

BIATHLON

International Federation: International Biathlon Union (IBU)

Countries Affiliated: 68 (November 2013)

Year of Formation: 1993

First Year of Olympic Appearance: 1960

Olympic History: Biathlon consists of cross-country skiing in which the ski runner stops at intervals to shoot a rifle at a target. Evidence for a skiing and shooting sport exists in cave paintings in Norway from about 2000 B.C.E., depicting hunters on skis while stalking animals for game. The modern sport has a military basis, in which Scandinavian soldiers were trained to ski while carrying rifles and to periodically stop and shoot. Biathlon-type events in Scandinavia were held as early as the 18th century.

The first modern biathlon probably occurred in 1912 when the Norwegian military organized the Forvarsrennet in Oslo, an annual event, which consisted initially of a 17 km. cross-country ski race with two-minute penalties for the shooting part of the competition. A military patrol event was contested at the Olympic Winter Games as a medal sport in 1924, and a demonstration sport in 1928, 1936, and 1948, although it was not precisely the same as the biathlon.

Attempts to introduce a winter multi-event patterned after the modern pentathlon began in 1948, when the Winter Pentathlon was contested at the St. Moritz Olympics as a demonstration sport. It consisted of cross-country and downhill skiing, and also shooting, fencing, and horse riding. The first world championships in biathlon were held in 1958 at Saalfelden, Austria. The sport quickly was placed on the Olympic program, showing up at Squaw Valley in 1960. Women's biathlon made its Olympic debut in 1992 as a full medal sport at Albertville.

Biathlon events have consisted of a single men's race and a men's relay until 1980 when a second individual event was contested. The event is scored by time. In the longer individual race a one-minute penalty is assessed for a missed shooting bulls-eye, and a two-minute penalty is assessed for missing a target. In the shorter individual race and the relay, missing a target is penalized by requiring the biathlete to ski a 150 metre penalty loop. For 2002, a new pursuit event of 12 km. for men and 10 km. for women was added to the Olympic program. In 2006, a mass start sprint event for both men and women was added to the biathlon program.

Until recently, biathlon was governed by the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB). However, in 1993, biathlon separated from the modern pentathlon and formed the International Biathlon Union (IBU) to govern the sport independently. The IBU currently has 68 affiliated national federations, as of November 2013. All of the nations are also IOC member nations, with the lone exception of Greenland.

The current member nations are as follows: Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Greenland, Guam, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, US Virgin Islands, and Uzbekistan.

Biathlon Olympic Program

Event	Class	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Games
10 kilometres	M						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	10
15 km. mass start	M														x	x	3
20 kilometres	M		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
Relay	M			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	13
Pursuit	M												x	x	x	x	4
7.5 kilometres	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
12.5 km. mass start	F													x	x	x	3
15 kilometres	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Relay	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Pursuit	F												x	x	x	x	4
Mixed Relay	X															x	1
Totals	M		1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	45

Totals	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	28
Totals	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	All	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	6	6	6	8	10	10	10	74

