

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM ZAGREB – Tuesday 4 Jan 2022

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is leading the slalom standings after winning three of the four races so far this season. The Slovakian finished second behind Mikaela Shiffrin in the Killington slalom.
- Vlhová is level with Perrine Pelen (both 15) in seventh place on the women's list for most World Cup slalom victories. Anja Pärson (17) is in sixth place.
- Since the start of 2020, Vlhová has won 10 of the 16 slalom events held in the women's World Cup. Shiffrin (3), Katharina Liensberger (2) and Michelle Gisin (1) won the other six in this period.
- Vlhová claimed four World Cup podiums in the Zagreb slalom: wins in 2020 and 2021, and second places in 2017 and 2019. She has only collected more World Cup slalom wins and podiums in Levi (5 wins, 7 podiums).
- Only Marlies Schild (4) and Shiffrin (4) have achieved more than two World Cup wins in the women's slalom in Zagreb.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin missed the slalom event in Lienz after testing positive for COVID-19. She could miss the slalom in Zagreb as well.
- **Shiffrin claimed her 46th World Cup slalom win in Killington on 28 November, equalling the record for most World Cup wins in a single event by Ingemar Stenmark (46 in giant slalom).**
- Shiffrin won the Zagreb slalom on four occasions in the World Cup: in 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2019. Only Marcel Hirscher (5) and Marlies Schild (4) have also won this event at least four times in the World Cup.
- Only in Killington (5) has Shiffrin collected more than four World Cup slalom wins.
- Shiffrin finished on the podium in each of her last eight slalom participations in the World Cup, since a fourth place in Zagreb on 3 January 2021.
- In her last 55 World Cup slalom participations, Shiffrin finished on the podium 51 times (37 wins).

Katharina Liensberger

- Katharina Liensberger, last season's winner of the slalom crystal globe, finished second in the Lienz slalom on 29 December. It was her first World Cup podium of the season.
- Liensberger finished on the podium in the last two slalom events held in Zagreb: third in 2020 and second in 2021. The only Austrian woman to win the Zagreb slalom in the World Cup was Marlies Schild (2006, 2007, 2011, 2012).
- Liensberger could claim more than two World Cup slalom podiums at a single resort for the first time.

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.
- Switzerland's only women's World Cup slalom win in the last 20 years was achieved by **Michelle Gisin** in Semmering on 29 December 2020.
- Gisin finished third in the most recent World Cup slalom event, in Lienz on 29 December. Last year, the Swiss finished third in the Zagreb slalom.
- **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.
- **Anna Swenn-Larsson** is hoping to return to a World Cup slalom podium. The Swede finished in the top-three of a World Cup slalom event on four occasions, most recently a second place in Flachau on 14 January 2020.
- Sweden's most recent slalom victory in the World Cup was achieved by Frida Hansdotter in Flachau on 10 January 2017.

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