	Zoé Chastan zoe.chastan@swiss-ski.ch
Ski Austria Men	Friday, 27.10. 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Thomas Schrammel thomas.schrammel@skiastria.at
French Ski Team Men	Friday, 27.10. 6:00 pm	Hotel Waldcafe Innerwaldstraße 12	Laurant Chrétien lchretien@ffs.fr
BOA	Friday, 27.10. 7:00 pm	Das Central Auweg 3	Pol Puig Collderram Pol.Puigcollderram@boatechnology.com
Presstalk: Sölden Anniversary x Gurgl Premiere	Saturday, 28.10. 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	The Secret Skybar Oberwindaustraße 19	Anna Pircher anna.pircher@oetztal.com

## AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP SÖLDEN

# FACTS

### SÖLDEN FEMALE AND MALE WINNERS

2022	Marco Odermatt (SUI)
2021	Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) & Marco Odermatt (SUI)
2020	Marta Bassino (ITA) & Lucas Braathen (NOR)
2019	Alice Robinson (NZL) & Alexis Pinturault (FRA)
2018	Tessa Worley (FR)
2017	Viktoria Rebensburg (GER)
2016	Lara Gut (SUI) & Alexis Pinturault (FRA)
2015	Federica Brignone (ITA) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2014	Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) ex aequo Anna Fenninger (AUT) & Marcel Hirscher (AUT)
2013	Lara GUT (SUI) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2012	Tina Maze (SLO) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2011	Lindsey Vonn (USA) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2010	Viktoria Rebensburg (GER)
2009	Tanja Poutianen (FIN) & Didier Cuche (SUI)
2008	Kathrin Zettel (AUT) & Daniel Albrecht (SUI)
2007	Denise Karbon (ITA) & Aksel Lund Svindal (NOR)
2006	–
2005	Tina Maze (SLO) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
2004	Anja Pärson (SWE) & Bode Miller (USA)
2003	Martina Ertl (GER) & Bode Miller (USA)
2002	Andrine Flemmen (NOR) ex aequo Tina Maze (SLO), Niki Hosp (AUT) & Stephan Eberharter (AUT)
2001	Michaela Dorfmeister (AUT) & Frederic Covili (FRA)
2000	Martina Ertl (GER) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
1998	Andrine Flemmen (NOR) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
1996	Katja Seizinger (GER) & Steve Locher (SUI)
1993	Anita Wachter (AUT) & Franck Piccard (FRA)

### YOUNGEST WINNER IN SÖLDEN

Lucas Braathen in 2020 at the age of 20.

Alice Robinson in 2019 at the age of 17.

### OLDEST WINNER IN SÖLDEN

Didier Cuche won in 2009 at the age of 35. Martina Ertl was 30 years old when she won for the second time in 2003.

### THE BIGGEST LEADS

In 1993 Anita Wachter/2:14.57, Sophie Lefranc-Duvillard came second/2:17.20 by a margin of 2.23 seconds. In 2012 Ted Ligety won by a margin of 2.75 seconds over Marcel Hirscher.

### THE CLOSEST WINS

In 2002 there were 3 female ex aequo winners. 2014 ex aequo winners: Anna Fenninger and Mikaela Shiffrin. In 2009 Tanja Poutianen beat Kathrin Zettel by only 0.01 seconds.

In 2020 Lucas Braathen beat Marco Odermatt by only 0,05 sec; 2005 Hermann Maier beat Stephan Eberharter by only 0,06 sec; 2021 Marco Odermatt beat Roland Leitinger by only 0,07 seconds.

### THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ATHLETES IN SÖLDEN

#### MEN

4 wins	Ted Ligety USA won in 2011, 2012; 2013; 2015
3 wins	Hermann Maier triumphed in 1998, 2000, 2005
2 wins	Alexis Pinturault in 2016 and 2019; Bode Miller 2003, 2004 Marco Odermatt SUI 2021, 2022

#### WOMEN

3 wins	Tina Maze in 2002, 2005 and 2012
2 wins	Viktoria Rebensburg in 2010 and 2017; Andrine Flemmen in 1998 and 2002; Martina Ertl in 2000 and 2003; Lara Gut-Behrami in 2013 and 2016; Mikaela Shiffrin in 2014 and 2021

### THE MOST SUCCESSFUL NATIONS IN SÖLDEN

#### WOMEN

5 wins for AUT, GER,  
3 wins for SLO, ITA, USA,  
2 wins for SUI, NOR,  
1 win for FIN, SWE, FRA, NZL;

#### MEN

6 wins for USA,  
5 wins for AUT, SUI,  
4 wins for FRA,  
2 wins for NOR,





# THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN SÖLDEN 2023

## AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP SÖLDEN 2023

The giant slalom stars will open the racing season on 28 and 29 October 2023 in Sölden. The sporting squad and, above all, the fans can look forward to some optimizations and innovations in the course of the event - from Giggijoch base station as the new hub for events in the village and a vintage car convoy for the ski stars to the Experience Room at the headquarters of Ötztal Tourismus.

