

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GUNDERSEN NORMAL HILL/5KM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANICA - Friday 24 Feb 2023

Gyda Westvold Hansen

- Gyda Westvold Hansen became the first women's world champion as she won the inaugural edition in Oberstdorf in 2021.
- In 2021, Westvold Hansen finished second in the ski jumping, and had the fourth-fastest cross-country skiing time.
- Westvold Hansen has won 16 of the 18 individual women's World Cup events. She only failed to win the very first event on 18 December 2020 (finished second behind Tara Geraghty-Moats) and 12 March 2022 (DNF).
- Westvold Hansen claimed the victory in all nine individual women's World Cup events this season.

Other contenders

- Norwegian sisters **Mari Leinan Lund** and **Marte Leinan Lund** finished second and third respectively behind Gyda Westvold Hansen in this event at the 2021 world championships. Mari Leinan Lund led after ski jumping.
- **Nathalie Armbruster** finished on the podium in seven of the nine individual World Cup events this season, recording two second-place finishes and five third places. Only Westvold Hansen (9) and Armbruster (7) claimed more than three podium results in the 2022/23 women's World Cup.
- **Annika Sieff** successfully defended her world title at the Junior World Championships in Whistler on 3 February. She was joined on the podium by Armbruster (silver) and Austria's Lisa Hirner (bronze).
- Sieff can become the second Italian Nordic combined skier to claim a medal at the world championships, after Alessandro Pittin took silver in the men's normal hill/10km event in Falun in 2015.
- Sieff recorded three podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season, all second-place results behind Westvold Hansen. The smallest gap to victory was 35 seconds, in Seefeld on 28 January.
- Hirner's best individual result in the women's World Cup was a second-place finish in Ramsau am Dachstein on 16 December 2022.
- **Anju Nakamura** finished fourth at this event at the 2021 World Championships, only 11 seconds behind the podium.
- Nakamura is one of the three women to have claimed an individual World Cup win, alongside Westvold Hansen (16) and Tara Geraghty-Moats (1). Nakamura emerged victorious in Schonach on 12 March 2022.
- Since her sole World Cup win, Nakamura's best finish was a fifth place a day later in Schonach. This season, she has recorded only one top eight finish, in Seefeld on 27 January (6th).

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