



Preview Men's 105kg

- Ivan Efremov (UZB) won the Snatch in the 105kg event and can become the third man to win the Snatch back-to-back, following Vladimir Smortchkov (RUS, 2001, 2002 and 2003) and Ruslan Nurudinov (2013 and 2014).
- Uzbekistan has won the Snatch three editions in a row and only Russia has won this event at least four years in a row (5 times from 2001 to 2006).
- Arturs Plesnieks (LAT) claimed bronze in the Total two years ago. He can become the third man representing Latvia to win multiple world championships medals, and the second to win a world title. Viktors Scerbatis (LAT) won 12 medals (G2-S1-B3) in the +105 and +108 events from 1997 to 2007. Alberts Ozolins (LAT) won two medals, silver in 75kg in 1922 and bronze in 1923.
- Iranians Ali Hashemi (IRI) and Alireza Soleymani (IRI) can become the first world champions from Iran in this weight class. Mohammadreza Barari (IRI) is Iran's only medallist in the men's 105kg, claiming bronze in the Clean & Jerk in 2013.
- Coming into these world championships, Iran has won a world title in four of the five highest men's weight classes, only missing a world title in the 105kg event (since the introduction of the current weight categories in 1998).
- Arkadiusz Michalski (POL) will participate for the third time at the world championships in this weight class. His best result is a fourth place in the Clean & Jerk in 2014.
- Polish lifters have claimed 15 medals, including seven gold in this event. Only Russia has won more world titles (14) and only Russia (41) and Ukraine (17) have won more total medals in the 105kg weight class.
- The 15 Polish medals are won by three men, Marcin Dolega (POL, G7-S2-B1), Bartłomej Bonk (POL, G0-S1-B2) and Robert Dolega (POL, G0-S0-B2).
- Vasil Georgiev Gospodinov (BUL) hopes to join his compatriot Alan Tsagaev (BUL) as only Bulgarian medal winners in this event. Tsagaev won three gold and two silver medals from 2002 to 2007 in the 105kg event.
- Sargis Martirosjan (AUT) is poised to become the first Austrian (man or woman) to win a medal at the world championships in 44 years, when Kurt Pittner (AUT) took bronze in the Snatch in the men's 60kg in 1973.

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