

PREVIEW Ladies' GIANT SLALOM – Sunday 17 Mar 2019

Giant slalom crystal globe

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** will secure the ladies' giant slalom crystal globe if she finishes in the top-15 OR if Petra Vlhová fails to win the race.
- Shiffrin could become the third woman from the United States to win the giant slalom crystal globe, after Tamara McKinney (1981, 1983) and Marilyn Cochran (1969).
- Shiffrin has already secured the overall and slalom crystal globe this season. Coming into Soldeu, Shiffrin is still in the running for the super-G and giant slalom crystal globe. Only two women have won four World Cup standings in one season: Lindsey Vonn (2010, 2012) and Tina Maze (2013).
- Shiffrin can become the fifth woman to win the slalom and giant slalom crystal globes in one season, after Tanja Poutiainen (2005), Anja Pärson (2004), Vreni Schneider (1989, 1995) and Lise-Marie Morerod (1977).
- Pärson (2004), Schneider (1989, 1995) and Morerod (1977) also won the overall World Cup in those seasons.
- No alpine skier, male or female, has ever won the overall, slalom, giant slalom and super-G crystal globes in one year.
- **Petra Vlhová** can only win the giant slalom crystal if she wins the race in Soldeu AND Shiffrin fails to record a top-15 finish.
- Vlhová can become the first alpine skier, male or female, representing Slovakia to win a World Cup standings. Only Veronika Velez-Zuzulová claimed podiums for Slovakia in World Cup classifications, two second and two third places in the ladies' slalom.

Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová

- Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová have both won three giant slalom races this World Cup season. The last woman to win four in a single season was Anna Veith (4) in 2014/15.
- Vlhová could win three successive World Cup giant slalom races for the first time. The last woman to achieve this was Veith from February to March 2015.
- Shiffrin has won nine career World Cup races in the giant slalom, equal to Tamara McKinney (9) for most among US women.
- Shiffrin could join Anja Pärson, Hanni Wenzel, Lise-Marie Morerod and Vreni Schneider as the only women with at least 10 World Cup wins in both the slalom and giant slalom.

Other contenders

- **Viktoria Rebensburg** (14) and **Tessa Worley** (13) are both hoping to climb on the all-time list for most ladies' World Cup giant slalom wins.

- Rebensburg is in joint-third place alongside Anita Wachter, Tina Maze and Lise-Marie Morerod. Worley shares seventh place with Deborah Compagnoni and Sonja Nef. Only Vreni Schneider (20) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) have won more.
- Only Katja Seizinger (16 in downhill, 16 in super-G) has claimed more World Cup race wins in a specific event among German alpine skiers (male or female) than Rebensburg (14) in the giant slalom.
- Worley won the only previous World Cup giant slalom race held in Soldeu, on 12 February 2012.
- **Federica Brignone** has won five giant slalom races in the World Cup, only trailing Compagnoni (13) and Denise Karbon (6) for most among Italian women.
- **Marta Bassino** has claimed four World Cup giant slalom podiums, all third places. She could become the seventh Italian woman to win a giant slalom event in the World Cup.
- **Austrian women** have won a record 93 giant slalom races in the World Cup, but not since Eva-Maria Brem won in Jasná in March 2016.
- Austria have failed to win the last 25 ladies' World Cup races in the giant slalom, their second-longest winning drought in this event, after 84 races without a victory from 1978 to 1989.

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