

FACTS & FIGURES – Women’s giant slalom in Semmering

- This is the third race of the women’s Giant Slalom season. Two races scheduled for Tremblant on December 7 and December 8 were cancelled due to a lack of snow.
- **Sara Hector (SWE/ Head)** leads the GS standings after two races. She won the second race of the season in Killington in November.
- Hector has never finished on the podium in Semmering.
- She could become the first Swedish skier to win the giant slalom in Semmering.
- **Federica Brignone (ITA/Rossignol)** is second in the GS standings after two races. She won the opening GS race of the season in Soelden.
- Brignone has won three of her last four GS races – she won the last two GS races of last season (Are and Saalbach) and the first one of this season (Soelden).
- Brignone can win her 14th career World Cup giant slalom race, equalling four other skiers in equal fifth place on the all-time women’s list.
- She has never finished on the podium in Semmering. She was fifth in the GS here in December 2022.
- The last Italian skier to win in Semmering was Karen Putzer in 2002.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami (SUI/ Head)** has won nine World Cup giant slalom races. If she makes it 10 (to go with 22 Super G and 13 downhill wins she will become the first woman to complete the Alpine skiing 'triple-double' – double-figure (10-plus) World Cup wins in three disciplines. Hermann Maier (AUT – 24 SG, 15 DH, 14 GS) and Pirmin Zurbriggen (SUI – 11 combined, 10 DH, 10 SG) are the only men to have done it.
- Gut-Behrami can win her 46th World Cup race in all disciplines to equal Renate Goetschl (AUT) in fifth place on the all-time women’s list.
- She is currently joint 24th in the GS standings, having not started at Soelden and finished 20th in Killington.
- Gut-Behrami was second the last time a GS was held in Semmering (on December 28 in the second of two races at the venue), behind Mikaela Shiffrin.
- **Marta Bassino (ITA/ Salomon)**. Last time there was women’s GS racing in Semmering, on 27 and 28 December 2022, Bassino finished third both times.
- Bassino is currently joint 24th in the GS standings, having finished 20th in Soelden and not qualified in Killington.
- **Zrinka Ljusic (CRO/ Atomic)** is third in the GS standings, following her second place finish in Killington.
- She has never finished on the podium in Semmering. The last Croatian athlete to win a World Cup race was Janica Kostelić in 2006
- **Alice Robinson (NZL)** has 11 career podiums, including 3 victories. With one more win, she could match Claudia Riegler’s record for the most Alpine Skiing victories for New Zealand.
- **Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/ Atomic)**, the 2022-23 GS Crystal Globe winner, currently 11th in the standings, is sidelined with injury. She won the last two GS races to be held in Semmering, in December 2022.

- **Julia Scheib's** (AUT) podium in Giant Slalom was the first for Austria in this discipline since Katharina Liensberger's podium in Lienz in 2019. The last Austrian to win in Semmering's Giant Slalom was Anna Fenninger in 2012.