



## Men's +109kg

- The men's +109kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Lasha Talakhadze won three European titles in the men's +105kg event at this year's European championships in Bucharest.
- At last year's world championships, the Georgian swept all three world titles in the men's +105kg.
- the last time Talakhadze has been beaten in major competitions was at the 2015 world championships, he was made to settle for silver in the Clean & Jerk in the men's +105kg, behind
- The man that beat Talakhadze to that world title, Estonia's Mart Seim, will also be taking part here.
- The Clean & Jerk crown at the 2015 world championships is still Seim's only world title to date.
- Talakhadze has won five world titles, this equal the Georgian record for most among all Olympic sports, together with Georgi Asanidze (GEO), who also won his world titles in weightlifting (1998-2002).
- Talakhadze needs to win all three world titles in the +109kg event, to equal Anatoli Pisarenko (URS, 8) for fourth most in the highest weight classes, behind only Vasili Alexeev (URS, 22), Hossein Reza Zadeh (IRI, 10) and Alexander Kurlovich (BLR, 10).
- Ruslan Albegov won all of his six world championships medals in the top weight category.
- The Russian won his last world titles in 2014. In Almaty, Kazakhstan, Albegov emerged victorious in the Snatch and Total (+105 kg).
- Albegov also claimed world titles in the Snatch and Total at the 2013 world championships, in Wroclaw, Poland.
- Albegov needs three more medals to equal Anatoli Pisarenko (URS, 9) and Sultan Rakhmanov (URS, 9) in fourth place for most medals won in the highest men's weight class among lifters from Soviet Union and Russia.
- At the 2015 world championships, Armenia's Gor Minasyan finished second in the Snatch and third in the Total.
- At last year's European junior & under 23 championships, Minasyan collected all three titles in the men's top weight category.
- Coming into these championships, the last Armenians to win a world title were Tigran Martirosyan (ARM, Snatch and Total in the men's 77kg) and Ara Khachatryan (ARM, men's 85kg Snatch) in 2010.
- At this year's Pan American championships, Brazil's Fernando Seravaia Reis won all three gold medals in the men's top weight category (+105kg).
- Coming into these championships, Brazil has yet to win a medal at the world championships.
- Rustam Djangabaev (UZB) won gold in the highest weight class (Total) at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat last year. He also won the Total in the men's +105kg in Ashgabat at last year's Asian championships, where he claimed silver in the Snatch and Clean & Jerk.
- Hojамuhammet Toychyev (TKM) finished second in the highest weight class (Total) at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat last year.
- Chen Shih-Chieh (TPE) won the Clean & Jerk and finished second in the Total in the highest weight class at last year's Asian championships in Ashgabat.
- lifters from Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Chinese Taipei have yet to win a medal in the highest weight class at the world championships.

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