

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL SZCZYRK – Wednesday 17 Jan 2024

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won his first individual World Cup event of the season last weekend, in Wisla on 14 January. He can win successive individual World Cup events for the first time since a run of four between December 2021 and January 2022.
- Kobayashi finished on the podium in each of the last five individual World Cup events. His win in Wisla followed after his second places in all four events in the Four Hills Tournament (he did claim the overall victory).
- Kobayashi can equal his longest streak of individual World Cup podiums: six in a row between December 2018 and January 2019, and between December 2021 and January 2022.
- Kobayashi can become the first ski jumper to win individual World Cup events at all three different venues in Poland. Stefan Kraft and Kamil Stoch can achieve the same feat.
- Kobayashi won an individual World Cup event Zakopane (February 2021) and in Wisla (January 2024).
- Kobayashi has won only one individual World Cup normal hill event: in Râsnov on 19 February 2021.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (36) can surpass Janne Ahonen (36) in fifth place on most individual World Cup wins among men. Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46), Adam Malysz (39) and Kamil Stoch (39) are ahead of them.
- **Kraft (108) and Ahonen (108) share the all-time record for most podium finishes in individual men's World Cup events. Sara Takanashi (115) holds the record on the women's side.**
- Kraft (3) can become the fourth man to win at least four individual World Cup events in Poland, after Kamil Stoch (7), Gregor Schlierenzauer (5) and Adam Malysz (4).
- Only Stoch (11) has recorded as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Poland as Kraft (11).
- Kraft can become the first ski jumper to win individual World Cup events at three different venues in Poland. The Austrian triumphed in Wisla (2015) and in Zakopane (2016 and 2019).
- Kraft won the most recent individual World Cup normal hill event, in Lillehammer on 2 December 2023.

Other contenders

- Only Stefan Kraft (10) has recorded as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season as **Andreas Wellinger** (7).
- Wellinger claimed his first career win in an individual World Cup event in Poland, in Wisla on 16 January 2014.
- The last German man to win a individual World Cup event in Poland was Markus Eisenbichler, in Wisla on 22 November 2020.
- **Poland** (99) can become the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany).
- No country has claimed as many victories in individual men's World Cup events in Poland as the Poles themselves (15, two more than Austria).
- Poland only claimed as many individual victories in the men's World Cup in Germany (19) as in their home country (15).
- **Halvor Granerud** has yet to finish on the podium of individual World Cup event this season. He recorded two podium finishes in Poland last season: first in Zakopane and second in Wisla.
- **Lovro Kos** and **Peter Prevc** can become the first Slovenian man to win an individual World Cup event in Poland since a victory by Anže Semenic in Zakopane on 28 January 2018.
- Only Thomas Morgenstern (6) has recorded more podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Poland without ever winning than **Anže Lanišek** (5).

Szczyrk

- Szczyrk is the 66th venue to host a ski jumping World Cup event, and the third in Poland (after Zakopane and Wisla).
- Szczyrk is the first venue to make its debut in the World Cup since December 2018, when a women's individual World Cup event took place in Prémamanon, France (won by Germany's Katharina Schmid).
- Szczyrk will serve as the first new venue in the men's World Cup since February 2020, when Karl Geiger emerged victorious in Râșnov, Romania.
- The hill record on Skalite in Szczyrk is 116 metres, set by Krzysztof Leja in March 2011.

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