

EUROPEAN SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS



Seniors – Men and Women

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Poland, Krotoszyn, 15st – 17th September, 2023

I. PURPOSE:

To internationally popularize and promote sumo as well as establish mutual friendship and goodwill among participating European countries.

II. CO-ORGANIZERS & SUPPORTERS:

- Ministry of Sport and Tourism of Poland
- Marshal's Office of the Greater Poland Voivodeship
- The City of Krotoszyn
- The District of Krotoszyn
- European Sumo Federation
- Polish Sumo Federation
- Greater Poland District Sumo Federation
- Athletic Association „Rozum” in Krotoszyn

III. IMPORTANT DATES:

1. **July 31, 2023** - to inform if the national sumo federation will participate in the ESC or not and deliver preliminary submission of entries by number of competitors per weight category.
2. **July 31, 2023** – the deadline for sending referees application. The information about appointment will be sent till **August 15, 2023**.
3. **August 13, 2023** - the deadline for hotel reservation.
4. **August 13, 2023** – the deadline for sending entry forms.
5. **September 3, 2023** – the TUE deadline (see item Doping Control)
6. **September 3, 2023** - the deadline for corrections in the entry forms (changing names of athletes due to injuries or other unpredictable circumstances).

IV. COMPETITION VENUE:

Poland, Krotoszyn 63-700, Olimpijska 13 Street, Sports and Entertainment Hall.

V. THE TERMS OF PARTICIPATION:

Participants shall be from national federations – members of the European Sumo Federation and countries approved by the EFS.

Competitors shall be men and women (born in 2006 and earlier) who are registered to the Sumo Federation of each participating country. A competitor may participate in the competition only under the nationality appearing on his passport.

There shall be 3 competitors participating in a team of a country for the team competition and 1 substitute (a minimum of 2 competitors are allowed to participate in the team competition).

Only accredited participants will have access to the field of play and the surrounding area. Below mentioned areas will be protected by security.

VI. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:

Accreditation is available to all athletes, coaches, referees and officials. The participant's accreditation for the ESC is issued only on condition of accommodation in official hotels, provided by the organizer.

Accommodation costs:

1. Hotel cat. A – 70 €/per person/per night (include breakfast).

For single using of accommodation cat. A the cost of living is 110 €/per night.

2. Hotel. cat. B* – 60 €/per person/per night (include breakfast).

For single using of accommodation cat. A the cost of living is 100 €/per night.

*limited amount – first come, first served.

If you miss the booking deadline, the organizer may try to find the accommodation, but the price will be higher by 50 €/per person/per night.

Cancellation policy:

In case of cancellation, charges will be made in the percentage of the total accreditation cost.

Cancellations made 6-13 days prior to check-in: 50%

Cancellations made 1-5 days prior to check-in: 100%

Cancellations made on the day of check-in or no-show: 100%

NB! If participants do not use accommodations 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.

VII. TRANSPORT:

Transportation shall be provided to all accredited participants who registered. Local transportation includes transport from and to airport in Wrocław and Poznań, hotel, competition and training venues and those other places where the events are held by the Organizers. These transportation arrangements are only made for accredited participants who stay in the official accommodations reserved through the Organizers. Transportation from other airports in Poland should be arranged and negotiated with the Organizers.

Non-local Travel: The cost of airline flights for all participating athletes and officials between the participating country and airports in Poland will be borne by the participating country.

VIII. APPLICATIONS:

All documents must be completed and submitted for application by e-mail only:

- Individual Application Form (entry forms delivered by Organizers)
- ID Photos (jpg or pdf form, approximate 200 pixels/inch) (each individual)
- Accommodation Sheet (one form per country)
- Referees Application

Above mentioned documents has to be sent to Secretariat of European Sumo Federation, e-mail: [tarozum@wp.pl](mailto:tározum@wp.pl).

IX. FEES:

Entry Fee (for athletes):

SENIORS of € 60.00 per individual start and € 100,00 team.

Accreditation fee (for all: athletes, coaches, official and so on, without designated referees):

€ 50 – for participants, who will use own transportation.

€ 70 – contains transportation - for participants, who will use transportation of organizer.

Both accreditation fee contains:

- starter pack of European Sumo Championships,
- lunch and dinner (two meals)/per day/on competition days (16 and 17 September),
- taking part in Sayonara Party.