Biathlon Competitors by Nation

NOC	Overall	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	Men	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	Wom	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G
Argentina	18	16	1	1	0	0	0	15	14	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Australia	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Austria	29	16	6	3	2	1	1	29	16	6	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belarus	23	11	7	4	1	0	0	8	2	2	3	1	0	0	15	9	5	1	0	0	0
Belarus / Kazakhstan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Belarus / Russia	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belarus / Ukraine	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Belarus / Unified Team	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Belarus / Unified Team / USSR	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	29	15	9	4	1	0	0	18	12	4	2	0	0	0	11	3	5	2	1	0	0
Canada	35	26	5	4	0	0	0	20	16	1	3	0	0	0	15	10	4	1	0	0	0
Chile	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
China	27	16	8	2	1	0	0	14	11	3	0	0	0	0	13	5	5	2	1	0	0
Chinese Taipei	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	16	5	3	6	2	0	0	7	1	3	2	1	0	0	9	4	0	4	1	0	0
Czech Republic / Czechoslovakia	7	0	3	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia	19	13	4	2	0	0	0	17	11	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	21	8	8	4	1	0	0	13	4	4	4	1	0	0	8	4	4	0	0	0	0
Fed. Rep. of Germany / Germany	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Republic of Germany	17	11	5	1	0	0	0	17	11	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	52	36	9	4	3	0	0	40	27	8	2	3	0	0	12	9	1	2	0	0	0
France	52	23	16	12	1	0	0	40	19	14	7	0	0	0	12	4	2	5	1	0	0
German Demo. Rep. / Germany	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
German Democratic Republic	20	15	4	1	0	0	0	20	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	36	22	4	7	1	2	0	23	16	3	2	1	1	0	13	6	1	5	0	1	0
Great Britain	31	17	10	3	0	1	0	30	16	10	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary	20	11	6	3	0	0	0	11	7	2	2	0	0	0	9	4	4	1	0	0	0
Italy	40	19	12	4	3	2	0	29	13	10	2	3	1	0	11	6	2	2	0	1	0
Japan	40	26	9	5	0	0	0	30	21	4	5	0	0	0	10	5	5	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	16	11	4	1	0	0	0	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	7	4	3	0	0	0	0
Korea (South)	15	14	1	0	0	0	0	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Latvia	18	7	8	0	2	0	1	11	4	4	0	2	0	1	7	3	4	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Moldova	7	3	3	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
Mongolia	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	51	20	19	9	1	2	0	35	14	13	6	0	2	0	16	6	6	3	1	0	0
Poland	41	23	12	4	1	1	0	26	14	9	1	1	1	0	15	9	3	3	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	30	17	8	4	1	0	0	19	13	4	2	0	0	0	11	4	4	2	1	0	0
Russia	29	17	8	4	0	0	0	12	6	6	0	0	0	0	17	11	2	4	0	0	0
Russia / USSR / Unified Team	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia / Unified Team	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Serbia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia & Montenegro	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	19	9	6	2	1	1	0	10	6	3	1	0	0	0	9	3	3	1	1	1	0
Slovenia	20	6	7	5	1	1	0	13	5	5	2	0	1	0	7	1	2	3	1	0	0
Slovenia / Yugoslavia	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soviet Union	19	10	8	0	1	0	0	19	10	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	55	35	14	4	2	0	0	40	26	8	4	2	0	0	15	9	6	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	20	17	1	1	1	0	0	19	16	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	27	17	3	4	3	0	0	14	10	0	2	2	0	0	13	7	3	2	1	0	0
Unified Team	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
United States	64	42	16	4	2	0	0	43	29	8	4	2	0	0	21	13	8	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,035	596	263	122	40	12	2	720	434	171	74	30	9	2	315	162	92	48	10	3	0

Overall: 63 Geopolitical entities (GPEs), 52 NOCs; Men: 59 GPEs, 51 NOCs; Women: 44 GPEs, 39 NOCs.

Most Medals

- 11 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 9 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 8 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 8 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 7 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
- 6 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 6 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 5 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 5 Frank Luck (GER)

- 5 Peter Angerer (FRG)
- 5 Albina Akhatova (RUS)

Most Gold Medals

- 6 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 4 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 4 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 4 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 3 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
- 3 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 3 Mark Kirchner (GER)
- 3 Michael Greis (GER)
- 2 20 athletes tied with two.

Most Silver Medals

- 4 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 4 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 3 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 3 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
- 3 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 3 Frank Luck (GER)
- 3 Antje Misersky-Harvey (GER)
- 3 Valery Medvedtsev (EUN/URS)
- 3 Martina Glagow-Beck (GER)
- 3 Heikki Ikola (FIN)

Most Bronze Medals

- 3 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 3 Albina Akhatova (RUS)
- 2 13 athletes tied with two.

Most Years Winning Medals

- 5 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 5 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 4 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 4 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 4 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 4 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 4 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 3 Nine athletes tied with three.

Most Years Winning Gold Medals

- 4 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 4 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 3 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 3 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 3 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 2 14 athletes tied with two.

Most Years Between Medals

- 18 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 14 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 14 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 12 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 12 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 12 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)

- 12 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 8 Nine athletes tied with eight.

Most Years Between Gold Medals

- 14 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 12 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 12 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 12 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 12 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 8 Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS)
- 6 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 4 10 athletes tied with four.

Most Medals, Women

- 9 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 7 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
- 5 Albina Akhatova (RUS)
- 4 Andrea Henkel (GER)
- 4 Martina Glagow-Beck (GER)
- 4 Antje Misersky-Harvey (GER)
- 4 Katrin Apel (GER)
- 3 10 athletes tied with three.

Most Gold Medals, Women

- 3 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
- 2 Uschi Disl (GER)
- 2 Andrea Henkel (GER)
- 2 Katrin Apel (GER)
- 2 Magdalena Neuner (GER)
- 2 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS)
- 2 Myriam Bédard (CAN)
- 2 Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS)
- 2 Olga Zaytseva (RUS)
- 2 Anfisa Reztsova (EUN/RUS)
- 2 Anna Bogaly-Titovets (RUS)

Most Medals, Men

- 11 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 8 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 8 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 6 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)
- 6 Sergey Chepikov (RUS)
- 5 Peter Angerer (FRG)
- 5 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 5 Frank Luck (GER)
- 4 Sergey Tarasov (RUS)
- 4 Frank Ullrich (GDR)
- 4 Valery Medvedtsev (EUN/URS)
- 4 Mark Kirchner (GER)

Most Gold Medals, Men

- 6 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
- 4 Ricco Groß (GER)
- 4 Sven Fischer (GER)
- 4 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
- 3 Halvard Hanevold (NOR)

- 3 Mark Kirchner (GER)
- 3 Michael Greis (GER)
- 2 10 athletes tied with two.

