

Preview 2022/2023 World Cup - Men

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won the overall World Cup standings in the last four seasons.
- Riiber can become the second man to win the overall World Cup standings at least five times, after Eric Frenzel won five seasons in a row from 2012/13 to 2016/17.
- Riiber's Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games experience ended in disappointment. He missed the normal hill/10km event after testing positive for Covid-19 and then went the wrong way while leading in the large hill/10km event to finish eighth. He did not take part in the team event in which Norway won gold.
- Riiber won the final event of the 2021/22 Nordic combined season to claim his 49th individual World Cup win in his career, surpassing Hannu Manninen (48) for most all-time.
- From December 2020 onwards, Riiber has finished on the podium in 24 of the 25 individual World Cup events (G20-S3-B1) he competed in. He only missed out on a podium finish in a 10th-place finish in Seefeld on 29 January 2022.
- Riiber has amassed 67 individual World Cup podium finishes, ranking him sixth overall. The top five consists of Hanny Manninen (90), Eric Frenzel (83), Ronny Ackermann (77), Akito Watabe (74) and Felix Gottwald (68).

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter (1362 points) finished second in the overall World Cup in 2021/22, but only 21 points behind Riiber (1383), the smallest margin in the current points system. It was the smallest margin between the World Cup winner and the runner-up since a five-point gap in 1990/91, when Austrian Klaus Sulzenbacher (137) finished behind Norway's Fred Børre Lundberg (142).
- Lamparter hopes to become the fourth man to win the Nordic combined overall World Cup the season after finishing runner-up, after Herman Weinbuch in 1985/86, Klaus Sulzenbacher in 1989/90 and Ronny Ackermann in 2001/02.
- Lamparter can become the third Austrian male Nordic combined athlete to win the overall World Cup, after Sulzenbacher (1987/88 and 1989/90) and Felix Gottwald (2000/01).
- Lamparter won three individual World Cup events last season, in Val di Fiemme and Klingenthal (2) respectively. Riiber did not compete in all three of these events last season.

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Vinzenz Geiger

- Vinzenz Geiger finished on the podium of the overall World Cup standings in each of the past three seasons: 2019/20 (3rd), 2020/21 (2nd) and 2021/22 (3rd).
- Geiger could become the fourth German man (including East & West Germany) to win the overall World Cup standings, after Eric Frenzel (5), Ronny Ackermann (3) and Hermann Weinbuch (1).
- Geiger has won nine individual World Cup events, including two in 2021/22. There are four German men to have claimed at least 10 individual World Cup triumphs in Nordic combined: Eric Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Björn Kircheisen (17) and Johannes Rydzek (17).
- Geiger won gold in the normal hill/10km event at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. Two of the previous three Olympic gold medallists in this event went on to win the individual World Cup the next season: Jason Lamy Chappuis in 2010/11 and Eric Frenzl in 2014/15.

Other contenders

- Last season, 56 of the 60 podium spots were taken up by Norway (22), Germany (18) and Austria (16), leaving four spots for Estonia (2), Finland and Japan.
- **Terence Weber** was one of the three Nordic combined skiers last season who got to wear the yellow bib, besides Riiber and Lamparter. Weber finished eighth in the World Cup standings.
- **Akito Watabe** has won 19 individual World Cup events, equal most with Kenji Ogiwara (19) as Japan's record holder.
- **Eric Frenzel** has won the overall World Cup five times, all from 2012/13 to 2016/2017. This is the most by any athlete.
- Frenzel has won 43 individual World Cup events, third only to Riiber's 49 wins and Hannu Manninen's 48 wins. Frenzel's last victory in an individual World Cup event was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018.
- Frenzel can become the fourth Nordic combined skier to win an individual World Cup event in at least 10 seasons, after Hannu Manninen (12 seasons), Magnus Moan (12) and Björn Kircheisen (10).
- Frenzel (83) is second on the list of most podium finishes in individual World Cups, behind Manninen (90).
- Frenzel, who celebrated his 34th birthday days before the start of the 2022/23 World Cup season, can become the oldest German Nordic combined skier to win an individual World Cup event. The record is currently held by Björk Kircheisen, who was 33 years and 188 days old when he won in Sapporo on 10 February 2017.
- **Fabian Rießle** (9) needs one more win to claim his 10th individual World Cup victory. He has not won an individual World Cup event since 18 March 2018 in Klingenthal, but he recorded 16 podium finishes since that win (G0-S5-B11).

- **Iikka Herola** hopes to claim the first men's individual World Cup event win for Finland since Hannu Manninen won the last of his 48 victories in Lahti on 6 March 2010.
- Herola has recorded 10 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but he has yet to claim his first victory. Two athletes recorded more podium finishes in men's individual World Cup events without having claimed a win in their career: Allar Levandi (11 podium finishes) and Georg Hettich (11).
- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** has won one individual World Cup and claimed 11 podium finishes. His brother **Einar Lurås Oftebro**'s best result is a fifth place in Ruka on 1 December 2019.
- **Estonia** is still in search of its first individual World Cup win. Kristjan Ilves recorded two second-place finishes in Klingenthal last season.
- **United States** has won 18 individual World Cup events and recorded 61 podium finishes, but its most recent podium spot dates back to 24 January 2015, when Taylor Fletcher finished third in Sapporo.

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