



Preview Men's 102kg

- The men's 102kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Ali Hashemi (IRI) won the world title in the men's 105kg Snatch and Total at the 2017 world championships, claiming bronze in the Clean & Jerk.
- The last man from Iran to claim a world title at successive world championships was Behdad Salimikordasiabi (IRI) in 2010 and 2011. NOTE: Sohrab Moradi can do this earlier at these world championships in the men's 96kg.
- Ilya Ilyin (KAZ) has won 10 world championships medals, including seven world titles: 85kg (2005 - Clean & Jerk, Total), 94kg (2006 - Total, 2011 - Clean & Jerk, Total), 105 kg (2014 - Clean & Jerk, Total).
- Only three men have won more world titles without winning a single Snatch event than Ilyin's seven: Mohammed Nassiri (IRI, 10), Viktor Kurentsov (URS, 9) and Ivan Ivanov (BUL, 8). NOTE: Om Yun Chol (PRK) is on six and will compete at the men's 55kg.
- Ilyin (7) has won most world titles among men representing Kazakhstan. He is level with Svetlana Podobedova (KAZ, 7) and Zulfiya Chinshanlo (KAZ, 7) for most among men and women. NOTE: Chinshanlo competes in the women's 55kg earlier these championships.
- Ilyin (10, G7-S1-B2) is level with Vladimir Sedov (KAZ 10, G3-S3-B4) for most world championships medals among men representing Kazakhstan. Only Podobedova (12, G7-S2-B3) has won more among men and women. NOTE: Zulfiya Chinshanlo (8, G7-S1-B0) competes at the women's 55kg earlier this championships.
- Vadzim Straltsou (BLR) claimed four medals at the world championships: 2015 - gold in the 94kg Clean & Jerk and the Total, bronze in the Snatch; 2007 - bronze in the Total.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, the only weightlifters (men and women) from Belarus on more world titles than Straltsou (2) are Andrei Rybakou (BLR, 9) and Alexander Kurlovich (BLR, 3).
- The only weightlifters (men and women) from Belarus on more world championship medals than Straltsou (4) are Nastassia Novikava (BLR, 12), Rybakou (10) and Siahei Lahun (5).
- Straltsou (32 year-192 days) could become the third-oldest man from Belarus to claim a world championship medal, after Kurlovich (33y-122d, three gold medals in the +108kg in 1994) and Rybakou (32y-254d, bronze in the 85kg Snatch in 2014).
- Dmytro Chumak (UKR) claimed bronze in the men's 94kg Total at the 2015 world championships.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, the last man from Ukraine to win a world title was Ihor Shymechko (UKR) in the men's +105kg Snatch in 2009.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, only one of Ukraine's 14 men's world titles have come in events under the 105kg weight class: Ruslan Savchenko's world title in the 76kg Snatch in 1993.

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