

# **Sumo World Championships 2023**

## **Tournament Information**



8 October, 2023

Tokyo, Japan



**TITLE:** Sumo World Championships 2023

**PURPOSE:** To internationally popularize and promote Sumo as well as establishing mutual friendship and goodwill among participating countries.

**CO-ORGANIZERS:** International Sumo Federation, Japan Sumo Federation

**SUPPORTERS:** Japan Women's Sumo Federation



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### 1. IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline	<b>21 August, 2023</b>
Hotel Reservation Deadline	<b>21 August, 2023</b>
TUE Deadline	<b>31 August, 2023</b>
First Weigh-in	<b>5 October, 2023</b>
Second Weigh-in	<b>6 October, 2023</b>
Tournament	<b>8 October, 2023</b>



### 2. COMPETITION VENUE

**Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi**  
500-4, Izumicho, Tachikawa, Tokyo,  
Zip: 190-0015, Japan  
<https://www.arenatachikawatachihi.com>



### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Participants shall be from Member Federations of the International Sumo Federation and countries approved by the IFS. Note: “countries and regions” are referred to as “countries”.

Competitors shall be men and women 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 or her 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).

Participation in the individual competition only, is allowed.



## 4. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

### **Official hotel: Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo**

2-2-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo,

Zip: 160-8330, Japan

<https://www.keioplaza.com>

### **Accreditation:**

All participating athletes and officials with positions need their accreditation.

All participants are recommended to join 'Official Package'. However, if for some reasons a federation is unable to join in the package, 'Accreditation Only' will be provided. Please note that services during your stay will be limited.

### **Official Package:** JPY 125,000 per person (4 nights / 5 days package)

\*Check-in 5 October, check-out 9 October

\* The package includes;

- ✓ Accreditation cost
- ✓ Visa support (if needed)
- ✓ 4 nights at official hotel (Keio Plaza Hotel)
- ✓ Hotel service including usage of hotel gym (free with booking), coin laundry (separate charge), concierge service, etc.
- ✓ 4 Breakfast at the hotel
- ✓ lunch box on 7 & 8, October at the competition venue
- ✓ Invitation to Sayonara party on 8 October at Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi
- ✓ Airport pick up transportation from/to airport to/from hotel, either Narita or Haneda airport
- ✓ local transportation from/to hotel to/from competition venue on the competition days

Note:

- If you wish to extend your stay before or after the competition, please contact us separately as our official agents will assist you.
- All rooms are twin rooms use. However, if you wish to stay in a single room (with additional charge 11,000 JPY per night /person), please contact us separately.

### **Accreditation Only:** JPY 25,000 per person

\*This includes:

- ✓ Accreditation cost
- ✓ Visa support (if needed)
- ✓ lunch box on 7 & 8, October at the competition venue
- ✓ Invitation to Sayonara party on 8 October at Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi



## 5. TRANSPORTATION

### Local Travel

Local transportation shall be provided to all accredited participants who register 'Official Package' through IFS. Local transportation includes from and to Narita International Airport (NRT) or Haneda International Airport (HND) to and from hotel, from and to hotel to and from the competition venues on competition days (7 & 8 October). These transportation arrangements are only made for accredited participants who stay in the official hotel reserved through the Organizers.

### Non-local Travel

The cost of airline flights for all participating athletes and officials between the participating country and Narita International Airport (NRT) or Haneda International Airport (HND) will be borne by the participating country.



## 6. APPLICATION

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

- Accommodation Form
- Athlete Tournament Registration Form\_individual
- Athlete Tournament Registration Form\_team
- ID Photos (jpg or pdf form, approximate 200 pixels/inch)
- Passport Copies (scanned in jpg or pdf form, indicating name, passport number, expiry date, photo)
- Visa Request Form (if needed)
- Signed consent form of personal data statement SWC 2023

**Deadline: 21 August, 2023**

**Final deadline: 31 August, 2023**

This deadline applies only to cases where competitors who applied by the above deadline sustained injury or other such reasons, resulting in the change of competitors.

