

PREVIEW WOMEN'S TEAM SPRINT FREESTYLE DRESDEN – Sunday 19 Dec 2021

Sweden

- Sweden won the team sprint freestyle at the 2021 World Championships in Oberstdorf on 28 February. Maja Dahlqvist and Jonna Sundling finished almost a second ahead of Switzerland's Laurien van der Graaff and Nadine Fähndrich.
- Sweden won three of the four World Cup team sprint events held in Dresden (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20), all with Dahlqvist in the team. Swedish athletes did not participate in last season's team sprint contested in Dresden.
- Only Norway (15 wins, 28 podiums) claimed as many World Cup wins and podiums in the women's team sprint as Sweden (10 wins, 26 podiums).
- Dahlqvist is level with compatriot Ida Ingemarsdotter (both 5) in third place on the women's list for most World Cup wins in the team sprint, behind Marit Bjørgen (10) and Hilde Petersen (7).

Slovenia

- Slovenia won the most recent team sprint event held in the World Cup, in Ulricehamn on 7 February. Eva Urevc and Anamarija Lampic defeated Sweden's Maja Dahlqvist and Linn Svahn. It marked Slovenia's first World Cup win in this event.
- The most recent country other than Sweden to claim back-to-back World Cup wins in the women's team sprint was Finland in 2013.
- Urevc and Lampic won the bronze medal in this event at the 2021 World Championships in Oberstdorf on 28 February. They also finished in third place in the team sprint held in Dresden last World Cup season.

Other contenders

- **Switzerland's** four World Cup podiums in the women's team sprint came in the last four editions of this event in the World Cup: third in Planica (December 2019), second in Dresden (January 2020), first in Dresden (December 2020) and third in Ulricehamn (February 2021). Laurien van der Graaf and Nadine Fähndrich achieved these podiums for Switzerland.
- Van der Graaff and Fähndrich finished second behind Sweden in this event at the 2021 World Championships in Oberstdorf on 28 February.
- **Norway** claimed a record 15 World Cup wins in the women's team sprint, but not since 12 January 2014, when Ingvild Flugstad Østberg and Maiken Caspersen Falla won in Nové Mesto na Morave (classic style).
- Norway's most recent World Cup podium in a women's team sprint event was a second place in Lahti on 10 February 2019 (classic style).
- **United States'** most recent podium in a women's World Cup team sprint event was a third place by Isa Sargent and Sophie Caldwell in Dresden on 14 January 2018.



- USA's only World Cup win in the team sprint was achieved by Kikkan Randall and Jesscia Diggins in Quebec on 7 December 2012.

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