



Preview Men's +105kg

- Lasha Talakhadze (GEO) won the world title in the Snatch and Total and finished second in the Clean & Jerk in the men's +105kg in 2015.
- If he wins three more world titles, he will equal Jaber Saeed Salem (QAT) in second place with five world titles in this weight class. Only Hossein Reza Zadeh (IRI) won more gold in +105kg, 10 world titles.
- Talakhadze is also three world titles shy of the record for a lifter representing Georgia, as Georgi Asanidze (GEO) won five world titles in the 77kg and 85kg from 1998 to 2002. No other athlete representing Georgia has won five world titles in any other Olympic sport.
- The only men to successfully defend their Snatch world title in the +105kg are Saeed Salem (1999 and 2001) and Ruslan Albegov (RUS, 2013 and 2014).
- Talakhadze also won the Olympic title in Rio in 2016 and can become the second man to win the +105kg world title in the Total one year after winning Olympic gold, after Reza Zadeh in 2005.
- Behdad Salimikordasiabi (IRI) has won nine medals in the +105kg at the world championships (G4-S4-B1) and needs three more to equal Saeed Salem (12) in second place behind only Reza Zadeh (14) in this category.
- Iran has won 15 of the 42 world titles in the +105kg weight class, three more than Russia (12). Iran's total of 29 medals in this weight class is also most, one more than Russia's 28.
- In men's events, only Chinese men have won more world titles in a specific weight category since the introduction of the current classes in 1998 (56kg, 62kg, 69kg and 77kg).
- Coming into these world championships, Mart Seim (EST) is one of four lifters representing Estonia to have won a world title. The other three won their world title all in 1922.
- Fernando Saraiva Reis (BRA) will participate for the eighth time at the world championships or Olympic Games (all since 2010) and is poised to finish in the top-3 for the first time. His best result is a fifth place in the Total at the 2016 Olympic Games.

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