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Project

THE OFFICIAL EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018
U21 M/W, U23 M/W and Seniors M/W

26 - 30 April 2018, PLOVDIV, BULGARIA

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION AND INVITATION

The European Sumo Federation and the Bulgarian Sumo Federation would like to invite your Federation to participate to the Official European Continental Sumo Championships 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

01. Title of event:

The Official European Continental Sumo Championships 2018

- 16th Youths under 21 years (MU21/WU21) April, 27
- 6th Youths elder under 23 years (MU23/WU23) April, 28
- 23rd Senior Men and Women (M/W) April, 29

02. Objective: To develop Sumo within Europe and exchange social and cultural ties among participating countries. The reunification of the European Sumo Family.

03. Organizer: The European Sumo Federation (EFS) and the Bulgarian Sumo Federation

04. Date of competition: 26th - 30th April 2018.

05. Competition venue: Plovdiv University Sports Hall, 236A Bulgaria Blv., 4027 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

06. Registration address and accreditation: TBA, TBC Plovdiv, Bulgaria

07. Participation:

All Member Federations registered to the European Sumo Federation may participate so long as the annual membership fee of **150 EUR** to the EFS has been paid for the year 2018 by the time of registrations and that there are no other outstanding payments due to the EFS in any form whatsoever.

08. Media accreditation: To be issued by the Bulgarian Sumo Federation bfsumo@abv.bg

09. Registration of athletes:

(1) The attached competition entry forms are to be filled in with capital letters and to be sent to the European Sumo Federation by e-mail riho.rannikmaa@eestisumo.ee and to the Bulgarian Sumo Federation by mail bfsumo@abv.bg Applications will only be accepted on the official entry forms. Uncompleted forms will not be accepted.

(2) The initial application deadline is **16th March 2018**. Here you must send an intention that your federation will participate in ESC 2018. **The final application deadline for athlete's participation is 16th April 2018.** All countries must register for all athletes, officials to the European Continental Sumo Championships 2018 by the above-mentioned application date.

(3) If after the closing date **Monday 16th April 2018 at 17:00 CET** there are any changes whatsoever to the athlete's registrations, change of athlete, late entry then a **double entry** fee will be charged. If athletes are cancelled after the closing date the entry fee has to be paid and will not be refunded. All outstanding amounts must be paid full in cash before admittance to the championships.

(4) All entries will only be accepted on the official EFS entry forms. (There will be no exceptions) and must arrive by the official closing dates.

(5) **Site of accreditation, Ordinary Congress of EFS, Draw, Weigh-in: TBA, TBC**

For the accreditation only the delegation leader is requested to be present.

(6) **Referee Seminar: TBA, TBC**

All referees must obtain their EFS tournament licence 2018 at the seminar.

(7) **Meeting of the members of the DC: TBA, TBC**

(8) At the official control of nations the names submitted are final and all fees paid at this time are not refundable whatsoever. If your delegation leader is not available to attend at this date and time then the last athlete change will be accepted by mail until 17:00h. C.E.T. on **16th April 2018** to the office of the General Secretary and the Sports director riho.rannikmaa@eestisumo.ee and bfsumo@abv.bg

(9) **Team list** with the names and start order must be entered no later than **60 minutes** before the start of the team tournament, this must be handed to the EFS Sports Director and all payments must be settled before that. The draw will then be made. Once the draw has been made no other team entries will be accepted. (This is only applicable for the Open)

10. Travel Expenses:

(1) Each individual Federation is responsible for the all travel costs incurred in the transportation of its delegation including visa applications.

(2) All Federations requiring visas are kindly requested to apply well in advance minimum 25 days before the beginning of the tournament.

(3) The organizer will provide a transport from Sofia / Plovdiv Airports to the hotels, sports hall and back.

(4) All participating federations have to send by mail to the organizer the necessary travel details for arrival/departure to the organizer by e-mail: bfsumo@abv.bg

11. Accommodation and meals expenses:

Official accommodation shall be 4 days 3 nights in 3 price categories. Accommodation starts on 26th April.

