



Preview Men's 81kg

- The men's 81kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Mohamed Ihab Youssef Ahmed Mahmoud (EGY) is the weightlifter from Egypt to have finished on the podium most often at the world championships: eight times.
- Mahmoud is tied with Nahla Ramadan (EGY) and Khadr Sayed El Thouni (EGY) on a record three world titles among Egyptians coming into the 2018 world championships. Mahmoud won the world title in the men's 77kg Total, Snatch and Clean & Jerk in 2017.
- Andranik Karapetyan (ARM) has finished on the podium three times at the world championships, all in the men's 77kg events in 2015 (2nd in Snatch, 3rd in Total and Clean & Jerk).
- The only man representing Armenia to finish on the podium more often is Tigran Martirosyan (ARM, 6, including 2 world titles).
- At age 19, Yeison Lopez Lopez (COL) can become the second male teenager from Colombia to finish on the podium at the world championships. In 2014, Luis Mosquera finished in third place in the men's 62kg Snatch.
- Safaa Aljumaili (IRQ) won the men's 85kg (Total) title at the 2018 Asian Games and he finished first in the same event at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat in 2017. Coming into these championships, only one weightlifter from Iraq has won a world championships medal: Abdul Wahid Aziz in the men's 67.5kg Total in 1959 (third).
- Lyu Xiaojun (CHN) has finished on the podium 13 times at the world championships, including nine world titles. The only Chinese weightlifters to finish on the podium more often are Li Hongyun (CHN, 15) and He Yingqiang (CHN, 15).
- In 2017, Harrison James Maurus (USA) became the youngest male athlete from United States to claim a medal at the world championships at age 17 years and 279 days. Maurus finished third in the men's 77kg Total and Clean & Jerk.
- Rejebbay Rejepov (TKM) won the gold medal in the 77kg (Total) at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat last year. He also claimed three medals at the 2017 world championships, finishing second in all three events in the men's 77kg event.
- Coming into these championships, Rejepov is tied for most world championships medals for Turkmenistan, together with Kristina Shermetova (TKM) and Altimurat Orazdurdyev (TKM). Orazdurdyev is the only weightlifter from Turkmenistan with a world title before 2018.
- Coming into these championships, Erkand Qerimaj (ALB) could become the second man from Albania to win a weightlifting world title after Ymez Pampuri (ALB), who won the 60kg Press in 1972.
- Krzysztof Maciej Zwarycz (POL) claimed silver in the men's 85kg Total and Clean & Jerk events at last year's world championships. The last Polish world title in weightlifting was set by Marcin Dolega (POL) and Adrian Zielinski in 2010 (coming into these championships).

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