



Preview Women's 71kg

- The women's 71kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Sara Samir Elsayed Mohamed Ahmed (EGY) won the world title in the women's 69kg in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and the Total at the 2018 junior world championships in Tashkent.
- Ahmed also won the world title in the Clean & Jerk in the women's 69kg at the 2017 world championships in Anaheim.
- In doing so, Ahmed became only the second woman representing Egypt to win a senior world title, following three by Nahla Ramadan (EGY) in 2003.
- The European titles in the Clean & Jerk and the Total in the women's 69kg earlier this year went to Patricia Caroline Strenius (SWE) and were the first in the competition for a woman representing Sweden.
- Strenius finished second in the Snatch in the same event at the European championships in Bucharest.
- China's Zhang Wangli won a gold medal in the 69kg weight class in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total at the 2016 Asian championships.
- Countrywoman Wang Zhouyu won three gold medals in the women's 75kg at the 2015 Asian championships.
- Zhang won the Chinese title in the women's 69kg event and Wang in the women's 75kg event earlier this year.
- At last year's world championships in Anaheim, local favourite Martha Ann Rogers (USA) finished third in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total in the women's 69kg.
- This century, only one US weightlifter has won more medals at the world championships than Rogers, Cheryl Haworth won four in this span.
- At the 2015 world championships, Anastasiia Romanova finished in the top three in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total in the women's 69kg, but did not win a world title.
- Romanova did win three European titles in the women's 69kg at last year's European championships.