1. Hotel category A TBA, TBC

2. Hotel category B TBA, TBC

3. Hotel category C TBA, TBC

Deadline for the hotel reservations is 06th April 2018. After this deadline the price of accommodation increasing by € 10 per person per night.

If participants do not use accommodation provided by the organizer they will be required to pay a fee of € 200 per person for accreditation otherwise they will not be allowed to participate.

12. Competition rules:

(1) The competition shall be conducted based on the IFS regulations together with application of the double repêchage system. If there are 5 or less athletes in a weight group a pool system maybe used.

(2) Mawashi approved by the EFS must be worn.

(a) All male athletes must wrestle in black tight underpants under mawashi. The length of the underpants must cover the whole thigh. This includes the prize awarding ceremonies.

(b) All female athletes must wrestle in a one-piece wrestling leotard plus Mawashi. Women may not compete, wearing t-shirts.

(c) All mawashi must conform to international regulations, if not, it is possible that the mawashi will be invalid for the tournament and another mawashi may have to be used by the wrestler.

If at the discretion of the refereeing director a suitable substitute mawashi cannot be found and

used within a reasonable amount of time the athlete may have to forfeit the match. Also, all mawashi must be dry and not wet and made of recognised fabric.

(d) Each contestant is responsible for bringing his own mawashi, leotard and underpants.

(e) Provided by the organizer country identification (Zekken) must be worn.

(3) Team competition: Men and Women consisting of open weight, each 3 wrestlers plus one reserve. A reserve wrestler may only be used once, after this there can be no further changes in the team. For the team event there must be a minimum of two wrestlers. Please note: for the team event the fighting order will be controlled during the entrance to the dohyo. All athletes competing in the team event must be able to prove their identity if approached by a controlling official.

(4) Individual competition in weight categories (quantity of participants from country) as follows:

WU21: -55kg (2), -60kg (2), -65kg (2), -70kg (2), -75kg (2), -80kg (2), +80kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

MU21: -60kg (2), -70kg (2), -85kg (2), -92kg (2), -100kg (2), -115kg (2), +115kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

WU23: -55kg (2), -65kg (2), -73kg (2), -80kg (2), -95kg (2), +95kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

MU23: -70kg (2), -85kg (2), -92kg (2), -100kg (2), -115kg (2), +115kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

Sen W: -55kg (2), -65kg (2), -73kg (2), -80kg (2), -95kg (2), +95kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

Sen M: -70kg (2), -85kg (2), -92kg (2), -100kg (2), -115kg (2), +115kg (2), Open (2), Team (1)

(5) Prizes: Winners will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

13. Financial requirements:

(1) Entry fee will be charged for all athletes mentioned in the official entry form! The entry fee per athlete per weight category is **€ 25** for U21, U23 and **€ 50** for seniors. Each athlete can compete in maximum 2 age groups. Each country may participate maximum with 2 athletes in a category.

The entry fee per Team event is **€ 50** for U21, U23 and **€ 100** for seniors. All fees are paid to the EFS at registration and accreditation upon arrival on **26th April 2018** in cash only are non-refundable. (Except Open and Team)

(2) EFS membership fee: If the annual EFS fee of **€ 150** per federation for the current year 2018 has not been paid as well as any other outstanding payments to the EFS, registration and entrance to the European Sumo Championships and Congress 2018 will not be allowed until such payment has been made.

14. Health Insurance and Anti-Doping:

(1) Each federation is obliged to insure all athletes and officials against sickness, injury or death.

(2) Neither the organising country nor the European Sumo Federation will be responsible for any sickness, injury or death of any athlete or official incurred before, during and after the ESC 2018. All athletes will have to sign an injury disclaimer plus a disclaimer that they have not taken any forbidden substances.

