

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday 20 Feb 2021

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin won the women's slalom at each of the last four world championships (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019).
- The only skier, male or female, to have won a specific event five times at the world championships is Christel Cranz, who won the women's combination five times between 1934 and 1939.
- Shiffrin is already the only skier, male or female, to have won a specific event at four successive world championships.
- Shiffrin (4) is one world championship medal shy of equalling Cranz (G4-S1-B0) for most in the women's slalom.
- Shiffrin is already the US skier, male or female, on most world titles (6) and on most world championship medals (10).
- Among men and women, five skiers have won more gold medals at the world championships than Shiffrin (6): Cranz (12), Anja Pärson (7), Marcel Hirscher (7), Marielle Goitschel (7) and Toni Sailer (7).
- Only three women have collected more world championship medals than Shiffrin (10): Cranz (15), Pärson (13) and Goitschel (11).
- Shiffrin already claimed three medals at these championships: gold in the Alpine combined, silver in the giant slalom and bronze in the super-G. Four women achieved more individual world championship medals in one year: Goitschel (4 in 1966), Rosi Mittermaier (4 in 1976), Hanni Wenzel (4 in 1980) and Pärson (4 in 2007).

### Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is the only skier representing Slovakia to have won world championship medals in individual events (G1-S2-B1). One of those was a bronze medal in the slalom in 2019.
- Vlhová has already won the world title in the women's giant slalom. The Slovakian can become the 11th woman to win the giant slalom and slalom at the world championships, and the first active female skier.
- Only Mikaela Shiffrin (10), Lara Gut-Behrami (8) and Tessa Worley (6) have collected more world championship medals among active female skiers than Vlhová (5, G1-S3-B1).

## Other contenders

- **Michelle Gisin** and **Wendy Holdener** are hoping to become the first Swiss winner of the women's slalom at the world championships since 1991, when Vreni Schneider emerged victorious in Saalbach-Hinterglemm.
- Gisin won the World Cup slalom event in Semmering last December, making her the first woman other than Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová to win a World Cup slalom since the start of February 2017.
- Holdener finished second in the women's slalom at the world championships in St. Moritz in 2017. The only Swiss women to have won multiple medals in this event are Erika Hess (3) and Schneider (2).
- The only Swiss skiers, male or female, to have won more gold medals at the world championships than Holdener (3) are Hess (6), Pirmin Zurbriggen (4) and Rudolf Rominger (4).
- **Switzerland** already won three gold medals in the women's events: Corinne Suter in the downhill and Lara Gut-Behrami in the super-G and giant slalom. Three countries managed to collect four gold medals in women's events at one world championships: France (4 in 1966), Switzerland (5 in 1987) and Austria (4 in 2011). In 1987, Erika Hess won the combination and slalom, Maria Walliser the super-G and downhill, and Vreni Schneider the giant slalom.
- **Katharina Liensberger** can become the first Austrian woman to reach the world championship podium in the slalom since Michaela Kirchgasser (silver) in 2013. The last Austrian to win the women's slalom world title was Marlies Schild in 2011.
- Liensberger already claimed two medals at these championships: bronze in the giant slalom and gold in the parallel giant slalom (shared with Marta Bassino). The last Austrian woman to grab three world championship medals in one year was Anna Veith (3) in 2015.
- Austria has won the most gold medals (8) and most total medals (24) in the women's slalom at the world championships.
- A **Swedish skier** has finished on the podium in the women's slalom at each of the last five world championships: Maria Pietilä Holmner in 2011 (bronze), Frida Hansdotter from 2013 to 2017 (2 bronze, 1 silver) and Anna Swenn-Larsson in 2019 (silver).
- Sweden has not won the women's slalom world title since 2001, when Anja Pärson emerged victorious.

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