

2024 US Sumo Open Athlete Information

EVENT LOCATION

Walter Pyramid @ Cal State Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90840

Parking lots are immediately next to the Pyramid, with a daily fee of \$15.

REGISTRATION

The deadline to complete [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) (and [PAY THE ENTRY FEE](#) of \$35), to be included in the Event Program is April 6, 2024. If you submit by April 13, 2024, you might still be allowed to compete, but will not be included in the printed Event Program.

LODGING

Hotel Current (5325 CA-1, Long Beach, CA 90804): heated pool, free WiFi, free parking, microwave, fridge. It's a 5-minute drive (Uber, bus) to the Pyramid, or 30-minute walk. [BOOK YOUR ROOM](#) today for the **DISCOUNTED** US Sumo Open rate of \$159 (+tax) per room. More than one person can share a room.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 9, 2024	2 pm – 6 pm	WEIGH-INS @ Walter Pyramid
Friday, May 10, 2024	2 pm – 6 pm	WEIGH-INS @ Walter Pyramid

ALL ATHLETES MUST WEIGH IN DURING THESE TIMES! NO SATURDAY WEIGH-INS.

We'll have mats and sumo ring set up, both days, so you can engage in informal training sessions, on-site.

Saturday, May 21, 2024

9:30 AM	All athletes must arrive at the venue.
9:45 AM	Athlete briefing
10:00 AM	Group photo: All athletes should have their mawashis on!
11:00 AM	Competition begins (Women's light, middle, light heavy, heavy: all matches)
11:30 AM	All preliminary rounds for Men's light, middle, light heavy, heavy
1:15 PM	Intermission
1:30 PM	Official Opening Ceremony
1:45 PM	Men's lightweight, middleweight, light heavy, heavyweight final rounds
2:30 PM	Intermission
2:45 PM	Women's Openweight (single elimination, seeded based on earlier results)
3:00 PM	Men's Openweight (single elimination, seeded based on earlier results)
3:30 PM	Awards Ceremony
4:00 PM	Celebration (with food for all athletes) at the venue!!

NOTES:

* **Schedule is subject to change.**

* **Depending on bracket sizes, some start times might be earlier, so BE READY!**

* **Format may be compressed (from pools in each bracket to a double-elimination format), depending on competitor numbers. Each athlete can expect at least 2 matches in their own weight class, and at least 1 match in Openweight (likely single elimination).**

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT CLASSES

Women's Lightweight: up to 65 kg (~143 lbs)
Women's Middleweight: up to 73 kg (~161 lbs)
Women's Light Heavy: up to 80 kg (~176 lbs)
Women's Heavyweight: over 80 kg (~176 lbs)

Men's Lightweight: up to 85 kg (~187 lbs)
Men's Middleweight: up to 100 kg (~220 lbs)
Men's Light Heavy: up to 115 kg (~254 lbs)
Men's Heavyweight: over 115 kg (~254 lbs)

KEY INFORMATION

- Weigh-ins will be strictly monitored. Any athlete who is over the weight limit will compete in the next higher weight class. Weigh-ins will be conducted **ONLY** on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10. All athletes must weigh-in on those dates. No Saturday weigh-ins will be held.
- All athletes are eligible to compete in **BOTH** their own weight class and also in Openweight. For example, a Middleweight competitor can compete in both Middleweight and Openweight.
- All athletes must arrive at the venue on time, per times listed above. Anyone who shows up late may be eliminated from the competition. Contact director@usasumo.com or call 310-617-9641, with questions.
- In order to compete, US citizens must be members of the US Sumo Federation, which entails completing a Membership Application and paying the annual fee. This must be done no later than May 10, 2024. We do not handle same-day membership applications.
- The US Sumo Open, sanctioned by the US Sumo Federation (USSF) is a steroid-free amateur athletic competition, in compliance with standards of the International Sumo Federation (ISF), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and WADA (World Anti-Doping Association). By competing in the US Sumo Open, you agree to follow the guidelines and mandates of the ISF, and refrain from taking any banned substances, per ISF, IOC, and WADA requirements. Doping testing may be held at the US Sumo Open, and it has been held at the US Sumo Open before.
- All athletes must wear approved, official “mawashis” (sumo belts). New mawashis from Japan will be available for sale, at weigh-ins. NO LOGOS on mawashis, without approval. Any garments worn under the mawashi must be all black, with no logos or visible writing.
- Chairs on the floor are reserved EXCLUSIVELY for ticket holders. Athletes may observe the competition from corners of the venue, behind all floor seating. Thank you!
- Discounted tickets are available for athletes, for friends and family. Inquire for details. These may be available at weigh-ins, too.
- The venue (Walter Pyramid) has locker rooms, complete with showers and other amenities. Please bring your own towel.

PRIZES

Updated information on cash prizes will be confirmed soon. At least \$2,400+ total will be available for top performers, in addition to sponsor gifts and other bonuses. Additional prizes are expected for the 24th Annual US Sumo Open!