By moving the main event location from Postplatz to the Giggijoch base station at the village entrance, both organizers and fans can look forward to even more space and quality time. The spacious area offers the best conditions for the popular side program including fan parade and drawing of start numbers. On Friday (6.00 pm) and Saturday (6.30 pm) the car convoy will start for the first time at Freizeit Arena Sölden. The athletes will drive in vintage cars directly to the event area next to Giggijoch Gondola where one after the other appears on the stage for a short small talk, in order to draw their start number afterwards. For this ultimate highlight, also the popular fan parade will arrive punctually on Saturday, leading from Tyroler Hof (near Postplatz) to Giggijoch Gondola base station. The prize-giving ceremonies, the fan club awards (Saturday, 8.00 pm) and the subsequent World Cup Party with live music by Josh („Cordula Grün“) will also find the ideal setting here.

### STAGING 30 YEARS OF SKI WORLD CUP

In 1993, the first World Cup races took place at Rettenbach Glacier. In 2023, the proud anniversary will be remembered by installing a contemporary Experience Room. The multimedia history of three decades of Sölden's Ski World Cup is accessible to anyone interested at the Experience Room of the Ötztal Tourismus headquarters from 23 to 29 October. On the digital screens there will also be a cinema presentation of 30 Ski World Cup Years. The social media walls of the Ski World Cup and an interactive Sölden journey will be highlighted by a meet & greet with the Sölden sponsoring athletes (Thomas Dreßen, Franziska Gritsch, Fabio Gstrein, ...) on 27 October.



ONE VALLEY, TWO WORLD CUPS:

# SNOW-SURE ÖTZTAL OPENS THE SKI WINTER



After 30 years of World Cup tradition in Sölden, Ötztal will be included twice in the 2023 FIS racing calendar. The women's and men's giant slalom on 28 and 29 October in Sölden and the men's slalom on 18 November in Gurgl are impressive proof of the passion for winter sports, snow reliability and organizational strength of Tirol's longest side valley.

The unbeatable trump card of Ötztal's popular ski resorts is their altitude. The 144 slope kilometers of Sölden stretch from 1,350 up to 3,340 meters above sea level. Thanks to the two glacier ski areas of Rettenbach and Tiefsenbach, a highly efficient snowmaking system and the altitude, Sölden's ski area offers absolute snow guarantee from October to May.

The two glaciers are connected to the winter ski area via the "Golden Gate to the Glacier" lifts, which traditionally opens its slopes in mid-November. This year, the Sölden winter ski area will celebrate the start of the season on 16 November 2023 - at the same time as the Gurgl ski area in the uppermost Ötztal. Thanks to high altitude (1,800 to 3,030 m) and smartly controlled snow systems, for many years Gurgl has been Tirol's first non-glacier ski area to start the winter season with a full range of offers and enjoyment. From mid-November to the end of April, the 112 slope kilometers promise first-class conditions.

## WORLD CUP PREMIERE IN GURGL

The award of the men's slalom by the FIS triggered great joy in upper Ötztal: on 18 November 2023, the „Diamond of the Alps“ will host an Alpine Ski World Cup race for the first time. This is another milestone in the long winter sports history of Gurgl, whose ski club is dating back to 1911 and is therefore one of the founding members of the Tirolean Ski Association. By hosting countless European Cup races, the destination was able to gain valuable experience and prove its great competence. Gurgl has also earned a brilliant reputation as a training area for international ski teams.

In addition to the excellently prepared high-altitude slopes and modern mountain lifts, the resort also boasts a first-class hotel industry with ski-in & ski-out convenience. Added to this is a high-quality infrastructure that can immediately take on a key role during the World Cup weekend: the multifunctional Top Mountain Crosspoint is transformed into an event site located 320 m below the finish stadium of the new slalom slope of Kirchenkar in Hochgurgl, while the Gurgl Carat event & congress center in Obergurgl is the venue for top-class evening events.



