

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM COURCHEVEL – Sunday 20 Mar 2022

### Slalom crystal globe

- The slalom crystal globe will be won by either Henrik Kristoffersen (371 points), Lucas Braathen (323), Linus Straßer (307), Manuel Feller (301) or Daniel Yule (283).
- After winning this standings in 2015/16 and 2019/20, Kristoffersen could become the seventh man to win the slalom crystal globe more than twice.
- Braathen (21 years and 335 days on 20 March 2022) could become the third-youngest Norwegian winner of a crystal globe, after Kjetil André Aamodt (21y-207d) - giant slalom and super-G globes in 1993 - and Kristoffersen (21y-262d) - slalom globe in 2016.
- Straßer can become the third German man to win a World Cup standings, after Markus Wasmeier (1986 super-G) and Armin Bittner (1989 and 1990 slalom) who both represented West Germany at the time.
- Feller could win a record-extending 17th men's slalom globe for Austria. In the last nine seasons, Austria won the men's slalom crystal globe seven times, with Kristoffersen's two wins as the only exceptions.
- Yule can join Dumeng Giovanoli (1967/68) as only Swiss winners of the men's slalom globe.

### Norway

- Norwegian skiers won five of the nine men's World Cup slalom events this season, achieved by Henrik Kristoffersen (2), Sebastian Foss Solevåg, Lucas Braathen and Atle Lie McGrath.
- Norway is the second country to have at least four different men's slalom winners in a single World Cup season, after France (4 in 1969/70).
- The last country to claim more than five World Cup slalom victories in a single season was Austria (7 in 2017/18, all by Marcel Hirscher).
- Kristoffersen shares the men's record for most World Cup slalom wins on French snow with Clément Noël, Ingemar Stenmark and Marcel Hirscher (all 3).
- The most recent Norwegian slalom win at the World Cup Finals was achieved by Ole Kristian Furuseth in Bormio in 2000.

### Other contenders

- The nine men's World Cup slalom events this season have been won by eight different male skiers. This is one shy of the record number of men's slalom winners in a single World Cup season: nine in 1985/86 and 1999/2000.
- The men's slalom podiums this World Cup season have been occupied by 15 different skiers, one shy of the record set in 1985/86 (16).
- **Clément Noël**, winner of Olympic slalom gold in Beijing, claimed two World Cup slalom podiums this season: a win in Val d'Isère on 12 December and



a second place in Flachau on 9 March. The Frenchman failed to post a result in four slalom races: one disqualification (missed a gate) and three times 'did not finish'.

- Noël (9) is one of three Frenchmen to have won at least nine slalom events in the World Cup, alongside Jean Noël Augert (13) and Patrick Russel (9).
- Noël won three of the last four World Cup slalom events held in France. He shares the men's record for most World Cup slalom wins on French snow with Henrik Kristoffersen, Ingemar Stenmark and Marcel Hirscher (all 3).
- Noël (Soldeu 2019) and **Manuel Feller** (Lenzerheide 2021) previously won the slalom at the World Cup Finals. For Feller, this is his most recent World Cup slalom win.
- The most recent men's World Cup slalom held in Méribel was won by an Austrian skier: Marcel Hirsch on 22 March 2015.
- **Linus Straßer** can become the second German man to win a World Cup slalom event on French snow, after Christian Neureuther in Megève in 1973 (representing West Germany).
- **Daniel Yule** could claim Switzerland's first slalom win on French snow in the men's World Cup.
- **Johannes Strolz** won a record three alpine skiing medals at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. He won gold in the Alpine combined and team event, and silver in the slalom.
- Earlier this season, Strolz claimed a World Cup slalom win in Adelboden on 9 January. This marks his first and to date only slalom podium in the World Cup.

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