(3) The organizer shall provide first aid for injuries sustained during the championships but shall not be held liable for such injuries or any other accidents also not be able to treat any other ailments not due to injury (such as stomach-ache or headache)

15. Anti-Doping tests will be conducted during the championships. Athletes will be randomly selected for testing, both before competitions (at weigh-in for example) and also after medal ceremonies. Any athlete discovered positive will be signalled to the EFS disciplinary commission. Any athlete refusing to sign the forbidden substances document or refusing to undergo these anti-doping controls when requested to will be automatically considered **positive!**

SPECIAL NOTES

- * All visa applications must be sent to the Bulgarian Sumo Federation before **01 April 2018**.
- * Tournament registration to be sent to the European Sumo Federation and the Sports Director.
- * By the control of nations there has to be at least one representative from the registering Federation.
- * At the draw there has to be one representative per federation. After the draw, there can be no changes made.
- * During the tournament 1 dohyo with plastic mattresses will be used.

16. DATES, EVENTS, AGE AND WEIGHT CATEGORIES: PROGRAMME

Thursday 26th April 2018 Arrivals of all participants

09:00 - 19:00h	Accreditation of all Athletes TBA, TBC
17:00 - 19:00h	Weigh-in: U21, U23 and seniors
19:00 - 20:00h	Technical meeting and draw for weight categories U21
20:00 - 21:00h	Referee seminar at TBA, TBC

Friday 27th April 2018 Sports hall, start at 10:30h U21

07:00 - 08:30h	Breakfast at Hotels
09:00 - 10:00h	EFS Board meeting at TBA, TBC
10:30 - 13:00h	WU21: -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -75kg, -80kg, + 80kg
13:00 - 15:30h	MU21: -60kg, -70kg, -85kg, -92kg, -100kg, -115kg, + 115kg
15:30 - 16:00h	WU21: Open (draw will be at 13:15h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
16:00 - 16:30h	MU21: Open (draw will be at 15:45h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
16:30 - 18:00h	Teams: WU21/ MU21 (draw 10 min after end of MU21 Open)
18:00 - 19:30h	Awarding ceremony
19:00 - 19:30h	2 nd weigh-in for U23 and seniors
19:30 - 20:00h	Technical meeting and draw for weight categories U23

Saturday 28th April 2018 Sports hall start at 09:30h U23

07:00 - 08:30h	Breakfast at Hotels
09:30 - 11:30h	WU23: -55kg, -65kg, -73kg, -80kg, -95kg, + 95kg
11:30 - 12:00h	OPENING CEREMONY
12:00 - 14:00h	MU23: -70kg, -85kg, -92kg, -100kg, -115kg, + 115kg
14:00 - 14:30h	WU23: Open (draw will be at 11:45h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
14:30 - 15:00h	MU23: Open (draw will be at 14:15h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
15:00 - 16:30h	Teams: WU23 / MU23 (draw 10 min after the end of MU23 Open)
16:30 - 18:00h	Awarding ceremony
18:00 - 19:00h	3 rd weigh-in for seniors, technical meeting and draw for seniors
19:30	EFS - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday 29th April 2018 Start at 09:30 h. (Seniors W/M)

07:00 - 08:30h	Breakfast at Hotels
09:30 - 12:00h	Women: -55kg, -65kg, -73kg, -80kg, -95kg, + 95kg
12:00 - 14:30h	Men: -70kg, -85kg, -92kg, -100kg, -115kg, + 115kg
14:30 - 15:15h	Women: Open (draw will be at 12:15h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
15:15 - 16:00h	Men: Open (draw will be at 14:45h) DON'T BE LATE!!!
16:00 - 17:30h	Teams: W / M (draws 10 min the end of Men Open)
17:30 - 19:00h	Awarding ceremony
19:00 - 19:30h	CLOSING CEREMONY
20:00 - 22:30h	Sayonara party at TBA, TBC

Monday 30th April 2018 Departure of all delegations

Remarks:

1. Competition for all starts with women first from lightweight upwards, Open and Team.
2. Repechage in each weight category will start immediately after the elimination rounds.
3. The meetings in each category includes the final.
4. Awarding Ceremony will be held immediately after all fights for the day.

Please note start times and locations may be subject to change.

Organizing committee and assistance: bfsumo@abv.bg