

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM LENZERHEIDE – Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Overall crystal globe

- Petra Vlhová and Lara Gut-Behrami are battling for the overall crystal globe at the World Cup Finals.
- Vlhová can become the first skier representing Slovakia, male or female, to win the overall crystal globe.
- Slovakia can become the 15th country to win the overall crystal globe on the men's or women's side (West-Germany and Germany are counted as separate countries).
- The last new country to win the overall crystal globe was Slovenia when Tina Maze won the women's overall in 2012/13.
- Gut-Behrami won the overall World Cup in 2015/16. She could join Vreni Schneider (3), Erika Hess (2), Maria Walliser (2) and Michela Figini (2) as Swiss women on multiple overall wins.
- Switzerland has won the women's overall 12 times, only trailing Austria (17) for most.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is leading the slalom standings (612 points), ahead of Katharina Liensberger (590) and Mikaela Shiffrin (575). Last season, Vlhová won the slalom crystal globe, her first globe in any discipline.
- Regardless of the results of her opponents, Vlhová will be guaranteed the crystal globe by finishing either first or second in the slalom event.
- Vlhová has claimed 12 World Cup wins in the slalom, ranking her in ninth place on the women's list. Next up is Pernilla Wiberg in eighth place on 14 wins.
- Vlhová has won four of the eight World Cup slalom events this season. She had never won more than three slaloms in a World Cup season.
- Vlhová can become the eighth woman to claim five slalom victories in a World Cup season. Shiffrin achieved this in six of the last seven seasons (not in 2019/20).

Katharina Liensberger

- Katharina Liensberger, ranked second in the slalom standings, won two of the last four women's slalom events at world level: at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo and in the World Cup in Åre (13 March).
- Liensberger can become the second Austrian skier to win the women's slalom world title and crystal globe in the same year, after Marlies Schild in 2010/11.
- Schild was in 2011/12 the last Austrian woman to win the slalom crystal globe. Only Swiss women (14) have won this globe more often than Austrian women (11).

- Austria can become the first country with eight different winners of the women's slalom globe. The country now shares the record of seven with France.
- Liensberger can become the first Austrian woman to win back-to-back slalom events in the World Cup since Schild in December 2013.
- Liensberger's worst World Cup slalom result this season was a fourth place in Jasná. She finished on the podium in all of the other seven slalom events.
- The only Austrian woman to claim more than seven World Cup slalom podiums in one season was Schild in 2006/07 (8) and 2011/12 (8).

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin, third in the slalom standings, shares the record for most women's slalom crystal globes with Vreni Schneider (both 6). Among men, only Ingemar Stenmark (8) has won the slalom globe more than six times.
- Shiffrin can become the third woman to win a specific crystal globe at least seven times, after Lindsey Vonn (8 in downhill) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7 in downhill).
- Shiffrin could win her 12th World Cup classification, surpassing Katja Seizinger and Renate Götschl (both 11) in fourth place on the women's list. Only Vonn (20), Moser-Pröll (20) and Schneider (14) have won more among women.
- 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.
- In her last 51 slalom participations in the World Cup, Shiffrin finished on the podium 47 times (36 wins).
- Shiffrin is the only woman to have won multiple World Cup slalom events in Lenzerheide. She was victorious in 2013 and 2014 in the Swiss ski resort.
- Shiffrin shares the women's record for most World Cup slalom wins in Switzerland with Erika Hess (both 4).

Other contenders

- **Michelle Gisin** won the slalom in Semmering last December, her first World Cup win in any discipline.
- 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 27 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.



- The last Swiss woman to win a World Cup slalom on home snow was Karin Roten-Meier in Veysonnaz on 20 December 1998.
- In Lenzerheide, two Swiss women recorded a World Cup podium finish in the slalom: Vreni Schneider (2nd in 1995) and Holdener (3rd in 2018).

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