Most Medals, Games

- 4 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-2002)
- 3 19 athletes tied with three.

Most Gold Medals, Games

- 4 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-2002)
- 3 Michael Greis (GER-2006)
- 2 11 athletes tied with two.

Most Appearances, Men

- 6 Ilmārs Bricis (LAT, 1992-2010)
- 6 Alfred Eder (AUT, 1976-1994)
- 5 Sergey Chepikov (EUN/RUS/URS, 1988-2006)
- 5 Mike Dixon (GBR, 1988-2002)
- 5 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR, 1994-2010)
- 5 Ludwig Gredler (AUT, 1992-2006)
- 5 Ricco Groß (GER, 1992-2006)
- 5 Halvard Hanevold (NOR, 1994-2010)
- 5 Janez Ožbolt (SLO, 1992-2006)
- 5 Wilfried Pallhuber (ITA, 1992-2006)
- 5 Tomasz Sikora (POL, 1994-2010)

Most Appearances, Women

- 5 Uschi Disl (GER, 1992-2006)
- 5 Martina Jašicová-Schwarzbacherová-Halinárová (SVK, 1994-2010)
- 5 Nathalie Santer (ITA, 1992-2006)
- 4 Gunn Margit Andreassen (NOR, 1994-2006)
- 4 Ekaterina Dafovska (BUL, 1994-2006)
- 4 Soňa Mihoková (SVK, 1994-2006)
- 4 Corinne Niogret (FRA, 1992-2002)
- 4 Irena Novotná-Česneková (CZE, 1994-2006)
- 4 Yelena Zubrilova-Ogurtsova (BLR/UKR, 1994-2006)
- 4 Olena Petrova (UKR, 1994-2006)
- 4 Eva Tofalvi (ROU, 1998-2010)
- 4 Tadeja Brankovič (SLO, 1998-2010)
- 4 Xianying Liu (CHN, 1998-2010)

Longest Span of Appearances, Men

- 22 Thanasis Tsakiris (GRE-BIA; 1988-2010)
- 18 Alfred Eder (AUT-BIA; 1976-1994)
- 18 Mike Dixon (GBR-BIA; 1984-2002)
- 18 Sašo Grajč (SLO/YUG-BIA; 1984-2002)
- 18 Sergey Chepikov (EUN/RUS/URS-BIA; 1988-2006)
- 18 Ilmārs Bricis (LAT-BIA; 1992-2010)
- 18 Thanasis Tsakiris (GRE-BIA; 1992-2010)
- 16 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-BIA; 1994-2010)
- 16 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-BIA; 1994-2010)
- 16 Tomasz Sikora (POL-BIA; 1994-2010)

Longest Span of Appearances, Women

- 16 Martina Jašicová-Schwarzbacherová-Halinárová (SVK-BIA; 1994-2010)
- 14 Uschi Disl (GER-BIA; 1992-2006)

- 14 Nathalie Santer (ITA-BIA; 1992-2006)
12 13 athletes tied with 12.

Youngest Competitor, Women

- 17-300 Yevgeniya Roppel (KGZ-1994, *24 April 1976)
17-313 Bernadett Dira (HUN-1998, *8 April 1980)
17-354 Diana Rasimovičiūtė (LTU-2002, *25 February 1984)
18-036 Daniela Gârbacea (ROU-1992, *14 January 1974)
18-052 Tadeja Brankovič (SLO-1998, *20 December 1979)
18-088 Ekaterina Dafovskaja (BUL-1994, *28 November 1975)
18-097 Terhi Markkanen (FIN-1992, *6 November 1973)
18-105 Ana Roman (ROU-1994, *13 November 1975)
18-156 Johanna Saarinen (FIN-1992, *8 September 1973)
18-193 Alexandra Rusu-Stoian (ROU-2002, *5 August 1983)

Youngest Medalist, Women

- 19-085 Corinne Niogret (FRA-1992, *20 November 1972)
20-242 Yelena Melnikova (EUN-1992, *17 June 1971)
21-088 Marie Laure Brunet (FRA-2010, *20 November 1988)
21-091 Uschi Disl (GER-1992, *15 November 1970)
21-097 Corinne Niogret (FRA-1994, *20 November 1972)
21-098 Albina Akhatova (RUS-1998, *13 November 1976)
22-059 Myriam Bédard (CAN-1992, *22 December 1969)
22-074 Ekaterina Dafovskaja (BUL-1998, *28 November 1975)
22-159 Linda Tjørhom (NOR-2002, *13 September 1979)
23-004 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)

