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Figure Skating World Championships 2016

Men's Singles - Fernández, Hanyu and Chan leading three-horse race

- Javier Fernández (ESP) won the world title in 2015 as well as the European title in the last four years.
- Fernández has now won the last three titles in European championships and world championships combined. He can become the first European since Alexei Yagudin (RUS) in 1999 to win the title in European championships and world championships four successive times.
- The last European to win back-to-back world titles is Stéphane Lambiel (SUI) in 2005 and 2006.
- Fernández has finished on the podium in each of the last 12 major competitions, including the Grands Prix and Grand Prix standings. The last time he failed to reach the podium was at the Olympic Games in Sochi, finishing fourth.
- Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN) won the world title in 2014. Hanyu also won gold at the Sochi Games and can become the first man since Ondrej Nepela (TCH) in 1973 to win two world titles as reigning Olympic champion.
- Patrick Chan (CAN) has won the world title three times (2011, 2012 and 2013) and can become the ninth man to win the singles title at least four times. The last man to achieve this feat was Yagudin, winning his fourth in 2002.
- One Canadian has achieved this feat as Kurt Browning won his four titles in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1993.
- Chan also won the Four Continents title this season. He won both the world title and Four Continents title in 2011/12.
- The only time after the Sochi Games in which Fernández, Hanyu and Chan all participated in a major competition was at this season's Grand Prix Final. Hanyu won, Fernández finished second, Shoma Uno (JPN) third and Chan fourth.
- Hanyu set the world record in that event, scoring a 330.43 in Barcelona.

Women's Singles - Miyahara poised to beat Russians

- Satoko Miyahara (JPN) won the Four Continents title in February and is looking to add the world title this year. The last woman to win both titles in the same season was Miki Ando in 2010/11.
- Miyahara finished second last year in between two Russians as Elizaveta Tuktamysheva (RUS) won and Elena Radionova (RUS) finished third.
- Russia claimed gold, silver and bronze at the European Championships in January. Evgeniya Medvedeva (RUS) won gold, Radionova silver and Anna Pogorilaya (RUS) claimed bronze.
- Only once a country swept the podium in the women's event at the World Championships as United States achieved this feat in 1991 (Kristi Yamaguchi, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan).
- Only four times a female figure skater from Russia (or Soviet Union/CIS) was crowned world champion: Irina Slutskaya (RUS) in 2005 and 2002, Maria Butyrskaya (RUS) in 1999 and Elizaveta Tuktamysheva (RUS) last year.
- Medvedeva can follow in the footsteps of Tuktamysheva, who won the European title and world title last year.
- US women can claim the world title on home ice. The last time that happened in this event was in 2014, when Mao Asada (JPN) was victorious in Saitama, Japan.
- The last time a US woman won on home ice was in 2003, when Michelle Kwan (USA) won in Washington.
- Asada is the only woman competing who has won a world title. She was victorious in 2008, 2010 and 2014. She can become the seventh woman with at least four world titles and the first since Michelle Kwan won her fifth in 2003.

Pairs - Duhamel / Radford looking to add another world title

- Meagan Duhamel (CAN) and Eric Radford (CAN) won the world title last year and can become the third Canadian duo to win the world title on multiple occasions as Barbara Wagner (CAN) and Robert Paul (CAN) won four world titles (1957, 1958, 1959, 1960) and Frances Dafoe (CAN) and Norris Bowden (CAN) won twice (1954, 1955).
- In the last two seasons (2014/15 and 2015/16), Duhamel / Radford were only defeated by Ksenia Stolbova (RUS) and Fedor Klimov (RUS) at the Grand Prix Final last December. This excludes the Grand Prix standings and the 2016 Four Continents in which Duhamel / Radford withdrew.
- Stolbova / Klimov finished second at the 2014 world championships and can follow in the footsteps of Duhamel / Radford, who won the world title and the Four Continents championships last season. No other pair achieved this feat in the same season in the last eight years.
- Sui Wengjing (CHN) and Han Cong (CHN) won the Four Continents championships this year and were runners-up at last year's world championships. They can give China their sixth pairs world title. All previous five world titles were won in this century.
- Tatyana Volosozhar (RUS) and Maksim Trankov (RUS) won the European title last January. They can win their second world title following 2013.

Ice Dance - Weaver / Poje poised to win world title

- Kaitlyn Weaver (CAN) and Andrew Poje (CAN) are unbeaten in the last two seasons besides finishing third at the 2015 world championships and third in this season's Four Continents (excluding Grand Prix standings).
- They are hoping to follow in the footsteps of Tessa Virtue (CAN) and Scott Moir (CAN), who won the world title for Canada in 2010 and 2012. Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) and Victor Kraatz (CAN) also won the world title for Canada, in 2003.
- Weaver / Poje finished second behind Anna Cappellini (ITA) and Luca Lanotte (ITA) at the 2014 World Championships. and third in 2015 behind Gabriella Papadakis (FRA) and Guillaume Cizeron (FRA) and Madison Chock (US) and Evan Bates (USA).
- Papadakis / Cizeron can become the first ice dance pair to win the world title back-to-back since Albena Denkova (RUS) and Maxim Staviski (RUS) won in 2006 and 2007.
- They also won the last two European titles and can win four of these titles in a row. the last ice dance pair to achieve this feat was Tatiana Navka (RUS) and Roman Kostomarov (RUS) in 2005.
- Maia Shibutani (USA) and Alex Shibutani (USA) won the Four Continents title this year and can become the first ice dance pair since Meryl Davis (USA) and Charlie White (USA) in 2013 to win both the world title and the Four Continents championships.
- Bates / Chock, Shibutani / Shibutani or Madison Hubbell (USA) and Zackary Donohue (USA) can become the fourth ice dance pair to win the world title on home ice and the first since Navka / Kostomarov in 2005.
- The only countries to win both pairs and ice dance world titles in the same year are Russia and the states that were part of the former Soviet Union (22 times, last one in 2005) and Great Britain (once, 1953).