

PREVIEW 2023/2024 World Cup - Women

General

- The last six editions of the women's World Cup have been won by six different women: **Heidi Weng (2017/18)**, **Ingvild Flugstad Østberg (2018/19)**, **Therese Johaug (2019/20)**, **Jessica Diggins (2020/21)**, **Natalia Nepryaeva (2021/22)** and **Tiril Udnes Weng (2022/23)**.
- Six different winners in six consecutive World Cup seasons is a feat that had never happened before on either men's or women's side in World Cup history (the first official World Cup season was held in 1981/82).

Norway

- Tiril Udnes Weng claimed last season's overall crystal globe ahead of Jessica Diggins (2nd place) and Kerttu Niskanen (3rd place).
- Tiril Udnes Weng could become the first woman to claim the overall crystal globe in back-to-back seasons since her third cousin Heidi Weng achieved this feat in 2016/17 - 2017/18.
- Heidi Weng (2) is the only active female cross-country skier to have claimed the overall crystal globe more than once.
- Norway claimed the women's overall World Cup in eight of the last 10 seasons. The exceptions were the wins by Jessica Diggins (2020/21) and Natalia Nepryaeva (2021/22).
- Norwegian failed to claim the sprint crystal globe in any of the last five seasons, directly following wins by Marit Bjørgen (2014/15) and Maiken Caspersen Falla (2015/16 - 2017/18).

Other contenders

- **Jessica Diggins** finished either first or second in the overall World Cup standings in each of the last three seasons (1-2-2).
- Diggins could become the first non-Norwegian female cross-country skier to take the overall crystal globe in multiple seasons since Justyna Kowalczyk topped the standings four times between 2008/09 and 2012/13.
- **Swedish** women have never claimed the overall World Cup on the women's side. In contrast, Sweden has won the overall World Cup on the men's side on 11 occasions.
- Sweden's **Maja Dahlqvist** became the first woman to win the sprint crystal globe in successive seasons since Maiken Caspersen Falla in 2015/16 to 2017/18 (3 in a row).
- Swedish women took the sprint crystal globe in four of the last five seasons (Slovenia's Anamarija Lampic topped the standings in 2020/21), after they had never won this specific globe before (it was introduced in 1996/97).
- Last season, **Kerttu Niskanen** (distance) became the first Finnish woman to win a crystal globe since Virpi Kuitunen in 2007/08 (distance, overall). The last woman to take the distance crystal globe in successive seasons was Therese Johaug (2018/19 - 2019/20).

- A total of five women have won the distance crystal globe on multiple occasions: Johaug (5), Kowalczyk (4), Marit Bjørgen (3), Heidi Weng (2) and Kuitunen (2).
- Norway could miss out on the distance crystal globe in back-to-back seasons on the women's side for the first time since 2005/06 to 2010/11 (6 seasons in a row).
- **Patricija Eiduka** topped the U23 ranking in last season's World Cup. She could hand Latvia's first-ever World Cup podium result in this sport (including men).

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