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FRANJO VON ALLMEN (SUI) SKIEUR D'OR AIJS – SERGE LANG TROPHY 2026

Following a fantastic 2025/26 season highlighted by three Olympic gold medals in Bormio and building on his World Cup victories and two gold medals at the 2025 FIS World Championships in Saalbach, Switzerland's **Franjo von Allmen** has been elected "**Skieur d'Or AIJS**" **2026** after receiving the most votes from members of the 74-year-old International Association of Ski Journalists.

The 25-year-old champion from Boltigen, south of Berne, narrowly edged out the 2025 "Skieur d'Or", Federica Brignone, who was highly praised by the media for her amazing Olympic achievements in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2026, following her serious injury in spring 2025.

Von Allmen, who claimed his first World Cup podium in January 2024 with a 3rd place in a Super-G at Garmisch-Partenkirchen in only his fourth World Cup race, is the first speed specialist since Luc Alphand in 1997 and Matthias Lanzinger in 2008 to be chosen by expert journalists for his successes and his personality.

A winner in five FIS World Cup races so far since his debut on the circuit in December 2023 at Val Gardena, where he finished a promising 35th with bib 42, von Allmen is greatly appreciated by his colleagues for his determination on snow, while the press values his modesty and openness in interviews. He is also very popular among ski fans for his kindness when asked for selfies or autographs. Many know how hard this former carpenter had to fight in his younger years to pursue his racing career after his father died when he was 17, leaving him short of money. Fortunately, a generous crowdfunding campaign and support from various sports organizations helped him keep fighting for his dreams.

Franjo, also called "Nöggu" by members of his official fan club, the "Franatiker", is considered a fearless daredevil, both on the ski slopes and in motocross in his free time. *"I'm well aware of the risk,"* he says of his dangerous hobby. *"I'm generally not afraid of much, but I do have a certain respect for some things. If I had to answer questions in French, that would be a challenge,"* he says with a laugh.

One reason for Franjo's success at major events probably lies in his relaxed approach, even though he has never specifically worked on it: *"I'm usually very relaxed—that's true. But of course, it's not always that easy. I never really had to struggle much with nervousness. That's definitely a trait that's always helped me,"* he also explains. He

doesn't let future pressure get to him. *"I don't feel obliged to do anything at all. I ski for myself and don't have to prove anything to anyone. I don't have to live up to any expectations except my own,"* he adds.

"It's really nice to receive this AIJS award. I want to thank everyone who supported me. I had an exciting season, but I'm already focused on the upcoming one," said the Swiss speed ace when he was told the result of the AIJS members' vote. He certainly seems ready for more big moments this winter.

A dozen other top champions, including Mikaela Shiffrin, Marco Odermatt, Loïc Meillard, Lindsey Vonn and Lucas Pinheiro Braathen, also received many votes from AIJS members.

The Joska Trophy, kindly provided by FIS, will be formally presented during the season by FIS officials and AIJS President Patrick Lang.

AIJS Skieur d'Or 2014–2025 – Anna Veith (2014/15), Marcel Hirscher (2015/16/18), Mikaela Shiffrin (2017/19/23), Federica Brignone (2020/25), Alexis Pinturault (2021), Marco Odermatt (2022/24)

Link to the video FRANJO VON ALLMEN est le SKIEUR D'OR 2026 – FIS TV

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