

PREVIEW 2023/2024 World Cup - Men

Johannes Høsflot Klæbo

- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo has won the overall World Cup in each of the last two seasons after he had claimed the overall crystal globe in 2017/18 and 2018/19 as well.
- Klæbo is one of four male cross-country skiers to have won the overall World Cup at least four times, alongside Bjørn Dæhlie (6), Gunde Svan (5) and Dario Cologna (4).
- Klæbo could equal the men's record for most consecutive overall World Cup victories, set by Svan (1983/84 - 1985/86) and matched by Dæhlie (1994/95 - 1996/97).
- Klæbo won 20 out of a possible 31 individual World Cup events last season, equalling the record for most individual World Cup wins in a single season (20 by Therese Johaug in 2019/20).
- Klæbo (72) holds the record for most World Cup victories among men (all disciplines), 68 of Klæbo's 72 WC wins were achieved in individual events.
- Klæbo (90, including 68 victories) could achieve his 100th individual World Cup podium result during this season.
- Klæbo has won five sprint crystal globes (2016/17 - 2019/20, 2022/23). Including women, only Bente Skari (5) and Marit Bjørgen (5) won the sprint crystal globe as many times as Klæbo.
- Klæbo (40) is tied alongside Bjørgen (40) for most individual sprint World Cup victories.

Other contenders

- The last six men's overall crystal globes were either won by Johannes Høsflot Klæbo (2017/18, 2018/19, 2021/22, 2022/23) or Alexander Bolshunov (2019/20, 2020/21).
- The dominance by Klæbo and Bolshunov began after Martin Johnsrud Sundby took the overall crystal globe in 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- **Pål Golberg** finished runner-up in last season's overall World Cup standings behind Klæbo, his best result in the overall World Cup classification (3rd place in 2019/20).
- Golberg did win the distance crystal globe last season. At the age of 32 days and 253 days, Golberg became the second-oldest male winner of this crystal globe, behind only Pietro Piller Cottler (34 years in 2008/09).
- Dario Cologna (4), Johnsrud Sundby (3), Alexander Bolshunov (3) and Tobias Angerer (2) are the male cross-country skiers to have claimed the distance crystal globe more than once.
- **Federico Pellegrino**'s third place in last season's overall World Cup standings equalled the best result for an Italian male cross-country skier in the overall World Cup. Silvio Fauner (1994/95), Fulvio Valbusa (1996/97) and Piller Cottler (2007/08) had finished third as well.



- **Lucas Chanavat** came second in last season's sprint World Cup standings. The only French cross-country skier - male or female - to have ever claimed a crystal globe was **Richard Jouve** in 2021/22 (men's sprint).
- **Ben Ogden** topped the U23 ranking in last season's World Cup. Ogden is chasing his first individual World Cup podium.

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