



Preview Weightlifting 2018 World Championships - Men

- Soviet Union has won the most world titles in men's weightlifting events (331), followed by Bulgaria (203) and China (132). No other country has won more than 59 world titles in men's events.
- In the last 11 years, Bulgaria has won only one world title in a men's event as Ivan Markov won the men's 85kg Snatch in 2014.
- Bulgaria is eight podium finishes short of its 500th in men's events at the world championships. The last time Bulgarian men collected at least eight podium finishes at a world championships was in 2007 (10).
- Only Soviet Union (632) has reached 500 podium finishes in men's event at the world championships.
- At the 2017 world championships, Iran won the most world titles (7) and recorded the most podium finishes (14) in men's events. Vietnam followed on four world titles and seven podium finishes in men's events.
- Iran is the only country to have finished on the podium in a men's event at each of the last six world championships (2010-2017).
- At each of the last 12 world championships (2002-2017), an Asian country claimed the outright most men's world titles (China 10 times, DPR Korea and Iran both once). In 2001, Turkey and Qatar won joint-most men's world titles (5 each).
- In 2017, both the Asian championships and the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games were held in Ashgabat. China (8) won the most men's Asian championships titles, while Uzbekistan and Vietnam (both 2) won the most men's titles at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.
- Poland has won a medal in men's events at 44 different world championships, more than any other country. Poland has claimed a medal in men's events at eight of the last nine world championships, with the exception of 2014.
- United States has won 43 world titles in men's events, but not since 1984. Mario Martinez (USA) won the Snatch in the +110kg at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games, which also counted as a world championships.
- Japan is two short of their 100th podium finish in men's events at the world championships. In the last 34 years, only one Japanese man finished on the podium: Yoichi Itokazu in the 62kg Total in 2017 (second place).
- The only man representing Turkmenistan to win a world title is Altimurat Orazdurdyev: in the men's 76kg Total and Clean & Jerk in 1993.
- Lu Xiaojun (CHN) has won nine world titles, joint-most among Chinese men alongside Liao Hui. He Yingqiang (CHN, 15) is the only Chinese man to finish on the podium more often than Lu (13).
- The only Asian men to have won 10 world titles are Mohammed Nassiri (IRI, 10) and Hossein Reza Zadeh (IRI, 10).
- Lasha Talakhadze (GEO) is the only man to have won at least one world title at each of the last two world championships (total 5).

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