



## Preview Men's 109kg

- The men's 109kg event will be staged for the first time at the world championships.
- Ruslan Nurudinov (UZB) has won four world titles. He won all three titles in the men's 105kg in 2013 and he won the world title in the 105kg Snatch in 2014.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, Nurudinov was the only weightlifter representing Uzbekistan to have won multiple weightlifting world titles.
- Nurudinov is the reigning Olympic champion and Asian Games champion in the men's 105kg (Total), winning the gold medal at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and the gold medal at the Jakarta-Palembang Games last August.
- Simon Martirosyan (ARM) finished in third place in the men's 105kg Snatch at the 2015 world championships in Houston, United States.
- Martirosyan won all three titles in the men's 105kg at the 2017 European championships in Split, Croatia. He also won the silver medal in the 105kg event (Total) at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, behind Ruslan Nurudinov.
- Seo Huiyeop (KOR) won the 105kg Clean & Jerk at the 2017 world championships. He also won the silver medal in the 105kg Clean & Jerk and Total at the 2017 Asian championships in Ashgabat.
- Yang Zhe (CHN) won gold medals in the 105kg (Total) at the Asian Games (2010 and 2014) and at the Asian championships (2011), but he has yet to win a world title.
- Yang did finish runner-up in the 105kg Snatch at the 2014 world championships.
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, Salwan Jasim Abbood Abbood (IRQ) is looking at becoming only the second Iraqi (male or female) to win a world championship medal in weightlifting. Abdul Wahid Aziz (IRQ) finished third in the men's 67.5kg Total in 1959.
- Abbood took bronze at the 105kg (Total) at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat in 2017.
- Arkadiusz Michalski (POL) is in search of his first world championships podium finish. He finished in fourth place in the 105kg Clean & Jerk in 2014 and 2017.
- Sargis Martirosjan (AUT) can become the first Austrian to win a world championships medal since Kurt Pittner (AUT) in 1973 took bronze in the men's 60kg Snatch.
- The last Austrian to win a world title was Fritz Haller (AUT) in the men's 82.5kg Total in 1937.

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