

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday 11 Feb 2023

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter is the reigning world and Olympic champion in the women's downhill. She can become the first woman to win three successive global titles in this event.
- Suter can become the second Swiss woman to win back-to-back world titles in the downhill, after Maria Walliser in 1987 and 1989.
- Suter finished the super-G event on a disappointing 20th place on 8 February. It was her lowest ranking in a super-G event (World Cup and world championships combined) since a 20th place in Lenzerheide on 5 March 2022.

### Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia won gold in the downhill at the Olympic Winter Games in 2018 and picked up silver in 2022, but she has yet to reach the podium in this event at the world championships with a fourth-place finish in 2017 as her best result. She missed the world championships in 2021 due to injury.
- Goggia leads the downhill standings in this season's World Cup and won the downhill crystal globe in three of the last five seasons (2017/18, 2020/21 and 2021/22).
- Goggia hopes to become the second Italian woman to claim the downhill world title, 91 years after Paula Wiesinger won in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1932.

### Other contenders

- **Ilka Štuhec** won the downhill world title in 2017 and 2019. She could join Christel Cranz (3) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (3) on a record three downhill world titles among women.
- Štuhec (32 years) can become the oldest women's downhill world champion. Her compatriot Tina Maze (31 years in 2015) currently holds the record.
- Only Lindsey Vonn (G2-S3-B3) has won more world championship medals in the women's speed events than **Lara Gut-Behrami** (G1-S2-B3).
- Gut-Behrami (G0-S1-B2) has claimed three medals in the downhill at the world championships, but has yet to win the world title. Only Nini von Arz-Zogg (G0-S2-B1) has won as many medals in the downhill without claiming gold.
- **Kira Weidle** won silver in the downhill at the 2021 world championships. She can become the first German woman to win the world title in this event since Rosi Mittermaier won Olympic gold for West Germany in 1976 (also counted as world title).



- **Cornelia Hütter** finished third in the super-G event on 8 February (tied with Kasja Vickhoff Lie). Hütter's only downhill participation at a world championship resulted in a 15th place in 2015.
- **Austria** has won the women's downhill a record 13 times at the world championships, but only once in the last 10 editions: Elisabeth Görgl in 2011.

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