

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM COURCHEVEL – Thursday 21 Dec 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin finished fourth in the opening slalom of the 2023/24 World Cup in Levi on 11 November, but won both of the following slaloms: in Levi on 12 November and in Killington on 26 November.
- Shiffrin can win at least three successive World Cup slaloms for the first time since a run of six between February and December 2019.
- Shiffrin has won once in four participations in World Cup slalom events in Courchevel, on 22 December 2018. She finished outside of the podium on her other three participations: DNF in 2011, 12th in 2013 and eighth in 2022.
- Shiffrin can become the second woman to win multiple World Cup slaloms in Courchevel, after Marlies Schild (3, between 2010 and 2013).
- Shiffrin has only won as many World Cup events in all disciplines in Levi (7) and Semmering (7) as in Courchevel (7).
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (81) has recorded as many podiums in World Cup slaloms as Shiffrin (78), but Shiffrin holds the record for most World Cup slalom victories (55).
- United States (88) is tied with Austria (88) for most women's World Cup slalom victories.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová (20) is joint-fifth alongside Janica Kostelic (20) in the all-time women's ranking for most World Cup slalom wins, behind Mikaela Shiffrin (55), Marlies Schild (35), Vreni Schneider (34) and Erika Hess (21).
- Vlhová has yet to win a World Cup slalom in France. She finished second in the Courchevel slalom in 2018 and third in last season's edition.
- Vlhová (8) can become the fourth woman to win a World Cup slalom in at least nine different countries, after Mikaela Shiffrin (13), Marlies Schild (12) and Vreni Schneider (12).
- Vlhová has finished runner-up in 14 World Cup slaloms. She came second to Shiffrin on each of the last 13 occasions (Vlhová finished second behind compatriot Veronika Velez-Zuzolová in Zagreb on 3 January 2017).
- Only Wendy Holdener came second to a specific rival in as many World Cup slaloms as Vlhová to Shiffrin (13 times). Holdener was also runner-up behind Shiffrin on 13 occasions.

Shiffrin versus Vlhová

- Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová have recorded a 1-2 finish in 22 World Cup slalom events. Shiffrin triumphed ahead of Vlhová 13 times (it was the other way around on nine occasions).
- No pair recorded as many 1-2 finishes in women's World Cup slalom events as Shiffrin and Vlhová (22). The pair in second place are Shiffrin and Wendy Holdener (14).
- Shiffrin and/or Vlhová finished on the podium in each of the last 11 World Cup slaloms (6 wins by Shiffrin, 3 by Vlhová). The run began after they finished fourth (Vlhová) and fifth (Shiffrin) in the Killington slalom in November 2022.

Other contenders

- **Lena Dürr** is the only woman other than Mikaela Shiffrin to finish in the top four in each of the three opening slaloms of the 2023/24 World Cup. She recorded a second and third place in Levi and a fourth place in Killington.
- Dürr can become the first German woman to win a World Cup slalom event in France. She finished second in the most recent slalom in Courchevel on 19 March 2022.
- Dürr (32 years old) can become the third woman aged 32 or older to win a World Cup slalom, after Marlies Schild and Veronika Velez-Zuzolová (both 32 when they won their final slalom).
- **Wendy Holdener** is tied-seventh in the all-time World Cup slalom podium finishers, alongside Janica Kostelic and Pernilla Wiberg (all 35). Perrine Pelen (36) is next on the list.
- Only Frida Hansdotter (17) finished runner-up as many times in World Cup slalom events as Holdener (16).
- **Leona Popovic** dropped down from fifth to 30th place in the second run of the Killington slalom on 26 November, after finishing second in the Levi slalom on 12 November.
- Janica Kostelic (30), Ivica Kostelic (26) and Filip Zubcic (3) are the only three Croatian skiers to have triumphed at World Cup level.
- **Andreja Slokar** won the most recent World Cup slalom in Courchevel, on 19 March 2022. It marked her first and, so far, only podium finish in a World Cup slalom event.

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