

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SÖLDEN – Saturday 28 Oct 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin finished in the top three of the giant slalom rankings in each of the last seven World Cup seasons, including victories in 2018/19 and 2022/23.
- Shiffrin can become the first woman to successfully defend her giant slalom globe since Anna Veith in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- Last season, Shiffrin won seven of the 10 women's World Cup giant slalom events, including each of the last five. In the last women's World Cup event, Shiffrin (21) surpassed Vreni Schneider (20) as the woman with the most World Cup event wins in the giant slalom.
- **Shiffrin can become the third skier to win at least six successive World Cup giant slalom events, after Ingemar Stenmark (14 in a row in 1978-1980) and Deborah Compagnoni (8 in a row in 1997-1998).**
- Shiffrin is the first woman to have won as many as five successive World Cup giant slalom events since Veith had a run of five victories in December - October 2014 (including a shared win with Shiffrin in Sölden).
- Shiffrin can become the first skier - male or female - to win at least one World Cup event in as many as 12 **successive** seasons. Vreni Schneider (1984/85 to 1994/95), Alberto Tomba (1987/88 - 1997/98) and Renate Götschl (1996/97 to 2006/07) also had a run of 11 seasons.
- Last season, Shiffrin won each of the first two women's World Cup events, slaloms in Levi on 19 and 20 November. **Note:** The women's giant slalom event in Sölden on 22 October 2022 was cancelled due to bad weather.
- Shiffrin won the Sölden giant slalom in 2014/15 (shared win with Anna Veith) and 2021/22. The win in 2014/15 was her first career World Cup win in the giant slalom.
- Shiffrin can become the first woman to win the Sölden giant slalom on successive occasions. There have been 24 women's giant slalom World Cup events in Sölden, but no woman has won this event two times in a row.

Other contenders

- **Lara Gut-Behrami** won the first women's giant slalom event of last season, in Killington on 26 November. That win is her most recent victory in a women's World Cup giant slalom event.
- Gut-Behrami (12) can become the third woman to claim at least one World Cup win in 13 different seasons, after Renate Götschl (14) and Lindsey Vonn (13).
- Gut-Behrami (2013, 2016) and Shiffrin (2014, 2021) can join Tina Maze (2002, 2005, 2012) on a record-three World Cup giant slalom victories in Sölden.
- **Federica Brignone**, 33 years old, can become the oldest women to win a World Cup giant slalom race, surpassing Anita Wachter who was 32 years and 319 days old when she triumphed in Lienz on 28 December 1999.
- Brignone's first career World Cup win came in the Sölden giant slalom on 24 October 2015.
- **Marta Bassino** won the World Cup giant slalom event in Sölden in 2020/21, the season in which she ended up lifting the giant slalom globe.
- On 26 October 2019, **Alice Robinson** won the women's World Cup giant slalom event in Sölden at age 17. She became the youngest winner of a World Cup event since Mikaela Shiffrin, who was also 17 years old when she won her first World Cup events (in 2012/13).
- The last women other than Shiffrin to emerge victorious in a women's World Cup giant slalom was **Valérie Grenier** in the first Kranjska Gora giant slalom on 7 January. This was Grenier's first and so far only WC victory.
- **Austria** has won a record 93 women's World Cup giant slalom events, but its most recent victory was more than seven years ago: by Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.
- The last Austrian woman to celebrate a win in a World Cup giant slalom on home snow was Anna Veith in October 2014 (shared win with Shiffrin in Sölden).
- **On 26 October 2002**, the first place in the World Cup giant slalom in Sölden was shared by three women: Andrine Flemmen, Nicole Hosp and Tina Maze (they all clocked a time of 1:49:91). This is one of only two occasions in World Cup history a specific event had three different winners, as it also happened in the women's super-G in Hafjell on 3 March 2006 (Vonn, Michaela Dorfmeister and Nadia Styger were tied for first place).

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