

PREVIEW MEN'S GUNDERSEN LARGE HILL/10KM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Thursday 4 Mar 2021

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won the Gundersen normal hill/10km earlier this FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.
- He also won the men's team event with Norway on Sunday.
- Only two athletes have won at least three world titles in a single FIS Nordic World Ski Championship: Jason Lamy Chappuis in 2013 (3) and Johannes Rydzek in 2017 (4).
- Riiber has won gold in each of the last four men's events at FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.
- His four world titles are one short of Bjarte Engen Vik (5), the only Norwegian with more than four titles at FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.
- Vik is the only Norwegian to have won this event at world championships (including 7.5 km sprint). He claimed gold in the 7.5km sprint the first time this event was staged at Nordic world championships (1999).
- Riiber failed to reach the podium in only one of his six event participations at FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, a fifth place in this event in 2019.
- Riiber won the most recent Gundersen large hill/10km World Cup event in Oberstdorf, on 26 January 2020.

Eric Frenzel

- Eric Frenzel is the reigning world champion in this event. No reigning world champion has ever successfully defended his title in this event (including 7.5km sprint). Only one world champion managed to collect a medal the next time around. In 2013 in Val di Fiemme, Jason Lamy Chappuis earned a bronze medal after winning gold in Oslo two years earlier.
- Frenzel also won this event in 2013. He is the only man on multiple world titles in this event.
- Frenzel has won a record seven gold medals at FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, one more than Johannes Rydzek (6).
- Frenzel has won at least one gold medal in each FIS Nordic World Ski Championships since 2011. Another win would indicate his sixth world championships with at least one gold medal. No other man has won gold at more than three different Nordic world championships.
- Frenzel is also the most decorated Nordic Combined athlete in Nordic world championships history with 16 medals: G7-S7-B2. In all sports, only Bjørn Dæhlie (17, cross-country skiing) has claimed more medals at Nordic world championships than Frenzel (16).
- Besides Frenzel, three other German athletes have won a world title in this event (including the 7.5km sprint). United States (2) is the only other country that has won multiple world titles in this event.

- Germany has won 12 medals in this event at world championships, including the 7.5km sprint (G5-S3-B4). No other country has won more than five.
- Only once the world title in this event was won by a domestic athlete. In 2005, Germany's Ronny Ackermann won in front of a home crowd in Oberstdorf in 2005.

Other contenders

- **Vinzenz Geiger** hopes to win his first world title. He has two silver medals at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, in the team normal hill/4x5km events in both 2019 and 2021.
- Geiger won four individual World Cup events this season, including the two most recent ones, both large hill/10km events in Klingenthal in February.
- **Akito Watabe** could win the first world title for Japan since it won the team large hill/4x5km in 2009. Watabe was one of Japan's skiers in that event.
- Watabe could become the fourth Japanese man to win multiple world titles, after Kenji Ogiwara (4), Masashi Abe (2) and Takanori Kono (2).
- Ogiwara is the only Japanese Nordic combined skier to have won individual world titles. He won the Gundersen normal hill/15km events in 1993 and 1997.
- Watabe has won four medals at FIS Nordic World Ski Championships. (G1-S1-B2). He can join Ogiwara (G4-S0-B1) on a record five medal among Japanese men.
- **Ilkka Herola** claimed silver in the Gundersen normal hill/10km event earlier in these championships. Only three Nordic combined athletes have won an individual title at the Nordic world championships representing Finland: Heikki Hasu (1950), Paavo Korhonen (1958) and Hannu Manninen (2007).
- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** (20 years old) claimed bronze in the Gundersen normal hill/10km event earlier in these championships. Only one athlete under the age of 22 has won this event at world championships (including 7.5km sprint). In 2001, Marko Baacke was 21 years and 14 days old when he triumphed.
- **Johannes Lamparter**, 19 years and 116 days old on the day of this event, can become the youngest man to claim an individual medal at the world championships since Johannes Ryzdek claimed silver in this event in 2011 at age 19 years and 83 days.