

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SÖLDEN – Saturday 23 Oct 2021

Marta Bassino

- Marta Bassino won the giant slalom crystal globe in the 2020/21 World Cup. She became the fourth Italian woman to win this globe, after Deborah Compagnoni (1996/97), Denise Karbon (2007/08) and Federica Brignone (2019/20).
- Italian women could win a specific World Cup standings in three consecutive seasons for the first time. On the men's side, Italy achieved at least three successive wins in the overall (1970/71 to 1974/75) and slalom (1969/70 to 1971/72).
- The most recent woman to win the giant slalom globe in successive seasons was Anna Veith in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- Bassino (4) was the only woman to win more than one World Cup giant slalom event in the 2020/21 season. She claimed her victories in Sölden, Courchevel and Kranjska Gora (2).
- Bassino can become the first woman to win the Sölden giant slalom event in back-to-back World Cup seasons.

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami won the giant slalom at the 2021 World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo. It was her first world-level victory in this discipline since a World Cup win in Sölden on 22 October 2016.
- Of Gut-Behrami's four World Cup wins in the giant slalom, two came in the season opener in Sölden (2013/14, 2016/17). She also claimed two wins in the 2015/16 season, in Aspen and on Austrian snow in Lienz.
- Only Tina Maze (3) won the Sölden giant slalom more than twice in the women's World Cup.
- Gut-Behrami (32) is one shy of equalling Hanni Wenzel (33) in ninth place on the all-time list for most World Cup wins among women. Katja Seizinger (36) is in eighth place.
- Compatriot **Michelle Gisin** was the only woman to finish in the top-eight in all eight giant slalom events in the 2020/21 World Cup. She claimed her first podium finishes in this discipline: second and third in the Kranjska Gora races.
- Gut-Behrami's win in Sölden on 22 October 2016 is the last World Cup giant slalom win by a Swiss woman.
- The most recent Swiss woman to win the giant slalom crystal globe was Sonja Nef in 2001/02.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin is the only woman to finish in the top-three of the giant slalom standings in each of the last five World Cup seasons: second in 2016/17, third in 2017/18, first in 2018/19, third in 2019/20 and second in 2020/21.
- Shiffrin could become the fourth woman to win at least one World Cup event in 10 successive seasons, after Vreni Schneider (11, 1984/85-1994/95), Renate Götschl (11, 1996/97-2006/07) and Anja Pärson (10, 2001/02-2010/11).

- Shiffrin has won 69 World Cup events, ranking her in third place all-time behind Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82).
- Of her 69 World Cup wins, Shiffrin claimed 12 in the giant slalom, equal to Hanni Wenzel (12) in joint-10th place on the all-time women's list in this discipline. Deborah Compagnoni and Sonja Nef (both 13) share eighth place.
- Shiffrin's first-ever World Cup win in the giant slalom came in Sölden in 2014/15, when she shared the victory with Anna Veith on 25 October 2014.

Other contenders

- In only two of the previous six World Cup seasons, the winner of the season opener in Sölden also ended up winning the giant slalom crystal globe: Viktoria Rebensburg in 2017/18 and Marta Bassino in 2020/21.
- **Alice Robison** has won three giant slalom events in the World Cup, in Sölden in 2019/20 (at age 17), in Kranjska Gora in 2019/20 (at age 18) and at last season's World Cup Finals in Lenzerheide (at age 19).
- Robison can become the first woman to win four World Cup giant slalom events as a teenager since Mateja Svet (4) from 1986 to 1988.
- The last woman to win the opening giant slalom event of a World Cup season after also winning the final giant slalom event of the previous World Cup season was Anna Veith - Lenzerheide in 2013/14 and Sölden in 2014/15.
- **Federica Brignone** won the giant slalom crystal globe in the 2019/20 World Cup. She has claimed seven World Cup race victories in this discipline, of which her first came in Sölden (2015/16).
- Brignone (16) has equalled the Italian women's record for most World Cup wins, held by Deborah Compagnoni (16).
- **Petra Vlhová** and Brignone are two of the three women to have claimed at least one World Cup victory in each of the previous five seasons, alongside Mikaela Shiffrin (last nine seasons).
- **Tessa Worley** previously won the giant slalom crystal globe in 2016/17. She finished in the top-three of this standings in three of the previous four seasons: second in 2017/18, third in 2018/19 and third in 2020/21.
- Worley shares third place on the all-time women's list for most World Cup giant slalom wins with Anita Wachter, Tina Maze, Viktoria Rebensburg and Lise-Marie Morerod (all 14). Vreni Schneider (20) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) make up the top-two.

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