



## Preview Weightlifting 2019 World Championships - Men

- Soviet Union has won the most world titles in men's weightlifting events (331), followed by Bulgaria (203) and China (141). Russia is next on 61 world titles.
- Bulgaria (492) is eight medals short of its 500th in men's events in the world championships. The last time Bulgarian men collected at least eight podium finishes in a world championships was in 2007 (10).
- Only Soviet Union (632) has reached 500 medals in men's events in the world championships.
- At the 2018 World Championships, China won the most world titles (9) and recorded the most podium finishes (25) in men's events. Iran followed on five world titles and eight medals in men's events.
- Iran is the only country to have finished on the podium in a men's event in each of the previous seven world championships (2010-2018).
- In each of the last 13 world championships (2002-2018), an Asian country claimed the outright most men's world titles (China 11 times, DPR Korea and Iran both once). In 2001, Turkey and Qatar won joint-most men's world titles (5 each).
- Iran (49) can become the sixth country to win at least 50 world titles in men's events.
- Japan is two short of their 100th medal in men's events in the world championships. In the last 35 years, only one Japanese man finished on the podium: Yoichi Itokazu (JPN) in the 62kg Total in 2017 (second place).
- Lasha Talakhadze (GEO) is the only man to have won at least one world title in each of the last three world championships (total 8).
- Talakhadze (+109kg) was one of five men to win all three events in a weight class at the 2018 World Championships, alongside Om Yun Chol (PRK, 55kg), Eko Yuli Irawan (INA, 61kg), Shi Zhiyong (CHN, 73kg) and Sourab Moradi (IRI, 96kg).
- Nine current world records in men's events were set at the 2018 World Championships in Ashgabat.