**Address for application:**

SWC 2023 team office

E-mail: [travelsupport\\_japansumo@tobutoptours.co.jp](mailto:travelsupport_japansumo@tobutoptours.co.jp)

## 7. ENTRY FEES

An Entry Fee of **US\$ 50.00** per competitor shall be paid to the Executive Committee of the host country of Sumo World Championships 2023.

Coaches, guests, officials do not need to pay this entry fee.





## 8. COMPETITION RULES

- (1) The tournament shall be conducted based on the Regulations on Competition and Regulations on Refereeing of the International Sumo Federation.
- (2) Mawashi approved by the International Sumo Federation must be worn.
  - (a) The length of the underpants must cover the whole thigh.
  - (b) Each competitor is responsible for bringing his own Mawashi and underpants.
  - (c) Country identification (Zekken) supplied by the host federation must be worn.

No advertisement shall be shown on uniforms, underpants or mawashi, except that of the competition's sponsors. However, an advertisement of sponsors (logo or name) may be shown on a separate piece of cloth attached to the mawashi.
- (3) A maximum of 3 competitors (Senpo, Chuken, and Taisho) and 1 substitute may register for the Team Competition in the tournament. There is no age or weight limit.
  - (a) In the team competition, the championships shall be determined through the tournament system. The best 8 teams of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sumo World Championships/the 14<sup>th</sup> Women's Sumo World Championships shall be seeded.
  - (b) A substitute competitor may be placed only one time in the team competition.
- (4) In the Individual Competition, athletes shall be separated into the following divisions for tournament matches:

	Men	Women
Lightweight	under 85 kg	under 65 kg
Middleweight	85 kg and over and under 100 kg	65 kg and over and under 73 kg
Light Heavyweight	100 kg and over and under 115 kg	73 kg and over and under 80 kg
Heavyweight	115 kg and over	80 kg and over
Open	unrestricted	unrestricted

  - (a) Competitors in the individual competition are also able to participate in the team competition.
  - (b) Only one competitor per country can compete per division in the individual competition.
- (5) Double repechage will be used for both team and individual competitions.
- (6) A coach may be a competing participant.



## 9. PROGRAM

Date	Time *Tentative	Activity	Venue
5 October Thursday		Accreditation	Official hotel
	17:00- 19:00	First Weigh-in for Junior & World Competitors	Official hotel
6 October Friday	8:30-10:00	Second Weigh-in for Junior & World Competitors	Official hotel
	AM	Athlete Committee Meeting IFS Board of Directors Meeting IFS Congress	Official hotel
	PM	Coaches' Meeting & Draw Referee Seminar Anti – Doping session	Official hotel
7 October Saturday	9:00	<b>Asian Sumo Championships</b>	Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi
	13:00-	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Junior Sumo World Championships</b> Individual Jr Men, Team Jr Men Individual Jr Women, Team Jr Women Preliminaries & Finals  Awards Ceremony Closing Ceremony	
8 October Sunday	9:00-	<b>Sumo World Championships</b> Individual Men, Team Men Individual Women, Team Women Preliminaries & Finals  Awards Ceremony Closing Ceremony	Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi
	Evening	Sayonara Party	Arena Tahcikawa Tachihi
9 October Monday		Departures	



## 10. AWARDS CEREMONY

Competitors having won a medal must attend the award ceremony to receive their medal in person. Competitors must wear Mawashi (underpants are allowed, other training wear is not allowed) at the ceremony. It is strictly forbidden for competitors to bring national flags or other demonstration of religious, political, personal or commercial signs, and cameras / smartphones onto the podium.



## 11. DOPING CONTROL

Doping tests shall be conducted on medal winners and other competitors.

