

PREVIEW MEN'S GUNDERSEN NORMAL HILL/10KM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANICA – Saturday 25 Feb 2023

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter has won two world titles (individual large hill and team sprint large hill in 2021) and he could join Felix Gottwald (3) and Bernard Gruber (3) on a record three world titles among Austrian men.
- Lamparter can become the first Austrian man to win the world title in the normal hill event.
- Lamparter (large hill in 2021) and Gruber (large hill in 2015) are the only Austrian men to have won world titles in individual events.
- Ronny Ackermann (3 normal hill, 1 large hill), Jason Lamy Chappuis (1 nh, 1 lh), Eric Frenzel (1 nh, 2 lh) and Johannes Rydzek (2 nh, 1 lh) are the men to have won world titles in individual normal hill and large hill events.

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber could return to competition at these world championships following illness and the loss of his grandparents.
- Riiber has won four world titles in all events and he could become the fifth man, and second Norwegian to win at least five world titles, after Eric Frenzel (7), Johannes Rydzek (6), Jason Lamy Chappuis (5) and compatriot Bjarte Engen Vik (5).
- Riiber won the individual normal hill/10km event at the the last two world championships. There have been three men who won the normal hill/10km or 15km world title three times in a row: Oddbjørn Hagen (10km; 1934-1936), Ulrich Wehling (15km; 1972-1976) and Ronny Ackermann (15km; 2003-2007).

Other contenders

- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** won the world title with Norway in the men's team normal hill event in 2021 and he finished third in the individual normal hill event.
- Five athletes won two medals in the men's normal hill/10km event since the skiing distance returned to 10km in 2009, including Riiber (2 wins) as the only Norwegian to do so.
- **Vinzenz Geiger** won gold in the men's normal hill/10km event at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. After the World War II, the only two men to have won the normal hill/10km event at the Winter Games and world championships were Jason Lamy Chappuis (OG 2010, WCh 2013) and Eric Frenzel (OG 2014, 2018, WCh 2011).
- **Julian Schmid** can become the third German skier to win the men's normal hill/10km event since the skiing distance returned to 10km in 2009, after Frenzel (2011) and Johannes Rydzek (2015, 2017).
- Germany's three wins in this event since 2009 are the most of all countries (Norway 2, France 1, USA 1).

- **Ilkka Herola** finished second behind Riiber in this event at the world championships in 2021. **Finland's** last world titles came in 2007: Hannu Manninen in the sprint large hill/7.5km event and the men's team large hill/4x5km event.
- **Jørgen Graabak** has won five world championships medals (G2-S3-B0), but never in an individual event (all in the men's team normal hill event). He can become the fourth man to win a medal at at least six world championships, after Frenzel (7), Björn Kircheisen (7), Magnus Moan (7) and Hans Vinjarengen (6).
- **Laurent Mühlethaler** could join Jason Lamy Chappuis (2013) as French winners of a men's normal hill event. **France's** last medal in any individual event was a bronze medal for François Braud in the men's large hill event in 2017.
- **Japan** has won four world championships medals in normal hill events, but only one in this century, Akito Watabe's third place in the men's individual normal hill/10km event in 2019. Kenji Ogiwara won gold in the men's individual normal hill/15km in 1993 and 1997.

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