

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Sunday 19 Feb 2023

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen can join Stein Eriksen (1954), Kjetil André Aamodt (1993), Tom Stiansen (1997) and Sebastian Foss Solevåg (2021) as the only Norwegian world champions in the men's slalom.
- Kristoffersen won the men's giant slalom world title in 2019. He can become the 10th man to win world titles in both the slalom and giant slalom, and the third Norwegian after Eriksen and Aamodt.
- Kristoffersen has won 23 World Cup slalom events and he won the crystal globe in the men's slalom in 2015/16, 2019/20 and 2021/22. Kristoffersen has yet to win a slalom event at the world championships or Olympic Winter Games (he took bronze at the Winter Games in 2014).

Austria

- Austria has yet to win a gold medal at these world championships (G0-S3-B4). **Note:** Does not include the results of the women's slalom on 18 February.
- At the world championships in 2021, Austria won five gold medals, more than any other country. In 2019 Austria won one world title - Marcel Hirscher in the men's slalom.
- The last world championships in which Austria did not win any gold medal were in Crans-Montana in 1987.
- Austria has won a record 16 gold medals and a record 42 medals in total in the men's slalom at world championships. The record for most gold medals by a country in a specific discipline is 17 by Austria in the men's downhill. Switzerland holds the record for most medals in a single event: 43 in the men's downhill.
- At the last three world championships, Austria collected six of the nine available medals in the men's slalom, including a podium sweep in 2019.
- **Marco Schwarz** already claimed silver in the Alpine combined and bronze in the giant slalom at these world championships. The last man to win at least three medals at a single world championships was Schwarz himself, in 2019 (3, including bronze in the men's slalom).

Other contenders

- **Clément Noël** is the reigning Olympic champion in the men's slalom. At Beijing 2022, he won ahead of Johannes Strolz and Sebastian Foss Solevåg.
- Ingemar Stenmark, Alberto Tomba, Benjamin Raich and Mario Matt are the men to have won the men's slalom at the world championships and the Winter Games.

- **Alexis Pinturault** has already achieved individual world championship medals in the giant slalom, super-G and Alpine combined. His best result in the slalom at the world championships was a fourth place in 2019.
- Only Marielle Goitschel (11) and Émile Allais (8) claimed as many world championship medals among French skiers as Pinturault (8).
- There have been five French men who have won the men's slalom world title, most recently Jean-Baptiste Grange in 2015. Allais (1937, Chamonix), Charles Bozon (1962, Chamonix) and Jean-Claude Killy (1968, Grenoble, Olympic Winter Games) are the French male skiers to have won the world title in the slalom in front of a home crowd.
- The last **Swiss skier** to claim a world championship medal in the men's slalom was Silvan Zurbriggen in 2003 (silver).
- Swiss skiers have won the men's slalom world title five times, but not since Georges Schneider in 1950.
- **Linus Straßer** can become the fourth German man to win the world title in the slalom, after Friedl Däuber (1932), Franz Pfnür (1934) and Frank Würndl (1987 for West Germany).
- **AJ Ginnis** could win the first world championships medal for Greece in a sport held on snow or ice (sports that have been held at the Olympic Winter Games).
- **Dave Ryding** could claim Great Britain's first world championships medal in a men's event in alpine skiing. Great Britain won 11 medals in women's events from 1931 to 1936.

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