

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

- The women's parallel giant slalom will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- In the World Cup, only two women have claimed multiple victories in events with a knockout format (parallel, city event): Mikaela Shiffrin (5) and **Petra Vlhová** (3).
- Shiffrin (7), Vlhová (6) and **Wendy Holdener** (5) are the only women to have finished on more than three World Cup podiums in knockout events.
- Vlhová won three of the last five World Cup knockout events: a city event in Oslo on 1 January 2019, a parallel slalom in St. Moritz on 15 December 2019 and a parallel giant slalom in Lech on 26 November 2020.
- Coming into these world championships, Vlhová has won four medals: silver in the team event in 2017, gold in the giant slalom in 2019, silver in the slalom in 2019 and bronze in the Alpine combined in 2019.
- Holdener's first ever World Cup victory came in a knockout event, in the city event in Stockholm on 23 February 2016. She collected five World Cup podiums in total in knockout events.
- Coming into this tournament, Holdener has achieved three world titles: two in the Alpine combined (2017, 2019) and in the team event (2019). Only Erika Hess (6), Pirmin Zurbriggen (4) and Rudolf Rominger (4) have claimed more world titles among Swiss skiers.
- Earlier this season, in the parallel giant slalom in Lech, Lara Gut-Behrami (third) finished on the podium for Switzerland.
- The last Swiss woman to win an individual world title in a technical event was Sonja Nef in the giant slalom in 2001.
- **Paula Moltzan** claimed her only World Cup career podium in the giant parallel slalom in Lech this season. She finished second behind Vlhová.
- Three **Italian women** have finished on a World Cup podium in an event with a knockout format: Claudia Giordani came second in a parallel slalom in Val Gardena in 1975, Irene Curtoni third in a parallel slalom in Courchevel in 2017 and Marta Bassino third in a giant parallel slalom in Sestriere in 2020.

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