

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL OBERSTDORF – Thursday 4 Mar 2021

Markus Eisenbichler

- Markus Eisenbichler is the reigning world champion in the men's individual large hill event.
- Eisenbichler can become the third ski jumper to successfully defend his title in this event at the Nordic world championships, after Birger Ruud (1935-1937) and Martin Schmitt (1999-2001).
- Ruud (3) and Schmitt (2) are also the only ski jumpers on multiple titles in the large hill event at the Nordic world championships.
- Eisenbichler won his fifth world title earlier these championships in the mixed team event. Only three ski jumpers won more than five gold medals at the Nordic world championships: Thomas Morgenstern (8), Wolfgang Loitzl (7) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (6).
- Eisenbichler (5) could surpass Carina Vogt (5) on most titles among male/female ski jumpers representing Germany at the Nordic world championships.
- The last man to win the men's large hill event on home snow at the Nordic world championships was Jari Puikkonen, when he won in 1989 in Lahti, Finland.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch is the two-time reigning Olympic champion in the men's individual large hill event, winning the gold medal in Sochi in 2014 and in Pyeongchang in 2018.
- The only ski jumpers to have won the men's large hill title at the Nordic world championships as reigning Olympic champion are Jacob Tullin Thams (1926), Birger Ruud (1935 and 1937) and Helmuth Recknagel (1962).
- Stoch won the world title in the men's large hill event in 2013 and he can become the third ski jumper to win multiple titles in this event at the Nordic world championships, after Birger Ruud (3) and Martin Schmitt (2).
- Stoch is the reigning Four Hills Tournament champion. Only two ski jumpers have managed to win the Four Hills title and the men's large hill world title in the same year: Hans-Georg Aschenbach in 1974 and Janne Ahonen in 2005.

Other contenders

- This event has never been won by someone older than 30 years at Nordic world championships. The oldest winner of the men's large hill event at Nordic world championships is Andreas Küttel, who won this event when he was 29 years and 308 days old in 2009.
- **Piotr Zyla** won the men's normal hill event on Saturday. Zyla (34 years old) became the oldest man to win ski jumping gold at Nordic world championships.

- Zyla can become the sixth man to win both individual men's events at a single Nordic world championships, after Björn Wirkola (1966), Gari Napalkov (1970), Hans-Georg Aschenbach (1974), Adam Malysz (2003) and Stefan Kraft (2017).
- Zyla and **Dawid Kubacki** are both aiming to become the third Polish man to win the men's individual large hill event at the Nordic world championships, after Malysz (2003) and Kamil Stoch (2013).
- Zyla won the bronze medal in this event at the Nordic world championships in Lahti in 2017. Kubacki's best result in the individual large hill event at the world championships was an eight-place finish in 2017.
- **Karl Geiger** can become the first man to win the men's large hill event on home snow at the Nordic world championships since Jari Puikkonen in 1989 in Lahti, Finland.
- **Anže Lanišek** can become the second man representing Slovenia to win an individual world title at the Nordic world championships in ski jumping, after Rok Benkovic in the normal hill in 2005.
- In the men's large hill event, only Peter Prevc claimed a medal for Slovenia at the Nordic world championships: silver in 2013.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** could become the second Japanese ski jumper to win the men's individual large hill world title, after Masahiko Harada won the gold medal in this event in 1997 in Trondheim.
- Four Japanese athletes have previously claimed a world championship medal in this event, Takashi Fujisawa (silver in 1966), Harada (gold in 1997), Hideharu Miyahira (bronze in 1999) and Noriaki Kasai (bronze in 2003).
- **Stefan Kraft** can become the third ski jumper to win at least two titles in this event at the Nordic world championships, after Birger Ruud (3) and Martin Schmitt (2).
- Kraft has claimed 10 medals at Nordic world championships (G2-S4-B4). Among male ski jumpers, only Gregor Schlierenzauer (12) and Thomas Morgenstern (11) collected more than 10 medals at the Nordic world championships.
- **Norway** has won a record 13 titles in the men's individual large hill at the Nordic world championships, at least seven more than any other country (Finland next on 6).
- The last Norwegian ski jumper to win the men's large hill world title was then 17-year-old Tommy Ingebrigtsen, who won in Thunder Bay in 1995.

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