

PREVIEW MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Tuesday 16 Feb 2021

- The men's parallel giant slalom will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- In the World Cup, four men have claimed multiple victories in events with a knockout format (parallel, city event): Marcel Hirscher (3), Alexis Pinturault (2), Ivica Kostelic (2) and Ramon Zenhäusern (2).
- Pinturault won the only parallel giant slalom event held in current World Cup season (in Lech), but has chosen not to participate in this event at these world championships.
- **Zenhäusern** claimed two of his four World Cup victories in events with a knockout format: city events in Stockholm in 2018 and 2019. His other two wins came in the slalom.
- Coming into these world championships, Zenhäusern's only medal came in the team event: gold in 2019.
- **Swiss skiers** won three of the last seven World Cup events with a knockout format: Zenhäusern's two wins in the Stockholm city event (2018, 2019) and Loïc Meillard's parallel giant slalom win in Chamonix (2020).
- Switzerland won the mixed team event (also KO) at the world championships in Åre in 2019, including runs by Zenhäusern and Daniel Yule.
- The last Swiss man to win an individual world title in a technical event was Carlo Janka in the giant slalom in 2009.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** collected two podiums in World Cup events with a knockout format: second in the parallel giant slalom in Alta Badia in 2017 and second in the parallel giant slalom in Lech earlier this season.
- Kristoffersen won the giant slalom world title in Åre in 2019. Two Norwegian skiers have claimed multiple world titles in technical events: Stein Eriksen (3) and Kjetil André Aamodt (2).
- **Alexander Schmid** finished on two World Cup podiums in his career, both in parallel giant slalom events. He came third in Chamonix on 9 February 2020 and third in Lech on 27 November 2020.
- Since the start of the 1990s, only two German men have won world championship medals in technical events: Felix Neureuther (G0-S1-B2) and Frit Dopfer (G0-S1-B0), all in the slalom.
- Three **Italian** men have claimed a World Cup podium in a knockout event: Gustav Thöni won the parallel slalom in Val Gardena in 1975, Giorgio Rocca finished second a KO slalom in Sestiere in 2002 and Stefano Gross came third in the city event in Stockholm in 2016.

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