

PREVIEW Men's TEAM LARGE HILL – Sunday 24 Feb 2019

Poland aiming for back-to-back world titles

- At the 2017 Nordic World Ski Championships Poland won its first world title in the men's large hill team event.
- Kamil Stoch, Piotr Zyla, Dawid Kubacki and Maciej Kot made up the team for Poland two years ago.
- The last country to successfully defend its title in the men's large hill team event was Austria, which won five titles in a row from 2005-2013.
- Poland has finished on the podium in this event at each of the last three editions of the world championships. Its team won the bronze medal in 2013 and 2015.
- Austria is the only other nation to have finished on the podium in the men's large hill team event at each of the last three world championships: gold in 2013, silver in 2015 and bronze in 2017.

Austria out to join Finland as most successful nation in men's large hill team event

- Austria has won six world titles in the men's large hill team event and could join Finland on a record seven gold medals.
- Austria won its six world titles in 1991, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013. Finland won its seven world titles in 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1995, 1997 and 2003.
- Austria's team finished on the podium in the men's large hill team event at each of the last seven editions of the world championships (2005-2017). This run is already a record (Finland next, six podium finishes in a row from 1982-1991).
- Austria (G6-S3-B5) has won a record 14 total medals in the men's large hill team event at the world championships. Finland (G7-S3-B1) and Norway (G3-S6-B2) follow on 11 total medals each.

Miscellaneous

- **Japan** is hoping to win its first world title in the men's large hill team event.
- Currently, Japan is the most decorated nation never to have won the world title in this event. The country has won three silver (1997, 1999, 2003) and three bronze (1995, 2007, 2009) medals.
- **Norway** could win its fourth world title in the men's large hill team event, after 1982, 1993 and 2015.
- Norway is the reigning Olympic champion in this event, beating Germany (second) and Poland (third) at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games. Daniel-André Tande, Johann André Forfang, Robert Johansson and Andreas Stjernen made up Norway's gold medal winning team.
- At four of the last six world championships the reigning Olympic champion won the world title in the men's large hill team event: Austria in 2007, 2009,

2011 and 2013. The last two world titles were won by Norway (2015) and Poland (2017), while Germany (2014) was reigning Olympic champion.

- **Germany** is eyeing its third world title in the men's large hill team event, after, 1999 and 2001.
- Since its last world title in 2001, Germany has only once managed to finish on the world championships podium in this event, winning the silver medal in 2013.
- Germany won the silver medal in this event at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games. The team members were Richard Freitag, Andreas Wellinger, Karl Geiger and Stephan Leyhe.
- **Slovenia** has won one medal in this event at the world championships, bronze in 2011.
- **Finland** has won a record seven gold medals in this event at the world championships, but their last victory came back in 2003. They failed to reach the podium at the last six world championships.

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