WORLD-CLASS SKIING & MORE:

# THE TOP-EVENTS OF SÖLDEN 2023/24

The FIS World Cup Giant Slalom in October marks the start of an entire series of top events at the "Heartbeat of the Alps". The highlights of the winter season include HANNIBAL – The Glacier Spectacle on 05 April 2024, the ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL from 8 to 12 April 2024 and Champ of the Lake from 19 to 21 April 2024, comprising the glacier ski area opening until 01 May. Important note for cycling sports fans: the legendary Ötztal Cycle Marathon will once again take place on the tried and tested date of 01 September 2024.

## RED BULL IMAGE QUEST FROM 28 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2023

The Winner Award Ceremony of the world's largest competition for adventure and action sports photography will take place in Sölden this year on November 30. As part of a three-day event, the program includes the announcement of the winners in ten different categories, as well as exciting workshops, lectures and networking. Sölden is also a partner of the „Masterpiece by Sölden“ category and will present the 50 final images in an outdoor exhibition from 1.12. to 21.12.2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gaislachkoglbahn car park/ parking deck 8.

## HANNIBAL ON 05 APRIL 2024

On Friday after Easter, the spectacular glacier spectacle HANNIBAL will take place again in the natural setting of Rettenbach Glacier. The artistic network of Lawine Torrèn stages Commander Hannibal's historic Alpine crossing with the help of snow grooming machines, dancers, helicopters and extreme athletes. 75,000 spectators have gathered in Sölden since 2001 in order to follow the Carthaginian's coup live and with all senses. A show that is second to none and will go down in the annals as probably the greatest contemporary performance world-wide.

## ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL FROM 8 TO 12 APRIL 2024

Mountains full of beats: the ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL promises the ultimate mix of electronic dance music, skiing and culinary delights for entire five days. At several different locations amidst the scenic Sölden ski area, first and foremost on Giggijoch at some 2,300 meters above sea level, which will turn into a giant snow-covered dance floor during the main acts. In its 10th edition, visitors can look forward to a rousing festival birthday party with many renowned guests (program tbd). Top deal for all fans: admission to the concerts is already included in a valid Sölden day skipass.

## CHAMP OF THE LAKE FROM 19 TO 21 APRIL 2024

A new event with a high fun factor is in the starting blocks: at the 1st Champ of the Lake on Rettenbach Glacier in Sölden, intrepid people can win a lot of prize money in the women's, men's and crazy vehicle categories. The ultimate challenge is the following: to plow as far as possible through a 60 meter long, 6 meter wide and 1 meter deep pool of water on skis, snowboards or other crazy equipment. The contest is framed by fabulous parties, DJ sound, freestyle shows and the best atmosphere at the event site and in Sölden. The winter ski area and the two glacier ski areas are open on the event weekend. The glacier slopes of Rettenbach and Tiefenbach will remain in operation until 01 May 2024.

## ÖTZTALER CYCLE MARATHON ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Ötztal myth is alive - and how! Every year around 4,000 racing cyclists pursue the dream of the Alps' probably most demanding cycle marathon. While the fastest participants master the loop track over 227 km, 4 alpine passes and an unbelievable 5,500 meters of altitude in just under seven hours, for the rest it's a case of "finishing is the most important thing"! With the starting signal on 01 September 2024, the Ötztal Cycle Marathon returns to its proven date at the end of the summer season. The race for the coveted starting places already starts in January 2024 by registering on [www.oetztaler-radmarathon.com](http://www.oetztaler-radmarathon.com).

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## 30 YEARS OF SKI WORLD CUP SÖLDEN

# WHEN THE SKI WORLD CUP WAS PUT ON ICE

Since Rettenbach Glacier was opened in 1975, the national teams have been training here in Sölden. The result was gold medals for Franz Klammer and Rosi Mittermaier at the 1976 Olympic Games in Innsbruck. Therefore the glacier ski area in Ötztal became increasingly popular and further expansion provided even more variety and by enhancing its attractiveness. Jack Falkner, OC President in Sölden, showed patience, perseverance and negotiating skills when he brought the first race - officially approved by the FIS on a glacier - to Sölden in 1987. Already before he forged strategic alliances with Saas-Fee (SUI) and Tignes (FRA), which were to alternate with Sölden in hosting the Alpine Ski World Cup opening. This is exactly where the success story of the Glacier Ski World Cup begins. In 1993 the time had come: the FIS Ski World Cup celebrated its opening for the very first time in Austria. On 29 October, the official FIS fanfare sounded for the first time in the center of Sölden. FIS World Cup giant slaloms for men and women were held on 30 and 31 October, starting with the men's races followed by the women's competitions in the first year. Anita Wachter (AUT) won with an incredible lead of 2:63 seconds, which is still unsurpassed to this day.

