



Preview Men's 55kg

- The men's 55kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Om Yun Chol (PRK) won the gold medal (Total) in the men's 56kg at the Asian Games in Jakarta earlier this year.
- Om won a silver medal in the same event (Total) at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- Om won world titles in the Clean & Jerk and Total in the men's 56kg at the 2013, 2014 and 2015 world championships, for a total of six in the competition.
- Only one lifter representing DPR Korea has won more world titles than Om. Kim Un Guk (PRK) won seven from 2010 to 2014 (men's 62kg events).
- Om Yun Chol (PRK) and Kwak Un Bom (PRK) could give DPR Korea two podium finishes in specific events (Snatch, Clean & Jerk, Total) for the first time since 1990 at the world championships.
- Gia Thanh Lai (VIE) won three titles in the men's 56kg at this year's junior world championships.
- Last year in Anaheim, Thach Kim Tuan (VIE), Lai's compatriot won all three world titles in the men's 56kg event.
- Josue Brachi Garcia (ESP) won European titles in the Snatch and Total in the men's 56kg at this year's European championships.
- Brachi Garcia was beaten to the European title in the Clean & Jerk in the men's 56kg by Mirco Scarantino (ITA).
- No male or female, had won a world title for Italy in weightlifting since Norberto Oberburger (ITA) won three in 1984.