

- **Ruka** has hosted a Cross-Country World Cup stage in each season since 2002/03, and has hosted the World Cup season opener since the 2013/14 season onwards.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** can become the first male athlete with more than 100 individual World Cup wins by the end of this season. He currently has 98, which is more than double that of the athlete with the second-most wins, his countryman **Bjoern Daehlie (NOR)**, who has 46.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** holds the record for most wins in a single season: he had won 19 World Cup race wins in the 2022/23 season. He won 16 World Cup races in the 2023/24 season, which is the second highest number of World Cup wins in a single season.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** also holds the record for most podiums in a single season: he was on the podium in 23 World Cup races in the 2022/23 season.
- **Simen Hegstad Krueger (NOR)** won the Distance World Cup title in the 2024/25 season; this was his first World Cup title.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** has won a record of seven Sprint World Cup titles, including the last three. No other male athlete has more than three Sprint World Cup titles.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** has won the Overall World Cup title five times between 2017/18 and 2024/25 season. If he wins the 2025/26 Overall title, he will equal his countryman **Bjoern Daehlie (NOR)**, who currently holds the record with six Overall titles between 1991/92 and 1998/99. Klaebo is currently tied with **Gunde Svan (SWE)** with five titles. No other active athlete has more than two Overall titles.
- Home athlete **Iivo Niskanen (FIN)** won the 10km Interval Start Classic race last year in Ruka, ahead of **Harald Oestberg Amundsen (NOR)** and **Martin Loewstroem Nyenget (NOR)**. This was one of Niskanen's two wins last season, with the other one coming in Falun.
- After **Iivo Niskanen (FIN)** won the opening race of the 2024/25 season on November 29, Norway went on to win the following 16 World Cup races. No other non-Norwegian athlete won a World Cup race until January 18.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** won the Sprint Classic race last year in Ruka, ahead of **Erik Valnes (NOR)** and **Lauri Vuorinen (FIN)**. This was Klaebo's first of 13 World Cup wins last season. It was the second career podium for Vuorinen, who had one second place in the previous season.

- Norway had a clean sweep in the 20km Mass Start Free last season in Ruka, with **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** winning the race ahead of **Jan Thomas Jenssen (NOR/)** and **Martin Loewstroem Nyenget (NOR)**. It was the third career podium for Jenssen, who had one first and one third place in the previous season.
- **Federico Pellegrino (ITA)** is taking part in his 17th World Cup season, having made his World Cup debut in the 2009/10 season. He has a total of 319 World Cup starts so far, with 58 podiums and 21 wins.