

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM LIENZ – Wednesday 29 Dec 2021

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová won the opening two slalom events in this World Cup season in Levi before finishing second in Killington.
- Vlhová is level with Pernilla Wiberg (both 14) in eighth place on the women's list for most World Cup slalom victories. The Slovakian can now equal Perrine Pelen (15) in seventh place.
- Vlhová has claimed six World Cup podiums in slalom events on Austrian snow. She only recorded more World Cup slalom top-three finishes in Finland (7, all Levi).
- Coming into Lienz, Vlhová (48) is two short of 50 podium finishes in World Cup events.

Other contenders

- **Wendy Holdener** collected her 28th World Cup slalom podium finish in Killington on 28 November, 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). Holdener's 15 third places in this discipline are already most for a woman.
- Holdener has only recorded more World Cup slalom podiums in Levi (3) than in Lienz (2). The Swiss finished second in the Austrian ski resort in 2015 and 2017.
- **Lena Dürr** finished third in both World Cup slalom events held in Levi on 20 and 21 November. The most recent German woman to win a World Cup slalom event was Maria Höfl-Riesch, who won in Levi on 10 November 2012.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished third in the slalom in Lienz in 2019, her first career World Cup podium in this discipline. She can become the first Swiss winner of the women's World Cup slalom event in Lienz.
- Gisin's only World Cup slalom victory came on Austrian snow, in Semmering on 29 December 2020.
- **Katharina Liensberger** won last season's slalom crystal globe. The last Austrian woman to finish on the podium of a World Cup slalom event in Lienz was Marlies Schild, who won on 29 December 2013.
- Austrian women finished fourth in the last three World Cup slalom events in Lienz: Carmen Thalmann in 2015, Bernadette Schild in 2017 and Liensberger in 2019.
- Since the start of the 2020/21 season, only five countries were represented on the podium of a women's World Cup slalom event: United States, Slovakia, Austria, Switzerland and Germany.



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