

## Preview 2021/2022 World Cup - Men

### Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won the overall World Cup standings in the last three seasons.
- Riiber can become the third man to win the overall World Cup standings at least four times, after Eric Frenzel (5) and Hannu Manninen (4).
- Riiber can win the overall World Cup standings four seasons in a row, something that has been achieved by Frenzel (5, 2012/13 - 2016/17) and Manninen (4, 2003/04 - 2006/07).
- Riiber has been leading the World Cup classification after each of the last 52 individual World Cup events, ever since his win in Lillehammer on 30 November 2018, when he took over the yellow bib as leader in the standings from Mario Seidl who had won in Ruka the week before.
- Riiber has won 36 individual World Cup events. Only Manninen (48) and Frenzel (43) have won more.

### Vinzenz Geiger

- Vinzenz Geiger finished second in the overall World Cup standings in 2020/21 and third in 2019/20.
- Geiger could become the fourth German (including East & West Germany) to win the overall World Cup standings.
- Geiger has won seven individual World Cup events, including four in 2020/21. There are four German Nordic combined skiers who claimed at least 10 individual World Cup triumphs: Eric Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Björn Kircheisen (17) and Johannes Rydzek (17).

### Akito Watabe

- Akito Watabe won the overall World Cup in 2017/18 and he hopes to become the second Japanese Nordic combined skier to win the World Cup multiple times, after Kenji Ogiwara (3).
- Watabe has won 19 individual World Cup events, equal most with Ogiwara (19) as Japan's record holder.

## Other contenders

- **Eric Frenzel** has won the overall World Cup five times, all from 2012/13 to 2016/2017. This is the most by any athlete.
- Frenzel has won 43 individual World Cup events, second only to Hannu Manninen's 48 wins. Frenzel's last victory in an individual World Cup event was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018.
- Frenzel can become the fourth Nordic combined skier to win an individual World Cup event in at least 10 seasons, after Hannu Manninen (12 seasons), Magnus Moan (12) and Björn Kircheisen (10).
- Frenzel (79) is second on the list of most podium finishes in individual World Cups, behind Manninen (90).
- **Fabian Rießle** (9) needs one more win to claim his 10th individual World Cup victory.
- **Ilkka Herola** hopes to claim the first individual World Cup event win for Finland since Hannu Manninen won the last of his record 48 victories in Lahti on 6 March 2010.
- Herola has recorded nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but he has yet to claim his first victory. Two athletes recorded more podium finishes without having claimed a win in their career: Allar Levandi (11 podium finishes) and Georg Hettich (11).
- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** has won one individual World Cup and claimed seven podium finishes. His brother **Einar Lurås Oftebro**'s best result is a fifth place.
- **Austria** has won 69 individual World Cup events. Its last win was by Bernhard Gruber in Schonach on 16 March 2019. Gruber was 36 years and 216 days old at the time and is the oldest winner of an individual World Cup event in men's Nordic combined.
- **Johannes Lamparter** won the men's large hill/10km event at the 2021 world championships. He has yet to win his first individual World Cup event.
- Lamparter (born 8 November 2001) can become the second youngest Austrian winner of an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stecher, who won five events before his 20th birthday.
- **United States** has won 18 individual World Cup events and recorded 61 podium finishes, but its most recent podium spot dates back to 24 January 2015, when Taylor Fletcher finished third in Sapporo.
- The three winners of Nordic combined gold medals at the **Youth Olympic Winter Games** - Tomáš Portyk (2012), Tim Kopp (2016) and Stefan Rettenegger (2020) - have yet to claim a podium finish in an individual World Cup.

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