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Preview, women's 5 km

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Key facts about women's 5 km race.

Haley Anderson could win for the third time in a row. The American won the last two world titles in women's 5 km race. Anderson will compete on Wednesday as well as the two other medallists in Kazan, the second-placed Greek Kalliopi Arauzu and the third German Finn Wunram. Hungary is represented by two young talents, Janka Juhász and Melinda Novoszáth Melinda.

- Haley Anderson (USA) could win women's 5km for the third time in a row.
- This has only been achieved by Larissa Ilchenko (RUS) who won five times in a row (2004-2008) and Viola Valli (ITA, 3, 2001-2003).
- Ilchenko (5) and Valli (3) are the only athletes with more gold medals in this event than Anderson.
- United States could equal Russia on a record five world titles in women's 5km. USA and Russia have each won a record nine medals in this event.
- Germany has won six medals in this event (G1-S1-B4), with the last three medals, all bronze, in 2003, 2006 and 2015.
- Finnia Wunram (GER), bronze in this event in 2015, and Leonie Beck (GER) hope to win silver for Germany.
- Brazil won five medals in women's 5km, the country clinching most medals except for gold in this event. it is the only course among women's events (5km, 10km, 25km) Brazil has not won a gold medal in.
- Ana Marcela Cunha (BRA) claimed two bronze medals, in 2010 and 2013.
- Kalliopi Araouzou (GRE) took silver in this event at the World Championships in 2015. She also finished second in women's 5km at Lake Balaton at the 2010 European Championships and hopes to become the first Greek world champion in women's 5km.
- Aurélie Muller (FRA) took silver in women's 5km in 2011 and gold in 10km in 2015.
- Ilchenko was the last swimmer to win both women's 5km and 10km at a single World

Championships, in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Valli (ITA) managed to achieve the same in 2003.

- In 2003, 31-year-old Valli became the oldest winner of this event, she was more than twice as old as the youngest winner, 15-year-old Erica Rose (USA) in 1998.