

PREVIEW WOMEN'S TEAM SPRINT FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Sunday 28 Feb 2021

Sweden

- Sweden has won the women's team sprint twice and could equal Norway for most world titles in this event (3).
- Sweden could win the team sprint world title back-to-back as in 2019, Stina Nilsson won together with Maja Dahlqvist.
- Dahlqvist could join Virpi Kuitunen (2007-2009) and Maiken Caspersen Falla (2015-2017) as only women to win the event twice.
- Dahlqvist won all five team sprints in 2018/19 and 2019/20 (World Cup and world championships).
- Maja Dahlqvist and Linn Svahn finished second in the team sprint in Ulricehamn on 7 February, the only time Dahlqvist and Svahn were beaten in a team sprint.
- Jonna Sundling won the women's individual sprint on Thursday 25 February. Sweden can become the second country to win the women's individual sprint and team sprint at the same world championships, after Norway in 2015 and 2017.

Norway

- Norway has won three of the four team sprint events at the world championships, most of all countries. Two of these wins were in the freestyle event.
- Maiken Caspersen Falla was part of the winning team in 2015 (alongside Ingvild Flugstad Østberg) and 2017 (with Heidi Weng) and could become the first woman to win the world title in this event three times.
- Falla currently shares the record of two world titles with Virpi Kuitunen.
- Falla has won four world titles in the individual sprint and team sprint combined, one short of the record held by Marit Bjørgen.
- Falla is the only woman to have won the individual sprint and team sprint at the same world championships. She achieved this in 2017.
- Falla has won four medals in the women's team sprint, most of all women. Ida Ingemarsdotter is the only woman on three total medals in this event.

Other contenders

- Eva Urevc and Anamarija Lampic won the team sprint in Ulricehamn for **Slovenia**. This was the most recent team sprint held in the World Cup.
- Slovenia has yet to win its first title in this sport at the Nordic world championships. The country has won a silver medal in the women's team sprint in 2019 (Lampic and Katja Višnar) and a bronze and silver medal in the women's individual sprint, both by Petra Majdic.
- **Switzerland** (Laurien van der Graaff and Nadine Fähndrich) won the team sprint in Dresden earlier this season



- Switzerland has won one world title in cross country skiing at the Nordic world championships, when Dario Cologna won the men's skiathlon in 2013.
- Only one Swiss woman won a medal at the Nordic world championships, Evi Kratzer took bronze in the 5km classic in 1987.
- **United States** has won one Nordic world title in cross-country skiing, when Jessica Diggins and Kikkan Randall won the women's team sprint in 2013.

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