



Preview Men's 77kg

- Since 2011, the 12 world titles in the men's 77kg category have all been won by Asian countries - China 9, Kazakhstan 2 and DPR Korea 1.
- The last non-Asian world champion in a men's 77kg event was Tigran Martirosyan (ARM) who won Snatch and Total gold in this weight class in 2010.
- Mohamed Ihab Youssef Ahmed Mahmoud (EGY) could become the first world champion from Africa in a men's event since 1984, when Oliver Orok (NGR) won Snatch gold in the 100kg category.
- Mahmoud took Clean & Jerk and Total silver in this category in 2015 and claimed a top-three finish in all three 69kg events at the 2014 World Championships.
- Mahmoud could become the first athlete from Egypt to reach the podium in any men's event in three world championships in a row since Said Khalifa Gouda (EGY) between 1953 and 1955.
- Mahmoud's tally of five world championships medals (G0-S4-B1) is joint-most among African men (all categories). Only compatriot Kamal Mahmoud Maghoub (EGY) also collected five medals in the competition (G0-S2-B3).
- Nahla Ramadan (EGY) is the only African athlete with more than five world championships medals. Ramadan collected six medals (G3-S0-B3) in the women's 69kg (2) and the 75kg (4) from 2002 to 2006.
- Daniel Godelli (ALB) and Erkand Qerimaj (ALB) are both hoping to hand Albania its first world title in a men's event since 1972, when Ymez Mampuri (ALB) grabbed Press gold in the 60kg category.
- The last male athlete from Albania on a world championships podium was Ilirian Suli (ALB), who took Snatch silver in the men's 85kg category in 2002.
- Brayan Santiago Rodallegas Carvajal (COL) and Andres Mauricio Caicedo Piedrahita (COL) are both aiming to become the first medallists from South America in the men's 77kg in world championships history.
- Prior to the 2017 world championships, Oscar Figueroa (COL) was the last world champion from Colombia in a men's event, as he took Clean & Jerk gold in the 62kg category in 2013.

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