

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM ÅRE– Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin sealed the women's slalom World Cup rankings for 2022/23 with her first and second place finishes in Špindlerův Mlýn on 28 and 29 January.
- Shiffrin has now won the women's slalom World Cup rankings seven times. She has surpassed Vreni Schneider (6) to the top of the list of the most World Cup slalom crystal globes.
- Shiffrin has finished on the podium in eight of nine World Cup slalom events she competed in this season. The only exception was a fifth place finish in Killington on 27 November 2022.
- Shiffrin's record of 52 World Cup wins in the slalom is the most for any alpine skier in any event (male/female). Ingemar Stenmark follows with 46 wins in the men's giant slalom, then Lindsey Vonn with 43 wins in the women's downhill.
- Shiffrin will celebrate her 28th birthday two days after this event. Taking into account women's World Cup slalom wins before age 28, Shiffrin (52) has over twice as the next best on the list, Erika Hess (21).
- **Going into this weekend Shiffrin is on 85 World Cup victories, Ingemar Stenmark's is 86 World Cup victories. Shiffrin has won a record four slalom World Cup events in Åre, including her first career World Cup victory on 20 December 2012.**

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is the reigning Olympic champion in this event (Mikaela Shiffrin recorded a DNF). Vlhová has won one slalom World Cup this season. She beat Shiffrin into second place in this event in Flachau on 10 January, six days after those finishing positions were the other way around in Zagreb.
- Vlhová (2) can become the second women's alpine skier to win three World Cup slalom events in Åre after Shiffrin (4). Vlhová won in 2015 and 2021.
- Vlhová (530) is tied with Wendy Holdener (530) in joint-second place of the women's slalom World Cup rankings this season. In the past four seasons Vlhová has finished on the podium each season but has only finished in third place once, in 2020/21.

Other contenders

- **Wendy Holdener** (2) is the only alpine skier other than Mikaela Shiffrin (5) to claim multiple women's World Cup slalom victories this season.
- Before her wins in Killington and Sestriere this season Holdener had achieved 30 World Cup podiums in the slalom without ever standing on the top step (G0-S15-B15).
- Holdener can become the first Swiss woman to claim three World Cup slalom wins in a season since Vreni Schneider in 1994/95 (4).

- **Katharina Liensberger** won the silver medal in this event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing after finishing in seventh place after the first run.
- Liensberger won the last two World Cup slalom races in Åre and can become the first woman to win three in a row at the venue.
- **Laurence St-Germain** won the world title in the women's slalom at the world championships in Méribel on 18 February. Her best World Cup podium finish in slalom is sixth in Levi on 21 November 2020.
- St-Germain could become the first Canadian women to finish on a World Cup slalom podium since Marie-Michèle Gagnon (3rd) in Crans-Montana in February 2016.
- Gagnon also has the best World Cup slalom finish of an Canadian alpine skier in a women's World Cup event in Åre. She finished third on 10 March 2012.
- **Lena Dürr** won the bronze medal at the world championships in Méribel on 18 February. Dürr won her maiden World Cup slalom event at Špindlerův Mlýn on 29th January at age 31. At the age of 31 years and 178 days she became the oldest German woman to win a World Cup event.
- **Anna Swenn-Larsson** (one win in 2022/23) can become the first Swedish woman to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season since Anja Pärson in 2005/06 (3).
- Maria Pietilä Holmner is the only Swedish woman who won a World Cup slalom in Åre, on 13 December 2014.

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