

## PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS RAMSAU (19-20 Dec 2025)

### Johannes Lamparter

- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has won three of the four men's World Cup events this season. In the other, a Mass Start in Trondheim (Norway), he finished sixth.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has won 20 individual World Cup events, which ranks him joint-ninth on the men's all-time list alongside **Samppa Lajunen (FIN)**.
- Only **Felix Gottwald (AUT)** has won more individual World Cup events for **Austria** than **Johannes Lamparter** (20). Gottwald is ranked eighth overall with 23 victories.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** made his World Cup debut in Ramsau, in December 2018, aged just 17. He finished 31st and 21st.
- In December 2023, **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** won both men's World Cup events that were held in Ramsau (a Mass Start and a Compact). On both occasions, **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)** came second.

### Akito Watabe

- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has competed in 294 individual World Cup events. In Ramsau, he can break the record for most individual World Cup starts. **Wilhelm Denifl (AUT)** currently holds the record with 295.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** made his World Cup debut almost 20 years ago. At age 17, he competed in two World Cup events in Sapporo (Japan) in March 2006. Watabe, now 37, will retire at the end of this season.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has won 19 individual World Cup events. His first victory was on 5 February 2012, when he won in Val di Fiemme (Italy), the place where the Olympic Winter Games will be held later this year.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has competed in World Cup events in **Ramsau** in each of the last 17 seasons (since 2008-09, when he joined the circuit full-time). He has recorded 16 individual top-10 finishes here, but never reached the podium.

### Vinzenz Geiger

- **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** won the most recent men's World Cup event that was held in Ramsau, a Gundersen on 21 December 2024.
- **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** has won 17 individual World Cup events. Five of them have come in Ramsau, the most he has won at any venue.
- Only **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR, 6)** won at least as many individual World Cup events in Ramsau as **Vinzenz Geiger (GER, 5)**.

## Other contenders

- Since 2019, the 12 men's World Cup events in Ramsau were all won by either **Vinzenz Geiger (GER, 5)**, **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR, 5)** or **Johannes Lamparter (AUT, 2)**. The last man other than one of those three to win in Ramsau was **Jørgen Graabak (NOR)** on 23 December 2018.
- **Julian Schmid's (GER)** most recent individual victory in a World Cup event was on 5 February 2023, when he won in Oberstdorf (Germany). Since then, he has recorded 13 individual podium finishes (7 second places, 6 third places).
- **Wendelin Thannheimer (GER)** claimed his first podium finish in the World Cup by finishing second in the Mass Start in Trondheim on 6 December 2025.
- **Kristjan Ilves (EST)** can become the first athlete representing Estonia to win a World Cup event in Nordic Combined. Ilves has already claimed 12 podium finishes in individual World Cup events (6 second places and 6 third places).

## Austria

- The last six men's World Cup events were won by Austrian athletes (**Johannes Lamparter 5**, **Thomas Rettenegger 1**). It is already the longest run of consecutive victories in men's events for **Austria**.
- Only Norway, Germany, Finland and Japan have also had runs of at least six consecutive victories in men's individual World Cup events.
- **Franz-Josef Rehrl (AUT)** finished on the podium in both men's World Cup events in Trondheim (Norway), a third place in the Mass Start and a second place in the Gundersen.
- **Franz-Josef Rehrl (AUT)** has won two individual World Cup events, both in Chaux-Neuve (France) in January 2019.
- **Thomas Rettenegger (AUT)** took his first victory in a World Cup event by winning the Mass Start in Trondheim on 6 December 2025.
- **Stefan Rettenegger (AUT)** has claimed 11 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to record his first victory (5 second places and 6 third places). He also has two World Cup podium finishes in team events, both second places.
- Four **Austrian athletes** have won World Cup events in Ramsau: **Felix Gottwald** (one in 2001/02), **Christoph Bieler** (one in 2006/07), **Mario Stecher** (two in 2010/11) and **Johannes Lamparter** (two in 2023/24).

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### Katharina Gruber

- **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** became the youngest-ever woman to win a World Cup event when she won the Mass Start in Trondheim (Norway) at age 17 on 6 December 2025.
- The youngest-ever male winner of a World Cup event is also from **Austria**: **Mario Stecher** won in Oslo (Norway) on 15 January 1994, when he was 16.
- **Katharina Gruber** became the first Austrian woman to win a World Cup event.
- **Austria** was the fifth nation to win a women's World Cup event in Nordic Combined, after Norway (43 wins), Germany (3), Japan (2) and United States (1).
- Last December, **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** made her World Cup debut in Ramsau. She finished 19th in the Mass Start and 24th in the Compact.
- **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** has competed in seven World Cup events. Five of those were in front of a home crowd (two in Ramsau, three in Seefeld).

### Ida Marie Hagen

- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won 18 individual World Cup events. She needs five more to equal the women's all-time record held by **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)**, 23 wins).
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has finished on the podium in 31 of the last 34 women's World Cup events. The exceptions occurred between 1 and 7 February 2025: a DSQ and DNS in Seefeld (Austria) and a 14th place in Otepää (Estonia) after a fall.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won each of the last three women's World Cup events that were held in Ramsau.

### Nathalie Armbruster

- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has won three World Cup events. Her first two victories were on Austrian snow, in Seefeld on 1 and 2 February 2025.
- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has participated in six World Cup events in Ramsau and has always finished in the top six, claiming three podium finishes (two third places, one second place).

## Other contenders

- The first-ever women's World Cup event was held in Ramsau, on 18 December 2020. **Tara Geraghty-Moats (USA)** won the event, which turned out to be the only women's World Cup event that season, because of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** finished third in the women's opening World Cup event this season, in Trondheim on 5 December. It was the second podium place for **United States** in a women's World Cup event, after the victory by **Tara Geraghty-Moats** in Ramsau in 2020.
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** has recorded two podium finishes in World Cup events, both in Ramsau. Aged 16, she finished third on 15 December 2023, becoming the youngest-ever woman to reach the podium in a World Cup event. Last year she also took third place, on 20 December 2024.
- **Yuna Kasai (JPN)** made her World Cup debut in Ramsau, on 18 December 2020.
- **Yuna Kasai (JPN)** has won one World Cup event, in Otepää (Estonia) on 7 February 2025. Her twin sister **Haruka Kasai (JPN)** finished second that day.
- Only **Haruka Kasai (JPN)**, 13 podium finishes) has claimed at least as many podium finishes in women's World Cup events without winning as **Lisa Hirner (AUT)**, 9 podium finishes).
- **Lisa Hirner (AUT)**, 3 second places, 6 third places) has reached the podium twice in Ramsau: a second place in 2022-23 and a third place in 2023-24.