Youngest Gold Medalist, Women

- 19-085 Corinne Niogret (FRA-1992, *20 November 1972)
22-074 Ekaterina Dafovskaja (BUL-1998, *28 November 1975)
23-007 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)
23-012 Nataliya Snytina (RUS-1994, *13 February 1971)
23-207 Svetlana Sleptsova (RUS-2010, *31 July 1986)
23-256 Anne Briand-Bouthiaux (FRA-1992, *2 June 1968)
23-358 Martina Zellner (GER-1998, *26 February 1974)
24-063 Andrea Henkel (GER-2002, *10 December 1977)
24-285 Antje Misersky-Harvey (GER-1992, *10 May 1967)
24-291 Katrin Apel (GER-1998, *4 May 1973)

Oldest Competitor, Women

- 38-175 Sarah Konrad (USA-2006, *26 August 1967)
36-328 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2010, *1 April 1973)
36-307 Martina Jašicová-Schwarzbacherová-Halinárová (SVK-2010, *22 April 1973)
35-339 Andžela Brice (LAT-2006, *21 March 1970)
35-271 Deborah Nordyke (USA-1998, *20 May 1962)
35-161 Kerryn Pethybridge-Rim (AUS-1998, *7 September 1962)
35-102 Uschi Disl (GER-2006, *15 November 1970)
35-086 Delphine Heymann-Burlet (FRA-2002, *24 November 1966)
34-232 Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS-2010, *7 July 1975)
34-207 Magdalena Forsberg-Wallin (SWE-2002, *25 July 1967)

Oldest Medalist, Women

- 35-102 Uschi Disl (GER-2006, *15 November 1970)
34-232 Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS-2010, *7 July 1975)
34-204 Magdalena Wallin-Forsberg (SWE-2002, *25 July 1967)
34-171 Sylvie Becaert (FRA-2010, *6 September 1975)

33-309 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS-2006, *20 April 1972)
33-205 Kati Wilhelm (GER-2010, *2 August 1976)
32-330 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2006, *1 April 1973)
32-295 Katrin Apel (GER-2006, *4 May 1973)
32-075 Andrea Henkel (GER-2010, *10 December 1977)
31-283 Olga Zaytseva (RUS-2010, *16 May 1978)

Oldest Gold Medalist, Women

34-232 Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS-2010, *7 July 1975)
33-309 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS-2006, *20 April 1972)
32-330 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2006, *1 April 1973)
31-283 Olga Zaytseva (RUS-2010, *16 May 1978)
31-268 Florence Baverel-Robert (FRA-2006, *24 May 1974)
31-095 Uschi Disl (GER-2002, *15 November 1970)
30-257 Anna Bogaly-Titovets (RUS-2010, *12 June 1979)
29-200 Kati Wilhelm (GER-2006, *2 August 1976)
29-102 Albina Akhatova (RUS-2006, *13 November 1976)
29-071 Anfisa Reztsova (RUS-1994, *16 December 1964)

Youngest Competitor, Men

17-151 Glenn Olsson (SWE-1994, *22 September 1976)
17-259 Alejandro Giró (ARG-1988, *6 June 1970)
18-004 Victor Pînzaru (MDA-2010, *11 February 1992)
18-020 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1976, *24 January 1958)
18-113 Shin Young-Sun (KOR-1988, *30 October 1969)
18-128 Hong Byung-Sik (KOR-1988, *15 October 1969)
18-171 Mikael Löfgren (SWE-1988, *2 September 1969)
18-246 Jure Velepec (YUG-1984, *10 June 1965)
18-340 Kim Yong-Woon (KOR-1988, *17 March 1969)
19-005 Danzan Tsambyn (MGL-1964, *29 January 1945)

Youngest Medalist, Men

18-020 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1976, *24 January 1958)
19-297 Frank-Peter Roetsch (GDR-1984, *19 April 1964)
20-075 Yury Kashkarov (URS-1984, *4 December 1963)
20-222 Sergey Bulygin (URS-1984, *10 July 1963)
20-223 Peter Angerer (FRG-1980, *14 July 1959)
20-231 Tord Wiksten (SWE-1992, *30 June 1971)
21-024 Sergey Chepikov (URS-1988, *30 January 1967)
21-041 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS-1968, *2 January 1947)
21-067 Mathias Jung (GDR-1980, *17 December 1958)
21-071 Dmitry Vasilyev (URS-1984, *8 December 1962)

