

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM ÅRE – Friday 12-13 Mar 2021

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is currently ranked second in the overall standings behind Lara Gut-Behrami, with only 36 points separating the two. Vlhová has a chance to take the lead in the overall classification coming into the World Cup Finals as there are two slalom events scheduled in Åre.
- Vlhová is leading the slalom standings (480 points), ahead of Mikaela Shiffrin (435) and Katharina Liensberger (410). Last season, Vlhová won the slalom crystal globe, her first globe in any discipline.
- Vlhová has claimed 11 World Cup wins in the slalom, ranking her in ninth place on the women's list alongside Hanni Wenzel (11). Next up is Pernilla Wiberg in eighth place on 14 wins.
- Vlhová won six of the last nine slalom events held in the World Cup, with the only exceptions a second place in Jasná and fourth places in Semmering and Flachau. She collected the silver medal in this event at the world championships last month.
- Vlhová could claim four slalom victories in a single World Cup season for the first time. Mikaela Shiffrin achieved this in seven of the last eight seasons (not in 2019/20).

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin has won 45 World Cup slalom events, which is already an all-time record among men and women. She needs one more win to equal the record of most World Cup wins in a single discipline: 46 by Ingemar Stenmark in the giant slalom.
- Shiffrin is trailing Petra Vlhová by 45 points in the slalom standings. Shiffrin won the slalom crystal globe six times, a joint record among women alongside Vreni Schneider (6). On the men's side, only Stenmark (8) and Hirscher (6) have won at least six slalom crystal globes.
- In her last 49 slalom participations in the World Cup, Shiffrin finished on the podium 45 times (36 wins).
- Shiffrin won the last two slalom events held in the World Cup, in Flachau on 12 January and in Jasná on 6 March.
- Shiffrin has won four World Cup slalom events in Åre, joint most for her in a single ski resort. The only women who won more than four World Cup slalom events at a single venue were Vreni Schneider (6) and Anja Pärson (5) both in Maribor.
- Shiffrin also won the slalom at the world championships in Åre in 2019.

Katharina Liensberger

- Katharina Liensberger won the slalom and parallel giant slalom world titles at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. These were her first individual victories at world level.

- Liensberger has claimed seven World Cup podiums in the slalom, but has yet to achieve her first victory. Only Wendy Holdener (26) and Malgorzata Mogore Tlalka (8) have finished on more women's World Cup slalom podiums without ever winning.
- Liensberger can become the fifth active female skier to win a World Cup slalom event, after Mikaela Shiffrin, Petra Vlhová, Michelle Gisin and Erin Mielzynski.
- Austrian women have won a record 85 slalom events in the World Cup, but not since Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- Liensberger is currently ranked third in the slalom standings. The last Austrian woman who won the slalom crystal globe was Marlies Schild in 2011/12.

Other contenders

- **Michelle Gisin** won the slalom in Semmering last December, her first World Cup win in any discipline.
- Gisin joined Mikaela Shiffrin, Petra Vlhová and Erin Mielzynski as the only active skiers to have won a women's slalom event in the World Cup.
- The last Swiss woman to win multiple slalom events in a World Cup season was Vreni Schneider in 1994/95 (4).
- **Wendy Holdener** has collected 26 World Cup podium finishes in the slalom, but has yet to claim her first victory. This is currently the record for most World Cup podiums in a single discipline without winning.
- Only two women have finished second in a World Cup slalom event more often than Holdener (13): Frida Hansdotter (17) and Pernilla Wiberg (14). Hansdotter (4 wins) and Wiberg (14) both achieved slalom victories in the World Cup.

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