- (1) This Competition shall be subject to the Doping Control under the IFS Anti-Doping Code.
- (2) In accordance with the IFS Anti-Doping Code, each athlete in this competition shall be deemed to have agreed to be subject to the Doping Control procedures at the time when he enters this competition.
- (3) When an athlete in this competition refuses or evades sample collection, whether urine or blood, to be conducted at this competition, when a competitor in this competition fails to comply with instructions of a Doping Control official, or when an athlete in this competition cannot complete the Doping Control procedures due to personal reasons such as returning home, etc., such conduct or circumstance may be considered to constitute anti-doping control rule violations. If an athlete in this competition is deemed to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, such an athlete shall be subject to sanctions under the IFS Anti-Doping Code.
- (4) Regardless of In-Competition Testing or Out-of-Competition Testing, an athlete whose blood sample is to be collected is required to take a rest of 2 hours after competition or training.
- (5) Each athlete is required to confirm the details of the IFS Anti-Doping Code and a doping test on the website of the International Sumo Federation [http://ifs-sumo.org/pdf/IFS-Anti\\_Doping\\_Code\\_2021.pdf](http://ifs-sumo.org/pdf/IFS-Anti_Doping_Code_2021.pdf)
- (6) Athletes may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures.  
If the medication required by the athlete to treat his illness or condition happens to be in the WADA Prohibited List, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) may give that athlete the authorization to take the needed medicine or method.

To apply for a TUE form, download the TUE Form from the IFS website <http://ifs-sumo.org/19-doping-tue.html> complete the form and send all the necessary





documents to [office2@ifs-sumo.org](mailto:office2@ifs-sumo.org) by **31 August, 2023** at the latest. **No exceptions will be made.**



## 12. INSURANCE

Each National Federation is responsible for its competitors and must arrange for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities for their competitors and officials during the events of the Sumo World Championships. The organizers and IFS will not be responsible and shall not be held liable for injuries or any other accidents during the events. The organizers shall provide first aid for injuries sustained during the Championships but shall not be held liable for such injuries or any other accidents. The organizers will not be able to treat any other ailments not due to injury (such as headache or stomachache).



## 13. MEDIA

Participants have been informed and accept that all media rights including but not limited to TV rights, image, internet and new media rights are the exclusive property of IFS.

IFS reserves the right to stream live coverage of matches on the internet.

All participants must sign [a consent form personal data statement SWC 2023](#) on IFS-approved media.

## 14. FAIR PLAY DECLARATION

All participants must agree to the IFS **Sumo Code\*** in accordance with the Declaration of Fair Play.

\*See the following appendix



## APPENDIX:

### Sumo Code

Through the love and respect for sumo and through the practice of it, we shall develop strong body and spirit, so that we may contribute greatly to society as respectable person, both physically and mentally. We shall also strive to spread sumo throughout the world so that many people around the world will love this wonderful sport.

Here are some points to keep in mind for those who are involved in sumo (hereinafter referred to as "Sumo Athletes"), as a guide for their efforts and devotion to the sport.

- Sumo Athletes shall always be aware and proud of their sportsmanship, strive for good health, and live a clear and disciplined life.
- In taking part in Sumo, Sumo Athletes shall aim to improve their skills and maintain and promote their health.
- In the true spirit of sumo and in keeping with the integrity of the sport, Sumo Athletes must conduct themselves in a courteous manner throughout, showing respect to their opponent, regardless of whether they win or lose, and finding satisfaction in making their own best effort.
- Sumo Athletes must observe the rules of the competition, follow the instructions and decisions of the judges, and always compete in the spirit of fair play.
- Sumo Athletes, regardless of their superiority or inferiority in physical strength, shall endeavor to constantly pursue their potential tirelessly with diligence and individuality based on rational and scientific thinking.
- Sumo Athletes shall endeavor to cultivate rich spirit of respect for all, and show care and consideration for others.
- Sumo Athletes must constantly strive to promote the sport so that everyone can easily become familiar with and involved in sumo to increase the number of sumo athletes all over the world.