Youngest Gold Medalist, Men

20-075 Yury Kashkarov (URS-1984, *4 December 1963)
20-222 Sergey Bulygin (URS-1984, *10 July 1963)
21-027 Sergey Chepikov (URS-1988, *30 January 1967)
21-044 Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS-1968, *2 January 1947)
21-071 Dmitry Vasilyev (URS-1984, *8 December 1962)
21-178 Ricco Groß (GER-1992, *22 August 1970)
21-212 Tarjei Bø (NOR-2010, *29 July 1988)
21-314 Mark Kirchner (GER-1992, *4 April 1970)
22-018 Yevgeny Redkin (EUN-1992, *2 February 1970)
22-026 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1980, *24 January 1958)

Oldest Competitor, Men

45-034	Thanasis Tsakiris (GRE-2010, *15 January 1965)
42-183	Øystein Slettemark (DEN-2010, *20 August 1967)
41-341	Elliot Archilla (PUR-1988, *19 March 1946)
40-085	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)
40-054	Alfred Eder (AUT-1994, *28 December 1953)
39-344	Vladimir Drachev (BLR-2006, *7 March 1966)
39-235	Paul Chassagne (FRA-1972, *18 June 1932)
39-232	Ilmārs Bricis (LAT-2010, *9 July 1970)
39-228	Roman Dostál (CZE-2010, *13 July 1970)
39-091	Mike Dixon (GBR-2002, *21 November 1962)

Oldest Medalist, Men

40-085	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)
39-022	Sergey Chepikov (RUS-2006, *30 January 1967)
37-244	Esko Saira (FIN-1976, *14 June 1938)
36-073	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2006, *3 December 1969)
36-030	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-2010, *27 January 1974)
35-183	Ricco Groß (GER-2006, *22 August 1970)
35-146	Fritz Fischer (GER-1992, *22 September 1956)
35-005	Magnar Solberg (NOR-1972, *4 February 1937)
34-312	Sven Fischer (GER-2006, *16 April 1971)
34-205	Viktor Mamatov (URS-1972, *21 July 1937)

Oldest Gold Medalist, Men

40-085	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)
36-030	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-2010, *27 January 1974)
35-183	Ricco Groß (GER-2006, *22 August 1970)
35-146	Fritz Fischer (GER-1992, *22 September 1956)
35-005	Magnar Solberg (NOR-1972, *4 February 1937)
34-312	Sven Fischer (GER-2006, *16 April 1971)
34-205	Viktor Mamatov (URS-1972, *21 July 1937)
33-051	Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS-1980, *2 January 1947)
32-079	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2002, *3 December 1969)
31-199	Björn Ferry (SWE-2010, *1 August 1978)

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	16	18	9	43
2	2	Norway	12	11	6	29
3	4	Russia	9	4	7	20
4	3	Soviet Union	9	5	5	19
5	5	France	4	4	8	16
6	6	German Demo. Rep.	3	4	4	11
7	7	Sweden	3	1	6	10
8	8	Unified Team	2	2	2	6
9	13	Finland	-	4	2	6
10	10	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	2	2	5
11	14	Belarus	-	2	2	4
12	9	Canada	2	-	1	3
13	11	Slovakia	1	1	1	3
14	15	Austria	-	2	1	3
=15	=16	Italy	-	1	2	3
=15	=16	Ukraine, The	-	1	2	3
17	12	Bulgaria	1	-	1	2
=18	=18	Kazakhstan	-	1	-	1
=18	=18	Poland	-	1	-	1

20	20	Croatia	-	-	1	1
Totals (63 events)			63	64	62	189

* Two seconds/no third in 2010 men's 20 km.

Medals Won by Countries, Men

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	11	9	5	25
2	2	Soviet Union	9	5	5	19
3	3	Germany	8	7	3	18
4	4	German Demo. Rep.	3	4	4	11
5	5	Russia	3	2	4	9
6	6	France	2	2	4	8
7	7	Sweden	2	-	4	6
8	10	Finland	-	4	2	6
9	8	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	2	2	5
10	11	Austria	-	2	1	3
11	12	Italy	-	1	2	3
12	9	Unified Team	1	1	-	2
13	13	Belarus	-	1	1	2
14	14	Poland	-	1	-	1
=15	=15	Croatia	-	-	1	1
=15	=15	Slovakia	-	-	1	1
Totals (40 events)			40	41	39	120

* Two seconds/no third in 2010 men's 20 km.

