



## Preview Women's 69kg

- In each of the last six editions of the world championships all three world titles in the women's 69 kg category were won by the same athlete: Xiang Yanmei (CHN) in 2015, Ryo Un Hui (PRK) in 2014, Xiang in 2013, Oxana Slivenko (RUS) in 2011, Svetlana Shmirkova (RUS) in 2010 and Nazik Avdalyan (ARM) in 2009.
- The last time multiple women claimed a gold medal in this weight category in a single edition of the world championships was in 2007, when Liu Chunhong (CHN) won the Snatch and Slivenko collected the Clean & Jerk and Total world titles.
- Leidy Yessenia Solis Arboleda (COL), who won all three events in the women's 69kg at the 2017 Pan American Championships, is aiming to become the first athlete from South America to reach the world championships podium in this weight category.
- Sara Samir Elsayed Mohamed Ahmed (EGY) hopes to follow in the footsteps of her compatriot Nahla Ramadan (EGY), who grabbed bronze in the women's 69kg Snatch and Total at the 2002 World Championships
- Coming into these world championships Ahmed could become the second female world champion from Africa (all categories), after Ramadan who won all three world titles in the women's 75kg in 2003.
- Hung Wan-Ting (TPE) is hoping to become the first world champion from Chinese Taipei in a women's 69kg event.
- The last athlete from Chinese Taipei to reach the world championships podium in this weight category was Huang Shih-Chun (TPE), who took bronze in the Snatch in 2011.
- Romela Begaj (ALB) could become Albania's first ever world champion in women's weightlifting and Albania's second athlete to claim a world championships gold medal, after Ymez Pampuri (ALB) who took the Press world title in the men's 60kg in 1972.
- Begaj could become Albania's first ever multi medallist, male or female, in the history of the world championships. In 2011 Begaj took bronze in the Snatch in the women's 58kg.
- Martha Ann Rogers (USA) is hoping to become the first athlete to claim the world title in a women's 69kg event on home soil.
- The last athlete representing the host nation to reach the podium in this weight category was Zhazira Zhapparkul (KAZ) in 2014.
- Coming into these world championships, Angie Paola Palacios Dajomes (ECU) could become the first athlete, male or female, born in this century to reach the podium in any event in any weight category in history of the world championships.