

2012 WORLD CLASSIC BODYBUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS – SOFIA, BULGARIA

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The Championships and the IFBB World Cup started Friday evening with the Technical Meeting and Weigh-in. The schedule of prejudging was changed a bit: all classic bodybuilding categories were moved to the morning session as the number of athletes in most the World Cup categories were not bigger than six (so the semifinals are not needed). There will no second, afternoon session).

The weigh-in took over 4 hours as the body height measurements were needed. Looking at the start list we can see that the total number of competitors slightly increased to 88 in classic bodybuilding and 31 in the World Cup. With nearly 120 athletes this is a new record of participation in this contest. And there are competitors from all continents, including so far countries like Korea, Japan, Australia, Argentina, Canada, South Africa. All continents are represented. This is an important progress of classic bodybuilding all over the world and a proof that this concept have been running in good a proper direction.

In classic bodybuilding the two tallest classes are most overcrowded, with 28 and 21 competitions respectively.

The World Cup men's bodybuilding open category has the line-up of 8 competitors, mostly great IFBB champions like Metin Çayci, Mahmut Irmak, Hamdulah Aykutlug (all from Turkey), Mehdi Hatami (Iran), Arvydas Mickus (Lithuania) and local favourite Atanas Nikolaev of Bulgaria. This will be a very exciting battle.

Also women's bodyfitness categories look great, including many top IFBB champions like: Renata Marcinkute (Lithuania), Carina Isaksson (Sweden), Maria Scotland (United Kingdom), Katarzyna Kozakiewicz-Kowalik (Poland), Olga Karavayeva and Tetyana Mikheychyk (both of Ukraine), Olga Stepaniuk (Russia).

Next info after the semifinals.

Start List:

Classic bodybuilding up to 168 cm (11 in total):

1	Robert Horvat	Croatia
2	Georgi Georgiev	Bulgaria
3	Suguru Kamada	Japan
4	Kikwan Seol	Korea
5	Denis Titu	Moldova
6	Hesam Safiri	Iran
7	Osman Çolak	Turkey
8	Sungwon Kang	Korea
9	Tayfun Yaman Arda	Turkey
10	Gianluca Fiorenti	Italy
11	Stanislav Vizenher	Ukraine

Classic bodybuilding up to 171 cm (11 in total):

13	Ciro Credendino	Belgium
14	Justin Thacker	South Africa
15	Hasan Mert	Bulgaria
16	Hristo Tsonev	Bulgaria
17	Nicolae Cristea	Romania
18	Yeonseok Yang	Korea

19	Chris Nel	Australia
20	Javad Soltani	Iran
21	Hikmet Deniz Engin	Turkey
22	Hakan Camci	Turkey
23	Mehdi Yarali	Iran

Classic bodybuilding up to 175 cm (17 in total):

27	Aleksandr Barbashin	Russia
29	Martin Rusanov	Bulgaria
30	Mirko Ercolani	Italy
31	Joel Marcoux	Canada
32	Jehyung Ryu	Korea
33	Goran Simic	Slovenia
34	Robert Jakovljevic	Serbia
35	Przemyslaw Zokowski	Poland
36	Bogdan Nowakowski	Poland
37	Vladimir Kurdov	Bulgaria
38	Andrej Varga	Slovakia
39	Tomas Tabaciar	Slovakia
40	Furkan Memiş	Turkey
41	Volkan Yalvaç	Turkey
42	Antonio Ludovico	Italy
43	Ismail Çoşkun	Turkey
44	Vladica Jovanovic	Serbia

Classic bodybuilding up to 180 cm (28 in total):

47	Zvonimir Majic	Croatia
48	Patrik Kjell Larsson	Sweden
49	Aristidis Nikolopoulos	South Africa
50	Efe Kurt Yilmaz	Turkey
51	Andre Fourie	South Africa
52	Andreas Ferrara	Germany
53	Wilhelm Pascal	France
54	Evgeni Tcisar	Russia
55	Michael Hannam	United Kingdom
56	Mehrshad Javankhoshraftar	Iran
57	Stavros Trioulidis	Greece
58	Nikolay Stoyanov	Bulgaria
59	Rosen Ivanov	Bulgaria
60	Petr Bahnik	Czech Rep.
61	Serge Rouze	France
62	Sergii Gorenkov	Ukraine
63	Thomas Schnelldorfer	Germany
64	Alain Khouri	France
65	Vyron Loizou	Cyprus
66	Serhat Göçtürk	Turkey
67	Ali Emre	Turkey
68	Vasja Mrak	Slovenia
69	Robert Majewski	Poland
70	Gregg Moxham	Australia
71	Mikael Hancic	Sweden
72	Braulio Murillo	Spain
73	Ragib Bayramov	Azerbaijan
74	Mahdi Zatparvar Haghi	Iran

Classic bodybuilding over 180 cm (21 in total):

75	Aleksander Mandahl Kaddour	Norway
76	Pavel Georgiev	Bulgaria
77	Yan Hubenko	Belarus
78	Dmitrii Krylov	Russia
79	Juan Larrem	Spain
80	Mustafa Özkan	Turkey
81	Zlatko Piralic	Croatia
82	Denys Hrytsenko	Ukraine
83	Seyed Arash Davami	Iran
84	Lubos Malinak	Slovakia
85	Andrey Lopushanskiy	Azerbaijan
86	Daniel Grefford	Canada
87	John Wintrup	Canada
88	Andreas Gruemeyer	Austria
89	Dimitar Lilov	Bulgaria
90	Drazen Vrbancic	Croatia
91	Ignacio Chinetti	Argentina
92	Boris Orava	Czech Rep.
93	Vladimir Platzek	Czech Rep.
94	Hasan Telatar	Turkey
95	Evgeny Kukushkin	Belarus

Men's bodybuilding open:

96	Metin Çayci	Turkey
97	Mehdi Hatami	Iran
98	Mahmut Irmak	Turkey
99	Hamdulah Aykutlug	Turkey
100	Arvydas Mickus	Lithuania
101	Atanas Nikolaev	Bulgaria
102	Mustafa Khater	Jordan
103	Loizos Lamprou	Cyprus

Women's fitness open:

104	Nina Mukhortova	Russia
105	Caroline Oliver	United Kingdom
106	Olga Demchuk	Ukraine

Men's fitness open:

107	Turgay Ateş	Turkey
108	Hesam Safiri	Iran
109	Fedir Khashalov	Ukraine

Women's bodyfitness up to 163 cm:

110	Renata Marcinkute	Lithuania
111	Carina Isaksson	Sweden
112	Maud Helene Ahlson	Sweden
113	Hapsari Marsden	Singapore
114	Ivelina Dimitrova	Cyprus
115	Ekaterina Abramova	Russia

Women's bodyfitness over 163 cm:

117	Maria Scotland	United Kingdom
118	Katarzyna Kozakiewicz-Kowalik	Poland
119	Olga Karavayeva	Ukraine

120	Tetyana Mikheychyk	Ukraine
121	Olga Stepaniuk	Russia

Women's athletic fitness:

122	Kader Süleymanoğlu	Turkey
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Men's athletic fitness:

123	Mehdi Hatami	Iran
124	Fedir Khashalov	Ukraine
125	Tuna Kurt	Turkey
126	Ensar Kazanoğlu	Turkey
127	Kristian Sewen	Sweden

A couple of pictures from the Technical Meeting and Weight-in.