Medals Won by Countries, Women

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	8	11	6	25
2	2	Russia	6	2	3	11
3	3	France	2	2	4	8
4	5	Norway	1	2	1	4
=5	=6	Sweden	1	1	2	4
=5	=6	Unified Team	1	1	2	4
7	4	Canada	2	-	1	3
8	10	Ukraine, The	-	1	2	3
9	8	Slovakia	1	1	-	2
10	9	Bulgaria	1	-	1	2
11	11	Belarus	-	1	1	2
12	12	Kazakhstan	-	1	-	1
Totals (23 events)			23	23	23	69

Best Performance by Country at Each Olympics

	Men	Women	Overall
1960	- Sweden	----	----
1964	- USSR	----	----
1968	- USSR	----	----
1972	- Norway / USSR	----	----
1976	- USSR	----	----
1980	- USSR	----	----
1984	- FRG / Norway	----	----
1988	- USSR	----	----
1992	- Germany	Germany	Germany
1994	- Russia	Canada	Russia
1998	- Norway	Germany	Norway

2002	-	Norway	Germany	Germany
2006	-	Germany	Germany	Germany
2010	-	Norway	Germany	Norway
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Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	3	3	1	7
2	2	Germany	2	3	-	5
3	6	Soviet Union	-	2	2	4
4	3	German Demo. Rep.	2	-	1	3
5	4	Russia	1	-	1	2
6	8	Finland	-	-	2	2
7	5	France	1	-	-	1
8	7	Fed. Rep. Germany	-	1	-	1
=9	=9	Austria	-	-	1	1
=9	=9	Croatia	-	-	1	1
Totals (9 events)			9	9	9	27

Most Victories

2 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)

Most Medals

2 Ricco Groß (GER/020)
 2 Sergey Chepikov (URS/101)
 2 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR/200)
 2 Sven Fischer (GER/110)
 2 Frode Andersen (NOR/011)

Youngest Competitor

17-262 Alejandro Giró (ARG-1988, *6 June 1970)

Youngest Medalist

21-024 Sergey Chepikov (URS-1988, *30 January 1967)

Youngest Gold Medalist

21-314 Mark Kirchner (GER-1992, *4 April 1970)

Oldest Competitor

45-030 Thanasis Tsakiris (GRE-2010, *15 January 1965)

Oldest Medalist

36-073 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2006, *3 December 1969)

Oldest Gold Medalist

34-305 Sven Fischer (GER-2006, *16 April 1971)

Closest Finish in Event

6.0 Sergey Chepikov (RUS-1994)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

42.41 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1980)

20 kilometres

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	5	2	3	10
2	2	Soviet Union	3	3	3	9
=3	=3	German Demo. Rep.	1	3	1	5
=3	=3	Germany	1	3	1	5
5	5	Sweden	1	-	2	3
6	6	Russia	1	-	1	2
7	9	Finland	-	2	-	2
=8	=10	Belarus	-	1	1	2
=8	=10	Italy	-	1	1	2
=10	=7	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	-	-	1
=10	=7	Unified Team	1	-	-	1
Totals (14 events)			14	15	13	42

* Two seconds/no third in 2010.

Most Victories

2 Magnar Solberg (NOR)

Most Medals

3 Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR/120)
2 Aleksandr Privalov (URS/011)
2 Frank-Peter Roetsch (GDR/110)
2 Magnar Solberg (NOR/200)
2 Halvard Hanevold (NOR/101)
2 Frank Luck (GER/020)

Youngest Competitor

17-151 Glenn Olsson (SWE-1994, *22 September 1976)

Youngest Medalist

19-297 Frank-Peter Roetsch (GDR-1984, *19 April 1964)

Youngest Gold Medalist

22-018 Yevgeny Redkin (EUN-1992, *2 February 1970)

Oldest Competitor

45-034 Thanasis Tsakiris (GRE-2010, *15 January 1965)

Oldest Medalist

36-070 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2006, *3 December 1969)

Oldest Gold Medalist

35-005 Magnar Solberg (NOR-1972, *4 February 1937)

Closest Finish in Event

3.4 Sergey Tarasov (RUS-1994)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

2:15.7 Vladimir Melanin (URS/RUS-1964)

Pursuit

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	France	1	1	1	3
2	2	Norway	1	1	-	2
3	5	Germany	-	-	2	2
4	3	Sweden	1	-	-	1
5	4	Austria	-	1	-	1
Totals (3 events)			3	3	3	9

Most Victories

1	Vincent Defrasne (FRA)
1	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
1	Björn Ferry (SWE)

Most Medals

2	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR/110)
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Youngest Competitor

20-139	Lukas Hofer (ITA-2010, *30 September 1989)
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Youngest Medalist

24-274	Vincent Jay (FRA-2010, *18 May 1985)
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Youngest Gold Medalist

28-020	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR-2002, *27 January 1974)
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Oldest Competitor

40-075	Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)
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Oldest Medalist

34-309	Sven Fischer (GER-2006, *16 April 1971)
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Oldest Gold Medalist

31-199	Björn Ferry (SWE-2010, *1 August 1978)
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Closest Finish in Event

