

PREVIEW WOMEN'S 2X7.5KM SKIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday 27 Feb 2021

Therese Johaug

- Therese Johaug won the women's skiathlon world title at the world championships in 2015 and 2019. She also finished on the podium in this event in 2011 (bronze) and 2013 (silver).
- Only Marit Bjørgen (3) has won the women's skiathlon (includes combined pursuit) more often at the world championships.
- Johaug (G2-S1-B1) shares the record for most world championship medals in this event with Bjørgen (G3-S1-B0).
- In all events, Johaug has claimed 10 gold medals at the Nordic world championships. The only women to have won more are Bjørgen (18), Elena Välbe (14) and Larissa Lazutina (11).
- Only four women have collected more Nordic world championship medals than Johaug (15): Bjørgen (26), Välbe (17) and Lazutina (16).

Charlotte Kalla

- Charlotte Kalla claimed two medals in the women's skiathlon at the world championships: bronze medals in 2015 and 2017.
- Kalla is the only Swedish woman to collect a world championship medal in this event.
- Kalla also won two Olympic medals in this event: silver in Sochi in 2014 and gold in Pyeongchang in 2018. Only Marit Bjørgen and Kristina Šmigun-Vähi have won an Olympic and world title in this event.

Other contenders

- **Krista Pärmäkoski** finished second in the women's skiathlon at the world championships in 2017. She also took Olympic bronze in this event in 2018.
- Pärmäkoski can become the second Finnish world champion in the women's skiathlon after Virpi Kuitunen won the 2x5km skiathlon in 2001.
- Coming into these championships, **Teresa Stadlober** can become the second Austrian woman to claim a medal at the Nordic world championships in cross-country, after Maria Theurl's bronze in the 15km freestyle in 1999.
- **Jessica Diggins** can become the first non-European skier to finish on the podium in the women's skiathlon at the world championships.
- Russia has collected 14 medals in this event (includes combined pursuit) at the world championships, but only one in the last six editions: bronze by **Natalia Nepryaeva** in 2019. Russia will participate under the neutral flag at these championships.



- Nepryaeva can become the fifth woman from Russia to win this event at the world championships, after Larissa Lazutina (double pursuit) in 1995, Elena Välbe (double pursuit) in 1997, Julija Tchepalova in 2005 and Olga Savialova in 2007.
- **Heidi Weng** finished third in the women's skiathlon at the world championships in 2013. The last five world titles in this event were all won by Norwegian women.

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