

PREVIEW SKI JUMPING 2023/2024 WORLD CUP - WOMEN

Eva Pinkelnig

- Eva Pinkelnig won the overall World Cup last season, becoming the oldest athlete (men or women) to claim the overall victory (34 years old)
- Austria is the only country to have multiple winners of the overall women's World Cup. Besides Pinkelnig, Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (2014/15) and Sara Marita Kramer (2021/22) also won the crystal globe.
- Pinkelnig can become the first woman to win the overall World Cup in back-to-back seasons since Maren Lundby claimed three in a row from 2017/18 to 2019/20.
- Only two women won the overall World Cup multiple times: Japan's Sara Takanashi (4) and Norway's Maren Lundby (3).
- Pinkelnig won six of the 26 women's individual World Cup events last season. Her most recent individual World Cup victory came in the first event in Hinzenbach on 10 February.
- Pinkelnig (9) can become the seventh woman to win at least 10 individual World Cup events, and the third from Austria (Iraschko-Stolz 16, Kramer 15).
- Last season, Pinkelnig (18) became the third woman to claim at least 18 individual World Cup podium finishes in a single campaign, after Maren Lundby in 2018/19 (19) and Sara Takanashi in 2013/14 (18).
- Pinkelnig (35 years) can become the fourth athlete to win a World Cup event aged 35 or older, after Noriaki Kasai (last victory at age 42), Takanobu Okabe (38y) and Iraschko-Stolz (35y).

Sara Takanashi

- Sara Takanashi has won the overall World Cup a record four times: in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16 and 2016/17. She can become the first ski jumper, male or female, to win the overall World Cup five times. Matti Nykänen and Adam Malysz have won the men's overall World Cup four times.
- Takanashi has claimed 63 individual World Cup wins, at least 33 more than any other woman in ski jumping (Maren Lundby 30).
- Including team events, Takanashi (66) is four World Cup wins shy of record holder Gregor Schlierenzauer (70).
- Takanashi won at least one individual World Cup event in the first 11 women's World Cup seasons (2011/12-2021/22), but failed to do so last season. Her best result were third-place finishes on the large hill in Willingen (on 4 and 5 February).
- Takanashi (12, 2011/12-2022/23) can become the fourth ski jumper to record a podium finish in an individual World Cup event in 13 different seasons, after Noriaki Kasai (17), Janne Ahonen (15) and Jens Weißflog (13).

- Takanashi finished 10th in the overall World Cup standings last season. It marked her worst finish in the overall standings: 3rd-1st-1st-2nd-1st-1st-3rd-4th-4th-2nd-5th-10th.

Other contenders

- **Katharina Schmid** (7, maiden name Althaus) won more individual World Cup events last season than any other woman (Pinkelnig 6). No German woman had ever won as many individual World Cup events in a single season.
- Schmid can become the first German woman to win the overall World Cup. She finished second in the overall standings on three occasions: 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2022/23.
- The only woman to win the overall World Cup after finishing runner-up the season before was Sara Takanashi (second in 2014/15, won in 2015/16).
- Schmid won four medals at the 2023 world championships in Planica, claiming gold in the women's normal hill, women's team and mixed team events and bronze in the women's large hill event.
- **Emma Klinec** finished on the podium in nine of the 18 individual World Cup events in the year 2023, winning once in Oslo (12 March). Only Pinkelnig (11) claimed as many podium finishes this calendar year as Klinec (9).
- Klinec finished third in last season's overall World Cup. She can become the second Slovenian woman to win the overall World Cup, after **Nika Križnar** in 2020/21.
- Križnar won six of the seven events at the 2023 summer Grand Prix and she won the overall title.
- Križnar's best results in individual World Cup events last season were two third places in Villach on 28 and 29 December.
- **Maren Lundby** has won the overall World Cup three times (2017/18-2019/20). Only Takanashi (4) has won the overall women's World Cup as many times.
- Only Takanashi (63) has won more individual World Cup events than Lundby (30). Lundby's last win in a World Cup event was in Lillehammer on 10 March 2020.
- **Sara Marita Kramer** won the 2021/22 overall World Cup. Her best individual result in last season's World Cup was a second-place finish in the season opener in Wisla on 5 November 2022.
- Kramer (15, alongside Katharina Schmid) is one shy of equalling Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (16) in third place for most individual World Cup victories among women. Iraschko-Stolz (winner of the 2014/15 World Cup) retired this year.
- **Alexandra Loutitt** won the gold medal in the women's large hill event at the 2023 world championships. Loutitt is the only Canadian woman to have won an individual World Cup event, last season on the normal hill in Zao.
- Last season, **Silje Opseth** (4) became only the second Norwegian woman (after Lundby) to claim at least four individual World Cup victories in one season. All her wins came in large hill events.



- **Yuki Ito** won the final individual event in last season's World Cup, claiming the first place in Lahti on 24 March. She can become the first woman to win successive individual World Cup events in 2023.

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