2.7	Vincent Defrasne (FRA/2006)
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Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

43.0	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR/2002)
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15 kilometre Mass Start Race

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
=1	=1	Germany	1	-	-	1
=1	=1	Russia	1	-	-	1
=3	=3	France	-	1	-	1
=3	=3	Poland	-	1	-	1
=5	=5	Norway	-	-	1	1
=5	=5	Slovakia	-	-	1	1
Totals (2 events)			2	2	2	6

Most Victories

1	Michael Greis (GER)
1	Yevgeny Ustyugov (RUS)

Most Medals

1	Michael Greis (GER)
1	Yevgeny Ustyugov (RUS)
1	Ole Einar Bjørndalen (NOR)
1	Tomasz Sikora (POL)
1	Pavol Hurajt (SVK)
1	Martin Fourcade (FRA)

Youngest Competitor

20-228 Emil Hegle Svendsen (NOR-2006, *12 July 1985)

Youngest Medalist

21-160 Martin Fourcade (FRA-2010, *14 September 1988)

Youngest Gold Medalist

24-262 Yevgeny Ustyugov (RUS-2010, *4 June 1985)

Oldest Competitor

40-080 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)

Oldest Medalist

32-066 Tomasz Sikora (POL-2006, *21 December 1973)

Oldest Gold Medalist

29-191 Michael Greis (GER-2006, *18 August 1976)

Closest Finish in Event

6.3 Michael Greis (GER/2006)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

10.5 Yevgeny Ustyugov (RUS/2010)

4 x 7.5 kilometre Relay**Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Soviet Union	6	-	-	6
2	2	Germany	4	1	-	5
3	3	Norway	2	3	-	5
4	4	Russia	-	2	2	4
=5	=6	Fed. Rep. Germany	-	1	2	3
=5	=6	German Demo. Rep.	-	1	2	3
7	10	France	-	-	3	3
8	5	Finland	-	2	-	2
9	11	Sweden	-	-	2	2
=10	=8	Austria	-	1	-	1
=10	=8	Unified Team	-	1	-	1
12	12	Italy	-	-	1	1
Totals (12 events)			12	12	12	36

Most Victories

4	Aleksandr Tikhonov (URS)
4	Ricco Groß (GER)

Most Medals

5 Ricco Groß (GER/410)

Youngest Competitor

18-020 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1976, *24 January 1958)

Youngest Medalist

18-020 Frank Ullrich (GDR-1976, *24 January 1958)

Youngest Gold Medalist

20-075 Yury Kashkarov (URS-1984, *4 December 1963)

Oldest Competitor

40-085 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)

Oldest Medalist

40-085 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)

Oldest Gold Medalist

40-085 Halvard Hanevold (NOR-2010, *3 December 1969)

Closest Finish in Event

12.2 Soviet Union (1984)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

3:49.96 Soviet Union (1976)

Women**7.5 kilometres****Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	1	4	1	6
=2	=2	France	1	-	1	2
=2	=2	Unified Team	1	-	1	2
4	7	Sweden	-	1	1	2
5	9	Ukraine, The	-	-	2	2
=6	=4	Canada	1	-	-	1
=6	=4	Russia	1	-	-	1
=6	=4	Slovakia	1	-	-	1
9	8	Belarus	-	1	-	1
Totals (6 events)			6	6	6	18

Most Victories

1 Anfisa Reztsova (EUN/RUS)
 1 Myriam Bédard (CAN)
 1 Galina Kukleva (RUS)
 1 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
 1 Florence Baverel-Robert (FRA)
 1 Anastasia Kuzmina (SVK)

Most Medals

2 Ursula "Uschi" Disl (GER/020)

Youngest Competitor

17-305 Yevgeniya Roppel (KGZ-1994, *24 April 1976)

Youngest Medalist

23-004 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)

Youngest Gold Medalist

24-063 Myriam Bédard (CAN-1994, *22 December 1969)

Oldest Competitor

38-175 Sarah Konrad (USA-2006, *26 August 1967)

Oldest Medalist

34-204 Magdalena Walln-Forsberg (SWE-2002, *25 July 1967)

Oldest Gold Medalist

31-268 Florence Baverel-Robert (FRA-2006, *24 May 1974)

Closest Finish in Event

0.7 Galina Kukleva (RUS-1998)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

15.9 Anfisa Reztsova (EUN/RUS-1992)

15 kilometres**Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	2	1	2	5
2	2	Norway	1	1	-	2
=3	=3	Canada	1	-	1	2
=3	=3	Russia	1	-	1	2
5	5	Bulgaria	1	-	-	1
=6	=6	France	-	1	-	1
=6	=6	Kazakhstan	-	1	-	1
=6	=6	Ukraine, The	-	1	-	1
=6	=6	Unified Team	-	1	-	1
=10	=10	Belarus	-	-	1	1
=10	=10	Sweden	-	-	1	1
Totals (6 events)			6	6	6	18

