



Preview Men's 61kg

- The men's 61kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- In 2017, Francisco Antonio Mosquera Valencia (COL) won gold in the men's 62kg Clean & Jerk and Total events.
- Mosquera Valencia had claimed three silver medals in the men's 62kg in 2015 and with five total medals he is Colombia's second-most successful male weightlifter. Only Oscar Figuero (COL, 8) won more medals.
- Vietnam's Thach Kim Tuan won 10 medals, including four world titles in the men's 56kg category. No man has won more world championship medals in weightlifting for Vietnam.
- Eko Yuli Irawan (INA) won gold in the men's 62kg at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta-Palembang. He has won 10 medals at the world championships (2007-2014), including gold in men's 62kg Clean & Jerk in 2009.
- Irawan could win a world title nine years after his first gold, becoming the fourth athlete to win successive world titles nine years apart, after John Terpak (USA, 1937-1947), Sergo Chakhoyan (AUS, 1994-2003) and Sun Caiyan (CHN, 1993-2003).
- Yoichi Itokazu (JPN) became the first Japanese man in 33 years to win a world championships medal when he claimed silver in the men's 62kg in the Total in 2017. He could now become the first Japanese man to win a world title since Kenkichi Ando (56kg Clean & Jerk) and Takashi Saito (60kg Clean & Jerk) in 1978.
- Adkhamjon Ergashev (UZB) won the junior world title in 2018 in the men's 62kg in the snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total and he claimed bronze in the same category in the Total at the Asian Games this year.
- Ergashev took bronze in the men's 62kg Snatch at the world championships in 2017. It was Uzbekistan's first medal in a men's event under the 69kg weight class. Uzbekistan's only world title in an event under 105kg weight class was Doston Yokubov's gold in the men's 69kg in 2017.
- China won 23 of the 45 world titles in the men's 62kg from 1998 to 2017. The next best NOC was DPR Korea on nine gold medals.