

## FACTS & FIGURES – Women's Slalom World Championships, Saalbach

- **Women's Slalom World Championship gold medals by nation:** Austria (9), USA (7), Germany (7), Switzerland (6), France (5), Sweden (2), Croatia (2), Canada (2), Liechtenstein (2), Czechia (1), Italy (1), Australia (1), Slovenia (1), Norway (1), Great Britain (1)
- If **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic)** wins a Slalom medal of any color, she will surpass Christl Cranz (GER) as the most decorated Alpine World Ski Championship racer in history.
- Like Cranz, Shiffrin currently has 15 world championship medals (eight golds, four silvers and three bronzes).
- Shiffrin is chasing a fifth Slalom gold, which would take her clear of Cranz as the most successful women's world championship Slalom skier.
- A fifth Slalom gold would also see Shiffrin tie with Cranz as the most successful world championship skier in any single discipline - Cranz won five Alpine Combined gold medals.
- Shiffrin's eighth gold medal, won in the Team Combined, already has her in second-place on the all-time world championship title list. Cranz heads this list too, with 12 gold medals.
- Shiffrin won four Slalom world titles in a row (2013-19) before taking bronze in 2021 and silver in 2023.
- Shiffrin has won six of the past seven World Cup Slalom races that she has entered, finishing 10th in the other - her last event in Courchevel, which was her first race back after a 60-day absence due to injury.
- One of these victories came in Saalbach, at the 2024 World Cup Finals.
- Shiffrin has won 62 Slalom World Cup races, comfortably more than any other ski racer in history.
- Croatia's **Zrinka Ljutic (Atomic)** has won three of the past four Slalom World Cup races, including the most recent race in Courchevel.
- Janica Kostelic is the only Croatian woman to have claimed Slalom world championship gold, having won back-to-back titles in 2003/05.
- Ljutic won Slalom gold at the 2022 Junior World Ski Championships.
- **Camille Rast (SUI/Head)** tops the Slalom World Cup standings this season ahead of Ljutic, after winning twice and finishing inside the top five in the other five races.
- Prior to this season, Rast had only made the top five four times in her World Cup Slalom career.
- Rast could become the first Swiss winner of the women's Slalom since Vreni Schneider in 1991 - the last time the world championships were held in Saalbach.
- Rast is at her fourth world championships and is yet to win a medal, with a best individual finish of 8th in Slalom at the 2021 World Championships.
- Compatriot **Wendy Holdener (SUI/Head)** is another who could become Switzerland's first Slalom champion in 34 years.

- Holdener has eight world championship medals but just one of them has come in her favoured Slalom, when she won silver in 2017.
  - Holdener has 38 World Cup Slalom podiums but just two victories.
  - This season she has finished twice three times.
  - At the age of 31 years 9 months and 3 days, Holdener can become the oldest women's Slalom world champion, overtaking Roesli Streiff (SUI) who was 31 years and one month old when she won in 1932.
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- **Katharina Liensberger (AUT/Rossignol)** is comfortably Austria's top-ranked women's Slalom skier this season, after finishing inside the top-nine in all seven races. Within that she has two podium places (2nd in Levi and 3rd in Semmering).
  - Liensberger is the 2021 Slalom world champion and she can become Austria's first two-time gold medallist.
  - Her last World Cup Slalom win came in March 2022.
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- **Lena Dürr (GER/Head)** won Slalom world championship bronze in 2023 and has the opportunity to become the first German champion since Maria Riesch took gold in 2009.
  - Dürr has won just one World Cup Slalom race in her career, in Spindleruv Mlyn in January 2023 but she has 15 podium finishes to her name, including three this season
  - At the age of 33, Dürr can become the oldest women's Slalom world champion, overtaking Roesli Streiff (SUI) who was 31 when she won in 1932.
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- **Anna Swenn Larsson (SWE/Head)** won Slalom world championship silver in 2021 and can become Sweden's first Slalom gold medallist since Anja Pärson won the title in 2001.
  - One Swedish skier has finished on the Slalom world championship podium in five of the past seven races.
  - At the age of 33, Swenn Larsson can become the oldest women's Slalom world champion, overtaking Roesli Streiff (SUI) who was 31 when she won in 1932.
  - Swenn Larsson has two Slalom World Cup podium finishes this season and two career victories (February 2024 and November 2022).
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- Her compatriot **Sara Hector (Head)** has been a late bloomer in the Slalom. The reigning Olympic GS champion recorded her first Slalom World Cup podium in January 2024 and has grabbed two more since. Two of those three have come on Austrian snow, in Flachau.
  - Hector is yet to win an individual world championship medal.
  - At the age of 32, she too can become the oldest women's Slalom world champion, overtaking Roesli Streiff (SUI) who was 31 when she won in 1932.
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- **Laurence St-Germain (CAN/Rossignol)** became Canada's first women's Slalom world champion for 63 years when she won gold in 2023.
  - St-Germain is still yet to claim a World Cup podium, with a best ever result of 5th in March 2023 in the Are Slalom.
  - Her best result this season in Slalom is 7th in Killington.

