



## Preview Women's 55kg

- The women's 55kg events will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- From 1998 to 2017 a women's 53kg event was held. Zulfiya Chinshanlo (KAZ) won seven world titles in this category.
- Chinshanlo could become the first weightlifter representing Kazakhstan to win eight world titles. Ilya Ilyin (KAZ) and Svetlana Podobedova (KAZ) have also won seven world titles. Ilyin will also compete in Ashgabat.
- China won most gold medals in the women's 53kg category, 19.
- Li Yajun (CHN) won three world titles in the women's 53kg category in 2013 and added three bronzes in the same weight class in 2014.
- Hidilyn Diaz (PHI) is the only woman to have won world championship medals for Philippines in weightlifting, claiming one silver and four bronzes in the 53kg events.
- Sukanya Srisurat (THA) won G2-S2-B1 in the women's 58kg at the world championships. Only Sopita Tanasan (3) and Pawina Thongsuk (5) have won more world titles for Thailand in weightlifting coming into these world championships.
- Srisurat can become the first weightlifter from Thailand to win medals at four different world championships.
- Nouha Landoulsi (TUN) hopes to win the first medal for Tunisia in women's weightlifting in world championships history. Ghofrane Belkhir (TUN) could achieve this for Tunisia in the women's 59kg category.
- Egypt and Nigeria are the only African countries to have claimed medals in women's events at the world championships, coming into these championships.
- Ri Su Yon (PRK) hopes to win a medal for DPR Korea in women's weightlifting. It won its last medals in 2015, coming into these championships.
- Maria Alexandra Escobar Guerrero (ECU) could win Ecuador's second world title, after she won the women's 53kg Clean & Jerk in 2001.
- Escobar Guerrero has won eight world championships medals in total. Only one woman from South America has won more world championships medals, Maria Isabel Urrutia (COL, 24).
- Escobar Guerrero has won the most world championships medals (8) among all athletes from Ecuador in any Olympic sport.