

FACTS & FIGURES – Season Preview 2025-26

WOMEN

- The women's season will feature 15 individual World Cup competitions - eight Gundersen, two Compact and five Mass Start events - plus one Team Sprint event, in eight venues. Both women and men will also compete in one Mixed Team event.
- This will be the sixth season of the women's World Cup, although only one competition was possible in the inaugural year of 2020-21, won by **Tara Geraghty-Moats** (USA) in Ramsau, because of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- In the four completed seasons since 2021-22, there have been 48 individual competitions, with Norwegians winning 42 of them – **Gyda Westvold Hansen** (23), **Ida Marie Hagen** (17) and **Mari Leinan Lund** (two).
- **Gyda Westvold Hansen** (NOR) won the first two overall titles, in 2021-22 and 2022-23, with compatriot **Ida Marie Hagen** (NOR) winning in 2023-24 before **Nathalie Armbruster** (GER) became the first German woman to win a Crystal Globe last season, winning three individual competitions among eight podiums.
- The only other women to win an individual World Cup event are both Japanese – **Anju Nakamura** in Schonach in March 2022, and **Yuna Kasai**, whose maiden victory came in Otepää in February, with twin sister **Haruka Kasai** finishing second.
- Armbruster, with help from the likes of **Jenny Nowak** and **Maria Gerboth**, helped Germany win the women's Nations Cup for the first time last season, pipping Norway, who had won it for the four previous years. Germany also won the men's Nations Cup, ahead of Austria and Norway.

MEN

- The men's World Cup will feature 19 individual competitions - 10 Gundersen, four Compact and five Mass Start events – plus one Team Sprint event, in 10 venues.
- **Vinzenz Geiger** (GER) won his first men's overall title last season, having previously finished third in 2020, second in 2021 and third again in 2022. Geiger has also finished in the top three of the Best Skier category for each of the last five seasons, winning the trophy in 2024 and finishing second in 2023 and 2025.
- After the retirement of five-time overall champion **Jarl Magnus Riiber** (NOR), who relinquished his crown to Geiger after a dramatic climax to the 2024-25 season, the only other athlete in the men's field to have previously won an overall title is **Johannes Lamparter** (AUT), who claimed the Crystal Globe in 2022-2023.
- After winning the last two events of last season in Lahti, Lamparter has 18 individual World Cup wins, among 51 individual podiums, the same number of podiums as Geiger, who has 17 individual victories.
- The only men still competing on the circuit who have more individual World Cup wins are 37-year-old **Akito Watabe** (JPN), with 19 among 74 podiums, and **Johannes Rydzek** (GER), who won his 18th in Ruka last season.