Most Victories

1 Antje Misersky-Harvey (GER)
 1 Myriam Bédard (CAN)
 1 Yekaterina Dafovska (BUL)
 1 Andrea Henkel (GER)
 1 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS)
 1 Tora Berger (NOR)

Most Medals

2 Myriam Bédard (CAN)
 2 Uschi Disl (GER)

Youngest Competitor

17-300 Yevgeniya Roppel (KGZ-1994, *24 April 1976)

Youngest Medalist

22-059 Myriam Bédard (CAN-1992, *22 December 1969)

Youngest Gold Medalist

22-074 Ekaterina Dajcova (BUL-1998, *28 November 1975)

Oldest Competitor

38-172 Sarah Konrad (USA-2006, *26 August 1967)

Oldest Medalist

34-202 Magdalena Wallin-Forsberg (SWE-2002, *25 July 1967)

Oldest Gold Medalist

33-299 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS-2006, *20 April 1972)

Closest Finish in Event

7.9 Andrea Henkel (GER-2002)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

1:10.8 Svetlana Ishmuratova (RUS-2006)

Pursuit**Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	2	2	-	4
2	2	Russia	1	-	1	2
3	3	Slovakia	-	1	-	1
=4	=4	Bulgaria	-	-	1	1
=4	=4	France	-	-	1	1
Totals (3 events)			3	3	3	9

Most Victories

1 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
 1 Olga Pyleva (RUS)
 1 Magdalena Neuner (GER)

Most Medals

2 Kati Wilhelm (GER/110)

Youngest Competitor

18-333 Song Chaoqing (CHN-2010, *21 March 1991)

Youngest Medalist

21-088 Marie Laure Brunet (FRA-2010, *20 November 1988)

Youngest Gold Medalist

23-007 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)

Oldest Competitor

36-321 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2010, *1 April 1973)

Oldest Medalist

29-200 Kati Wilhelm (GER-2006, *2 August 1976)

Oldest Gold Medalist

29-200 Kati Wilhelm (GER-2006, *2 August 1976)

Closest Finish in Event

5.3 Olga Pyleva (RUS/2002)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

1:13.6 Kati Wilhelm (GER/2006)

12½ kilometre Mass Start Event

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	1	1	2	4
2	2	Sweden	1	-	-	1
3	3	Russia	-	1	-	1
Totals (2 events)			2	2	2	6

Most Victories

1 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE)
 1 Magdalena Neuner (GER)

Most Medals

1 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE)
 1 Magdalena Neuner (GER)
 1 Uschi Disl (GER)
 1 Kati Wilhelm (GER)
 1 Olga Zytseva (RUS)
 1 Simone Hauswald (GER)

Youngest Competitor

21-093 Marie Laure Brunet (FRA-2010, *20 November 1988)

Youngest Medalist

23-012 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)

Youngest Gold Medalist

23-012 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010, *9 February 1987)

Oldest Competitor

36-326 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2010, *1 April 1973)

Oldest Medalist

35-102 Uschi Disl (GER-2006, *15 November 1970)

Oldest Gold Medalist

32-330 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2006, *1 April 1973)

Closest Finish in Event

5.5 Magdalena Neuner (GER-2010)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

18.8 Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2006)

4 x 7.5 kilometre Relay**Medals Won by Countries**

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	2	Germany	2	3	1	6

2	1	Russia	3	1	1	5
3	3	France	1	1	2	4
4	4	Norway	-	1	1	2
5	5	Unified Team	-	-	1	1
Totals (6 events)			6	6	6	18

Most Victories

2	Katrin Apel (GER)
2	Uschi Disl (GER)
2	Olga Zaytseva (RUS)
2	Anna Bogaly-Titovets (RUS)

Most Medals

4	Uschi Disl (GER/220)
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Youngest Competitor

18-062	Tadeja Brankovič (SLO-1998, *20 December 1979)
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Youngest Medalist

19-085	Corinne Niogret (FRA-1992, *20 November 1972)
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Youngest Gold Medalist

19-085	Corinne Niogret (FRA-1992, *20 November 1972)
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Oldest Competitor

36-328	Anna-Carin Olofsson-Zidek (SWE-2010, *1 April 1973)
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Oldest Medalist

34-232	Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS-2010, *7 July 1975)
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Oldest Gold Medalist

34-232	Olga Pylyova-Medvedtseva (RUS-2010, *7 July 1975)
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Closest Finish in Event

11.6	Germany (1998)
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Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

3:57.0	Russia (1994)
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