

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKI FLYING PLANICA – 25-27 Mar 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi leads this season's overall World Cup standings on 1,544 points, 66 points ahead of Karl Geiger (1,478).
- Kobayashi can win the overall World Cup standings for the second time in his career, after 2018/19. He could become the 12th man to win the overall crystal globe multiple times.
- Kobayashi (27) is one shy of equalling Martin Schmitt (28) in seventh place on the men's list for most individual World Cup wins.
- Kobayashi has celebrated three World Cup victories in individual ski flying events, including two in Planica (24 March 2019, 25 March 2021). He has yet to finish on an individual ski flying podium this season, finishing 13th at the world championships and 10th and 6th at the two ski flying World Cup events in Oberstdorf last week.
- Kobayashi won the ski flying World Cup in 2018/19. He became the first Japanese male ski jumper to win this specific World Cup.
- Kobayashi won the Planica7 tournament in 2019 and finished runner-up in 2021, behind Geiger. He can become the first ski jumper to win the tournament multiple times.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger (1,478) trails Ryoyu Kobayashi (1,544) by 66 points in the overall World Cup standings. Geiger can become the fourth (East/West-) German to win the overall crystal globe, after Martin Schmitt (2), Jens Weißflog (1) and Severin Freund (1).
- Geiger won last season's ski flying World Cup. The only German ski jumpers to have won it twice are Sven Hannawald (1997/98, 1999/2000) and Martin Schmitt (1998/99, 2000/01).
- Geiger won each of the last two ski flying World Cup events held in Planica (on 26 and 28 March 2021), his only two World Cup victories in ski flying. The last ski jumper to win three consecutive ski flying events at the resort was Gregor Schlierenzauer between 2008 and 2009.
- Geiger won the Planica7 tournament in 2021. He can become the first ski jumper to win the tournament multiple times.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft is leading the ski flying World Cup standings alongside Timi Zajc, after they both recorded a victory and a third-place finish in Oberstdorf last week.
- Kraft can win the ski flying crystal globe for a record third time and tie Gregor Schlierenzauer and Peter Prevc (both 3). Kraft won the ski flying globe in 2016/17 and 2019/20.
- Kraft (25) currently sits in joint-ninth on the men's list for most individual World Cup wins, alongside Andreas Felder (25). Ryoyu Kobayashi (27) is eighth on the list.

- Only Schlierenzauer (14) and Peter Prevc (7) have won more individual ski flying World Cup events than Kraft (6).
- Kraft still holds the official record for the world's longest jump with 253.5m, set on the ski flying hill in Vikersund on 18 March 2017.

Other contenders

- **Timi Zajc** is leading the ski flying World Cup standings alongside Stefan Kraft, after they both recorded a victory and a third-place finish in Oberstdorf last week.
- Zajc can become the fourth Slovenian to win the ski flying crystal globe, after Peter Prevc (3), Robert Kranjec (2) and Primož Peterka (1). Only Austria (4) has had more different winners of the ski flying globe.
- Slovenia has won the individual ski flying cup six times, second-most behind Austria (8).
- **Peter Prevc** topped the ski flying World Cup standings three times (2013/14-2015/16), currently sharing the all-time record with Gregor Schlierenzauer (2008/09, 2010/11, 2012/13).
- Only Schlierenzauer (14) has won as many individual ski flying World Cup events as Peter Prevc (7).
- The last victory by Peter Prevc in an individual ski flying World Cup event dates back to 20 March 2016, when he triumphed in Planica.
- Prevc (3) could equal Schlierenzauer (5) on a record five World Cup ski flying victories in Planica. **Kamil Stoch** (3) could also achieve this.
- Stoch is level with Adam Malysz (both 39) in third place on the men's list for most individual World Cup victories. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Matti Nykänen (46) have at least 40 wins to their name.
- A **Polish** ski jumper has never won the ski flying World Cup trophy. Malysz (2nd in 2000/01) and Stoch (joint-second in 2017/18) came closest to the overall victory.
- **Marius Lindvik** won the individual world title in ski flying in Vikersund (11-12 March). He could become the third Norwegian male ski jumper to win an individual ski flying World Cup event in Planica, after Ole Gunnar Fidjestøl (1987) and Bjørn Einar Romøren (2005 and 2006).

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