

MARIA RIESCH



3-time Olympic Champion in Alpine Skiing

Maria Riesch was one of the best female ski racers in the world until she ended her career in March 2014. Her greatest successes include three gold medals at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and 2014 in Sochi, winning the overall Alpine Ski World Cup in the 2010/11 season and victories at the 2009 and 2013 World Championships.

All-rounder Maria Riesch (*1984) started skiing at the age of three and joined the Partenkirchen Ski Club at the age of five. After her first successes in regional children's races, she came second at the German School Championships in the 1998/99 season. At the age of 15, she competed in her first FIS races in December 1999 and just three months later she made her first start in the European Cup. After graduating from high school in the summer of 2003, Riesch dedicated herself entirely to skiing and was soon regularly ranked in the top ten, establishing herself as one of the best alpine skiers in the world.

In the disciplines of downhill, super-G, giant slalom, slalom and Nordic combined, she has won a total of three gold medals and one silver medal at the Olympics, two world championship titles, four world championship bronze medals, 27 World Cup victories and was overall World Cup winner in the course of her impressive career. In the list of alpine skiing Olympic champions, she is Germany's best-placed athlete, in the women's World Cup leaderboard she is the second-best German after Katja Seizinger with 27 victories, and among the German World Cup participants she ranks third after Christl Cranz and Rosi Mittermaier with six podium finishes.

Since the end of her career, Maria Riesch has been an expert on TV for the Ski World Cup and other Alpine skiing competitions. She is a brand ambassador for Audi and Hublot, among others, and is socially involved as an Academy Member for the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and as a member of the Board of Trustees for the DFL Foundation.

As a much sought-after speaker, Maria Riesch shows how to make it to the top of the world with passion and discipline and how the skills of a team can be ideally combined with the personal achievements of the individual to reach peak performance.