

PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM LARGE HILL/4X5KM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANICA - Wednesday 1 Mar 2023

Norway

- Norway won gold in the men's team large hill/4x5km event at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. It also won the men's team event at the last two world championships, when it was a normal hill/4x5km event.
- Jørgen Graabak and Espen Bjørnstad formed part of all three of these Norwegian teams. Jarl Magnus Riiber (2019, 2021) and Jens Lurås Oftebro (2021, 2022) were two times present.
- Norway won the men's team large hill/4x5km in 2005. It claimed bronze in 2011, when this specific event was held for the last time at the world championships.
- Austria are the only team to have won Olympic gold (2010) and the world title (2011) in this event at successive championships.

Germany

- Germany took Olympic silver in this event in Beijing in 2022. It were the sixth successive Winter Games in which Germany claimed a medal in this event (G1-S4-B1). It won gold in 2018.
- Germany won 10 medals in the men's 4x5km events at the world championships (large hill & normal hill), including winning in 2015 and 2017 and finishing second in 2019 and 2021 (all normal hill).
- Germany finished second in all four world championships in which the men's large hill/4x5km event was held. Norway (G1-S0-B3) are the other team to have finished on the podium in all four years.

Other contenders

- **Austria** won the world title in the men's team large hill/4x5km event in 2011. It is Austria's last world title in a four-men team event. In 2021, Austria won the two-men sprint large hill/2x7.5km.
- Only Norway (5) has won more four-men team events (large hill & normal hill) at the world championships than Austria (3).
- Norway (G2-S1-B0), Germany (G1-S2-B0) and Austria (G0-S0-B3) have claimed the podium spots in each of the last three 4x5 team events at the world championships.
- **Japan** took bronze in the men's large hill/4x5km event at Beijing 2022. It was Japan's first medal in this event at the Winter Games or world championships since it won the world title in 2009.
- **France's** two medals in men's 4x5km events were gold (2013) and bronze (2015) in the normal hill/4x5km events. It finished fourth in the large hill/4x5km events in 2009 and 2011.
- **Finland** won the large hill/4x5km event in 2007. It is its most recent medal in any men's 4x5km event at the world championships.

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