

PREVIEW WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANICA – Thursday 23 Feb 2023

Eva Pinkelnig

- Eva Pinkelnig (1,482) leads the World Cup standings this season, almost 300 points ahead of Katharina Althaus (1,202).
- Pinkelnig finished on the podium in all 11 individual normal hill events in this season's World Cup: five wins and six second-place finishes.
- Pinkelnig can become the second Austrian woman to win the normal hill event at the world championships, after Daniela Iraschko-Stolz in 2011.
- Pinkelnig will be 34 years and 272 days old on the day of the normal hill event at the world championships. She can become the oldest individual winner of a women's ski jumping event at the world championships, and only the second woman older than 30 to make it to the podium. Compatriot Daniela Iraschko-Stolz finished third in this event at 31 and 35 years old in 2015 and 2019 respectively.
- There have been two women's individual normal hill World Cup events in Planica, in January 2014. Iraschko-Stolz won both events here.

Katharina Althaus

- Katharina Althaus is second in the overall World Cup this season, behind Eva Pinkelnig.
- Althaus can become the second German woman to win the normal hill at the world championships, after Carina Vogt in 2015 and 2017.
- Althaus won six World Cup events this season: two on the normal hills and four on the large hills.

Other contenders

- **Emma Klonec** is the reigning world champion in the women's normal hill event. She won ahead of Maren Lundby and Sara Takanashi in Oberstdorf in 2021.
- Klonec can become the second woman to retain the world title in this event, after Carina Vogt in 2015-2017.
- Klonec can become the first woman to win the world title in this event on home snow.
- Klonec's best result this World Cup season were six second-place finishes.
- **Urša Bogataj** is the reigning Olympic champion in this event. Both women who won this event at the Olympic Winter Games went on to win the next world title: Carina Vogt in 2015 and Maren Lundby in 2019.
- **Maren Lundby** is the only woman to have won both the individual normal hill (2019) and large hill (2021) at the world championships. **Note:** The large hill event has been held once so far, in 2021.

- Lundby (8, G2-S3-B3) has won eight world championships medals across all categories. Among women, only Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (8) has won as many.
- Maren Lundby has competed at all seven world championships since the woman's events were introduced in 2009. She made her debut at age 14 in 2009 in Liberec, finishing 22nd.
- Besides Lundby, **Yuki Ito** and **Julia Kykkänen** and Špela Rogelj (retired) have also competed in the women's programme at each of the previous seven world championships.
- **Sara Takanashi** (4, G0-S2-B2) has won the most individual world championships medals among women, but has never clinched an individual world title.
- **Anna Odine Strøm** is third in the 2022/23 World Cup standings. Her best individual result at the world championships was a ninth place in the normal hill in 2019.

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