

PREVIEW MEN'S SKI FLYING EVENT KULM – Friday 27 February 2026

Kulm

- This will be the first ever Nordic Combined Ski Flying World Cup event.
- It is also the first time a Nordic Combined World Cup event will take place in Kulm/Bad Mitterndorf.
- In January 2024, the Ski Flying World Championships were held in Kulm. **Stefan Kraft (AUT)** won the individual event and Slovenia won the team event.
- The hill record in Kulm is 244 meters, set by **Peter Prevc (SLO)** in 2016.

Johannes Lamparter

- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** can secure the men's 2025/26 overall World Cup title in Kulm. He needs to lead by at least 200 points at the end of the event. His current lead over second-placed **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** is 143 points.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** won his first Crystal Globe in 2022/23. He can become the second Austrian to win the overall World Cup at least twice, after **Klaus Sulzenbacher** (1987/88 and 1989/90).
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** earned a medal in all three Nordic Combined events at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games: silver in both individual events (normal hill and large hill) and bronze in the team event.
- Only **Felix Gottwald (23)** has won more individual World Cup events for Austria than **Johannes Lamparter (22)**. Gottwald is ranked eighth on the men's all-time list.

Jens Luraas Oftebro

- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** won gold in all three Nordic Combined events at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. He won both individual events (normal hill and large hill) and the team sprint alongside **Andreas Skoglund (NOR)**.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** became the second Nordic Combined athlete to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Winter Games, after **Samppa Lajunen (FIN)** in 2002.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has already secured the Best Skier Trophy for the third time, after 2022/23 and 2024/25, with a 375-point lead with three events left. Only **Iikka Herola (FIN)** has also won it three times.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has won 10 individual World Cup events, including three this season (two in Oberhof (GER) and one in Seefeld (AUT)).

Rettenegger brothers

- **Thomas Rettenegger (AUT)** has already secured this season's Best Jumper Trophy, with a 325-point lead with three events left. He is the second Austrian to win this trophy, after **Franz-Josef Rehrl**, who won the first edition in 2018/19.
- **Stefan Rettenegger (AUT)** has claimed 14 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to record his first win (7 second places, 7 third places). He also has two World Cup podiums (both seconds) in team events.

Other contenders

- **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** has won two World Cup events this season and both were on Austrian snow: a Gundersen in Ramsau on 20 December and an Individual Compact in Seefeld on 31 January.
- **Ilkka Herola (FIN)** is the only man outside the 'big three' nations of Austria, Germany or Norway to reach a World Cup podium this season. Herola finished third in the first event of the season, a Compact in Ruka (FIN) on 28 November.
- **Eero Hirvonen** (normal hill) and **Ilkka Herola** (large hill) both claimed individual bronze for Finland at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Together they also grabbed silver in the team event.
- **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).