

## PREVIEW Men GUNDERSEN LARGE HILL / 10KM – Friday 22 Feb 2019

- Johannes Rydzek is the reigning world champion in this event that has been staged at the Nordic Ski World Championships ever since 1999.
- No reigning world champion has ever successfully defended his title in this event. Only one world champion managed a medal the next time around. In 2013 in Val di Fiemme, Jason Lamy Chappuis collected a bronze medal after winning a gold in Oslo two years earlier.
- Four different German athletes have won a world title in this event. United States is the only other country that has won multiple (two) world titles in this event.
- Bjarte Engen Vik is the only Norwegian to have won this event at world championships. He claimed the gold the first time this event was staged at world championships (1999).
- Austria's Mario Seidl is hoping to become the second domestic athlete to win this event at world championships, following Germany's Ronny Ackermann in Oberstdorf in 2005.
- Only one athlete under the age of 22 has won this event at world championships. In 2001, Marko Baacke was 21 years and 14 days old when he took the honours.
- Another medal in this event would give Johannes Rydzek a record setting four at world championships. He now shares the record of three with Jason Lamy Chappuis and Ronny Ackermann.
- Germany has won 11 medals in this event at world championships (G4-S3-B4). No other country has won more than five (France on five).

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