Since 2000, the Alpine Ski World Cup start takes place annually in Sölden. Sporting success and crowd puller all in one. Of the 52 scheduled races and exactly 104 runs, only 11 could not be held, which corresponds to a success rate of almost 90 percent. The easy accessibility via the well-developed glacier road, the fact that almost the entire race slope can be seen from the finish area and, last but not least, the unrivaled party atmosphere driven by fans and fan clubs on the glacier and in the village with a truly enthusiastic atmosphere, have proved a recipe for the great popularity of the World Cup Opening in Sölden to this day.

### POPULAR TRAINING AREA

The Sölden glacier ski area is a popular training ground for almost all national teams and countless junior teams from all over Europe. Race director Rainer Gstrein, who has coordinated the training

slopes for many years, remembers: "On some days there are more than 1,000 gates flagged out on Tiefenbach and Rettenbach Glaciers. The slopes just look like porcupines. HERE IN SÖLDEN ALL TEAMS ENJOY HOME ADVANTAGE, this is what also the most experienced coaches say!"

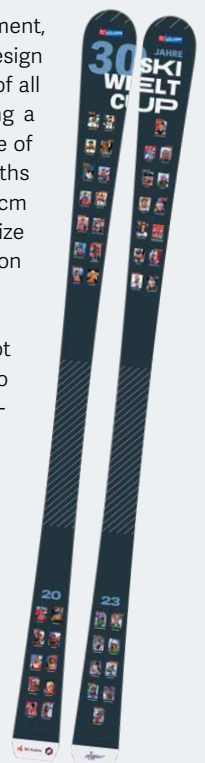
### CHARITY CAMPAIGN: 30 YEARS OF ALPINE SKI WORLD CUP IN SÖLDEN

The organizing committee of the Ski World Cup in Sölden implemented a particularly creative charity campaign idea for this year. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Ski World Cup in Sölden, 30 pairs of exclusive skis including bindings will be sold at auction: the skis bear the name of one of the 230 peaks in the Ötztal Alps that are higher than 3000 meters. These exclusive models will also be offered as part of the Ski World Cup opening on 28 and 29 October 2023 in Sölden. The online auction starts on 16 October and runs until 16 December 2023, making it a perfect Christmas gift.

The skis are not only high-quality sports equipment, but also truly unique pieces. The surface design shows all portraits of male and female winners of all previous races on Rettenbach Glacier, providing a very personal touch. They very sporty models are of the highest quality. The skis are available in lengths of 164 cm with a turn radius of 13 meters and 172 cm with 15 meters, ensuring that there is a suitable size for every skier. You can participate in the auction on the website: [www.soelden.com/skiweltcup](http://www.soelden.com/skiweltcup).

It is a wonderful opportunity for skiing fans to not only purchase unique sports equipment, but also to contribute to charity. Thank you for participating and bidding!

Ernst Lorenzi



# MILE STONES



## 1989

The Man Behind Sölden's World Cup Success: Jack Falkner



## 1993

Premiere fever: First Ski World Cup in Sölden.



## 1998

The fan club parade and the entertaining side program are launched.



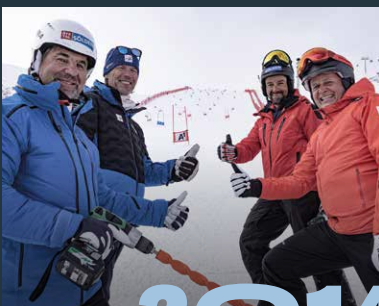
## 2001

The finish stadium is built.



## 2002

Tina Maze, Andrine Flemmen and Austria's Niki Hosp cross the finish line at the same time and fairly share first place in the women's giant slalom race.



## 2014

Snow olé: Up to 120 cm of fresh snow are falling on the glacier shortly before race weekend.

## 2023

We celebrate 30 years of alpine Ski World Cup in Sölden.