



Press release

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80 years of skiing ... and a new generation at the starting gate

As Sölden, Austria, prepares to launch the Alpine Ski World Cup season on 24 and 25 October 2026, athletes from the Club des Sports de Courchevel are getting ready to fly the resort's colours on slopes around the world. From Doriane Escané's Olympic experience and Alban Elezi Caninaferina's first World Cup podium to Steven Amiez's ambitions and the emergence of new talent, Courchevel's next generation is determined to make its mark at the highest level.

Yet the 2026/2027 season will be particularly poignant. For the first time in more than fifteen years, Alexis Pinturault, a local hero and the most decorated alpine skier in French history, will not be lining up at a World Cup starting gate. It marks the end of a remarkable chapter for French skiing and for the Club des Sports de Courchevel, which watched one of its greatest champions grow and flourish.

The next generation, however, is ready to step up! Whether born in the resort, trained at the Club des Sports de Courchevel or newly recruited to its ranks, numerous athletes are eager to take up the mantle and write the next chapters of this sporting story. One major date is already firmly in their sights: 22 December, when the women's World Cup returns to the Émile-Allais stadium in Courchevel.

Sölden : Courchevel athletes at the World Cup season opener

The opening giant slalom races in Sölden will set the tone for the season. Doriane Escané and Diego Orecchioni are expected to start, while Guerlain Favre could also be selected. Alban Elezi Caninaferina, meanwhile, enters the winter aiming to build on his first World Cup podium.



Doriane Escané

Olympic experience fuelling fresh ambitions

Doriane Escané will return to the women's World Cup starting gate in Sölden.

The Club des Sports de Courchevel-trained skier comes off a season highlighted by her participation in the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, where she finished 22nd in the giant slalom.

It marked another milestone for the Courchevel skier, who returned to competition following a lengthy injury lay-off and rediscovered winning form, notably taking victory in the slalom at Les Diablerets in January 2025.

Alban Elezi Cannaferina

A first podium, with more to come

Alban Elezi Cannaferina reached a new milestone last season. The Club des Sports de Courchevel skier claimed the first World Cup podium of his career with third place in Schladming, before finishing 21st in the overall World Cup giant slalom standings.



These performances give him valuable experience heading into the new winter, along with the determination to continue progressing among the world's leading giant slalom specialists.



Diego Orecchioni

Continuing his rise

Another representative of Courchevel's new generation, Diego Orecchioni has also been selected for the season-opening giant slalom in Sölden. Determined to string together strong results from the outset, he aims to regain his place in the French national team's A squad as quickly as possible and establish himself among the world's leading giant slalom racers.

Guerlain Favre

Courchevel's rising generation

Guerlain Favre also embodies the new generation knocking on the door of the highest level. Runner-up in the French giant slalom championships, the young skier continues to progress and could be included in the French team for the Austrian event.

Competing in Sölden would mark another step in his career and offer the opportunity to test himself against the world's best in the discipline.



Eager to fulfil his potential, he is targeting consistent performances throughout the season, with one clear goal: to join the French national team's A squad and establish himself at the highest level.

A season of ambition for the Club's other athletes



Alizée Dahon

Ready to take the next step

Alizée Dahon, a rising star of the Club des Sports de Courchevel, begins the new season determined to build on her strong performances on the European Cup circuit last winter.

Keen to maintain her progress, the young skier hopes to deliver a series of good results and take the next step in her career. Her objective is to secure more

World Cup starts this season and seize every opportunity to compete against the world's best female skiers.



Clarisse Brèche

The long-awaited comeback, with Courchevel in her sights

Clarisse Brèche is ready to return to the highest level! After almost two years away from racing through injury, the Courchevel native approaches the new season with undiminished determination and one overriding desire: to experience the thrill of World Cup racing once again.

One event already holds a special place in her calendar: the Courchevel slalom on 22 December. Having watched the race from the stands last winter, she now dreams of taking her place at the starting gate of the iconic Émile-Allais stadium, in front of her family, friends and home crowd. A homecoming that would be particularly special !



Marie Lamure

A podium in her sights

Marie Lamure is determined to take another step forward this season! Following a particularly strong 2025/2026 campaign, which included 15th place at her first Olympic Games and the French national slalom title in April, the Club des Sports de Courchevel skier has set out her ambitions clearly: to establish herself consistently in the world's top ten and secure her first World Cup podium.

And what better place to achieve that milestone than at home on 22 December, at the Émile-Allais stadium, in front of her own supporters?



Steven Amiez

Chasing a first podium

Steven Amiez, one of France's most promising slalom racers, enters the new season with a clear ambition: to secure his first World Cup podium.

Following a mixed 2025/2026 winter, the Club des Sports de Courchevel skier is determined to rediscover the consistency and form that previously enabled him to challenge at the sharp end of the international circuit. Having come close to the podium on several occasions, he hopes to take that final step and finish among the top three in a World Cup slalom for the first time.

Two new talents representing Courchevel

The Club des Sports de Courchevel also welcomes two promising new talents, both eager to make their mark on the international circuit in their new colours.

Victor Haghighat, a junior world champion, will be looking to live up to his new status and continue his development, with the goal of joining the French national team's A squad. Alongside him, **Charles Gamel Seigneur**, a rising star in French speed skiing, has reached a major career milestone by joining the French national team's A squad for the first time. It is an exciting opportunity for

the young skier, who is determined to establish himself on the World Cup circuit and proudly represent his new club.



The women's World Cup returns to Courchevel on 22 December

After the opening rounds of the international circuit, all eyes will turn to Courchevel on Tuesday 22 December 2026 for one of the highlights of the early winter season: the women's World Cup slalom, held under floodlights at the iconic Émile-Allais stadium.

No stranger to major international competitions, the resort will once again welcome the world's best female slalom racers to a demanding slope that has witnessed countless sporting achievements since its first World Cup events in 2010.

This year's event will be especially meaningful as Courchevel celebrates its 80th anniversary. It offers another opportunity to highlight the resort's enduring commitment to elite sport, its champions and the development of future generations, with the French Alps 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games already on the horizon.

Program

Tuesday 22 December 2026
Émile Allais Stadium

From 4.00 pm: Partners' village and entertainment in the finish area

5.45 pm: Slalom – 1st run

Between the two runs: DJ Loran

8.45 pm: Slalom – 2nd run

9.45 pm: Flower ceremony and prize-giving

ALL THE INFORMATION

Press information

Press room opening hours

Sunday 20 December: 12 noon – 7 pm

Monday 21 December: 9 am – 8 pm

Tuesday 22 December: 9 am – midnight

The press room is located in the Salle de la Croisette, approximately 200 metres from the Émile-Allais stadium.

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