

## Preview Ski Jumping 2018 Olympic Games

PYEONGCHANG - Kamil STOCH (POL) sets out to become Poland's most successful athlete at the Olympic Winter Games as the ski jumping competition starts on Thursday, 8 February at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre.

- STOCH won both individual men's ski jumping events at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games and only Justyna KOWALCZYK (POL) has been more successful for Poland at the Olympic Winter Games as she won two gold medals, one silver medal and two bronze medals in cross-country skiing.
- STOCH could become the third athlete to win at least three Olympic gold medals in individual ski jumping events, after Simon AMMANN (SUI, 4) and Matti NYKANEN (FIN, 3).
- Including team events, NYKANEN (4), AMMANN (4), Jens WEISSFLOG (GER, 3) and Thomas MORGENSTERN (AUT, 3) are the only athletes with more than two gold medals in ski jumping.
- STOCH could become the first athlete to win consecutive Olympic titles in the men's individual normal hill event.
- In the men's individual large hill event, only Birger RUUD (NOR, 1932-1936) and NYKANEN (1984-1988) successfully defended their Olympic title.
- The last reigning champion of the Four Hills Tournament who claimed an individual Olympic title was Kazuyoshi FUNAKI (JPN) in 1998, when he won the men's large hill event.
- STOCH won all four events of the Four Hills Tournament this season, becoming the second man to achieve this feat, after Sven HANNAWALD (GER) in 2001/02. HANNAWALD managed to win two medals a month later at the Olympic Winter Games, claiming silver in the normal hill event and winning gold in the team event.
- Carina VOGT (GER) won the inaugural ladies' normal hill event at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games. She could join AMMANN (4), NYKANEN (3), RUUD (2), WEISSFLOG (2) and STOCH (2) as the only athletes with multiple gold medals in individual ski jumping events.
- AMMANN (4) and Gregor SCHLIERENZAUER (AUT, 4) can equal NYKANEN (5) as the ski jumper with most medals at the Olympic Winter Games (individual and team events).
- Noriaki KASAI (JPN) will participate in his eighth Olympic Winter Games, which would be an outright record by any athlete. Coming into PyeongChang 2018, he shares the record with luger Albert DEMCHENKO (RUS).
- Janne AHONEN (FIN) could appear at his seventh Olympic Winter Games, breaking the Finnish record across any sport, held by six other athletes.
- Norway has won nine gold medals in ski jumping at the Olympic Winter Games, chasing only Finland (10).
- Norway (30) is already the NOC to have claimed most total medals in ski jumping at the Olympic Winter Games, leading Austria (25).
- Germany won both the men's team event and the ladies' normal hill event at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, but is waiting for its first gold medal in a men's individual event since 1994, when WEISSFLOG won the men's individual large hill.