



FEDERICA BRIGNONE (ITA) SKIEUR D'OR AIJS –SERGE LANG TROPHY 2025

Following her amazing 2024/25 season marked by her 10 victories on the World Cup tour - including two in downhill - and her impressive gold medal at the FIS World Championships at Saalbach, Austria, it's not a surprise that Italy's Federica Brignone was again elected "Skieur d'Or AIJS" 2025 by a majority of members of the 73-year-old International Association of Ski Journalists (AIJS).

The 35-year-old champion from Milano raised in Val d'Aosta, was already named "Skieur d'Or AIJS" back in 2020 after capturing her first major overall title thanks to her victories in five World Cup competitions and eleven podiums over four different events. With her total of 37 wins on the circuit including her first win at Soelden in October 2015, "Fede" is also the most successful champion within Italia's women team.

She has also claimed so far seven crystal globes in downhill, giant slalom, Super-G and combined in the last five seasons as well as eight medals at Olympic Games and FIS Worlds Championships 2011 – including two gold ones in giant slalom (2025) and combined (2023).

A junior World Champion in 2009 in combined at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Brignone burst onto the World Cup scene a year later clinching a 3rd place at Aspen, Colorado, in the giant slalom dominated by Austria's Kathrin Zettel. In February 2011, she confirmed her class with her silver medal in GS at the FIS Worlds at Garmisch behind Slovenia's Tina Maze and ahead of France's Tessa Worley. The following FIS World Championship events were quite frustrating for Federica who had to wait Meribel 2023 to get another medal after failing to complete her three races at Cortina d'Ampezzo 2021!

Skiing is a great passion in her family as her mother Maria-Rosa Quario was one of the best Italian skiers in the 1970/80s with her four victories in slalom while her brother Davide, also a promising talent in his junior years, is now her personal technical adviser since her victory at San Vigilio / Kronplatz in January 2017. Her father, Daniele, a former ski instructor and trainer at the Ski Club Courmayeur, also had a crucial influence on her technical evolution during her younger years.

Badly injured in April at her left leg while competing in a giant slalom at the National Championships, Federica has worked very hard for her comeback in the following months – yet she doesn't know when and where she can get back on her racing skis. "I don't think I'll be able to come back exactly as I was before," she admitted to the media after receiving her "FISI Skier of the Year" award during FISI Media Day. "I'm sorry, but it's not these Olympics that will change my life and career. What I've done, I've done, and in fact I've done much more than I could ever have dreamed of. It would be a bonus to be there; it would be a beautiful dream."

A dozen other top champions such as Mikaela Shiffrin, Marco Odermatt, Loic Meillard or Franjo von Allmen also received many votes from various members of the AIJS! The Joska Trophy graciously provided by FIS will be awarded on Friday afternoon during the FIS Presentation at Soelden by AIJS President Patrick S. Lang and FIS President Johan Eliasch with also the announcement of the Winner of the 8th AIJS Ski Photo Contest **Prix Armando Trovati**

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