Entry fee, accreditation fee and accommodation should be paid before ESC by bank transfer.

EFS membership Fee: € 150. The Federations, which did not pay membership fee for 2023 are obligated to cover this costs too.

X. COMPETITION RULES:

The weigh – in procedure:

Will be organized in two separate rooms – one for women and one for men.

Moreover, the male athletes take part in this procedure wearing short leggings. Taking off it is not allowed. The weight, which will be shown by scale, will be reduce of 100 gram/per every male athlete as a weight of leggings. The female athletes have to wear a leotard. Taking of it is not allowed. The weight, which will be shown by scale, will be reduce of 200 gram/per every female athlete as a weight of leotard.

Tournament system:

The tournament shall be conducted based on the Regulations on Competition and Regulations on Refereeing of the International Sumo Federation and European Sumo Federation. ESC will be organized in accordance with system of EFS – if amount of athletes in weight category will be less than or equal 5, will be used round robin system, if more – double repechage. EFS ensure computer and computer program to run tournament.

Referees issues:

ESF will designate Head Referee of tournament and person, who will manage computer program. All national federations may nominate candidate for being referee by sending application. After verification of application by Chief of Referee in cooperation with designed Head Referee of ESC and Vicepresident of refereeing matters of EFS, EFS will announced referees. Sending the application does not mean that referee will work during the tournament. Work of referees will be paid by European Sumo Federation and the rate will depends on job evaluation.

To ensure impartial refereeing, the Head Referee will be appointed by the ESF from a country other than the organizer of the European Sumo Championships.

Athletes' outfit:

- Competitors must wear mawashi (white or black) approved by the European Sumo Federation.
- **The underpants have to be worn by male competitors and must be in black colour only.** Other colours are not allowed. The length of the underpants must cover half of the thigh, but can not cover the knees. **If athlete will not have pants will be not allowed to start!**
- Female competitors must wear a leotard under the mawashi. The colour of the leotard is not restricted.
- Each competitor is responsible for bringing his own mawashi, underpants or leotard.
- Country identification (Zekken) supplied by the host federation must be worn.

Other rules:

- A maximum of 3 competitors (Senpo, Chuken, and Taisho) and 1 substitute may register for the Team Competition in the tournament. There is no weight limit.

- In the team competition, the championships shall be determined through the tournament system.

- The best 4 men team and 4 women team – medal winners of the European Sumo Championships 2022 shall be seeded.

- A substitute competitor may be swapped in the team competition only once.

(1) Medal winners of European Sumo Championships 2022 in every age group will be seeded.

(2) In the Individual Competition, participants shall be separated into the following competition classes for tournament matches:

Senior/W (born 2006 and older)

-50kg (2), -55kg (2), -60kg (2); -65kg (2), -73kg (2), -80kg (2), +80kg (2), Open (2);

Senior/M (born 2006 and older)

-70kg (2), -77kg (2), -85kg (2), -92kg (2), -100kg (2), -115kg (2), +115 kg (2), Open (2);

Competitors in the individual competition are also able to participate in the team competition. Up to two competitors from one country can compete in one weight category.

A coach may be a competing participant.

XI. COMPETITION PROGRAM:

SEPTEMBER, 15 (Friday)		
12:00 – 17:00* *in an agreed case - time of arrival by plane, in agreement with the organizer, it is possible to extend the weight time.	Accreditation and weigh – in	Sports and Entertainment Hall
18:30 – 20:00	Technical meeting and draw	Sports and Entertainment Hall

SEPTEMBER, 16 (Saturday)		
9:00 – 10:00	Referee Seminar	Sports and Entertainment Hall
10:00 – 15:00	Competition	-//-
16:00 – 16:30	Opening Ceremony	-//-
16:30 – 18:00	Continuation of competition, after all fights awarding ceremony.	-//-
19:00 – 21:00	General Assembly and after GA, official dinner for all participants of meeting	-//-

SEPTEMBER, 17 (Sunday)

10:00 – 11:00	Referee Seminar	Sports and Entertainment Hall
11:00 – 15:00	Competition: open and teams	-//-
15:00 – 16:00	Awarding ceremony	-//-
18:00 -	Sayonara Party	Place will be announced later