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You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the inaugural Scottish Sumo Open 2024!

The objectives of this event/open:

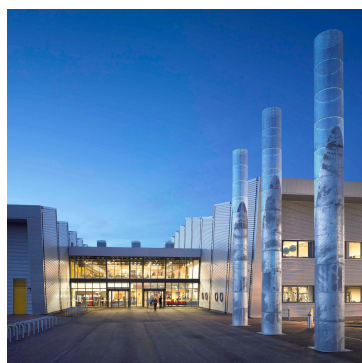
1. To help further develop the sport of and culture of Sumo in Scotland.
2. To further popularise sumo as a sport further internationally.
3. To further Develop sumo in the UK.
4. To become a staple event in the annual sumo calendar within Europe and the world provided a high level competition for sumo players everywhere!
5. To provide an event worth our sports ministry and government to aid, invest in and help gain sponsorship.

OPEN VENUE:

Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility

www.nlleisure.co.uk

O'donnell Way, Motherwell ML1 2TZ



OPEN TIME & DATE:

Saturday, August 3rd 2024 from 8AM

Accreditation and Weigh-ins:

Accreditation will be held at the same venue as the open the evening before the open between

6.30PM and 9.15PM, Friday August 2nd

There will be 2 opportunities to weigh in at the venue,

The first being between:

6.30pm to 9.15pm Friday the 2nd of August during accreditation

and

the morning of the open from 8.00AM to 8.45AM

Opening Ceremony 9.00am/9.25am where we will have a Scottish Bagpiper to play the athletes in.

Bouts begin from 9.30am or before.

We will also have a MINI JAPANESE MARKET set up with a few stalls which will open at 9.30AM and remain open until 4.30PM!

Where you can view and even buy handmade Japanese items, crafts, Origami, Bolo stitching, Japanese calligraphy and much more, our amazing stall runners will also do their very best to engage with athletes and spectators alike to teach everyone more about Japanese AND Scottish culture!

We will try to break at 12.00pm, where we will have some entertainment.

FOOD AT THE VENUE:

The venue has a large cafeteria for athletes to purchase food and drinks. I am in talks with the venue manager to arrange prepaid meals for athletes. If we do this we will try and keep the cost to athletes as low as possible, further details on this soon!

BOUTS RESTART FROM 1.00pm.

There will be an extra dohyo and space set up for the teams to warm up during the open!

There will also be a private locker room for the male and female participants.

PRIZES FOR PODIUM PLACES:

We will be awarding Medals, Trophies, certificates and Gifts!
There will be multiple awards being presented at the end for

- Fighting spirit
- Technique
- Outstanding performance
- Best Gyoji

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SESSION:

Scottish sumo president Scott Findlay will be leading these sessions with a guest coach for each.

International Training times:

Thursday August 1st 6pm-8pm

Monday August 5th 7pm-10pm

International Training Location:

St James' chapel Hall

232 Woodhall Ave,

Coatbridge

ML5 5DF

ATHLETE NUMBERS AND LIMITS:

We will be accepting 3 athletes per category per country for 2024's Open!

Athletes can enter

- Their own weight category
- The open weight category

ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINE:

£25 registration fee for each country.

£20 per athlete entry fee.

£20 per entry to the openweight.

- **ENTRIES MUST BE CONFIRMED BY FRIDAY JUNE 28TH 2024**
- **ATHLETE NAMES MUST BE CONFIRMED BY FRIDAY JULY 5TH 2024!**

*****Entry fees can be paid in advance Clan sumo scotland's bank account or Paypal account on request for details, this way will make for a smoother registration,**

We would prefer registration fees be paid ahead of time this way as a sign of good faith for attendance, If you would like to pay in cash in person please inform us well in advance before the entries deadline thank you***

CATEGORIES:

In order in which the categories will compete:

U18 women (must be over 16 years old) Openweight

Other Categories for U18 women will be added and determined depending on confirmed numbers of participants!

U18 men (must be over 16 years old) Openweight

Other Categories for U18 men will be added and determined depending on confirmed numbers of participants!

Seniors Born 2006 or above:

Women: -50kg, -55kg, -65 kg, -73kg, -80 kg, +80 kg, Open

Mens: -70 kg, -77kg, -85 kg, -92kg, -100 kg, -115 kg, +115 kg, Open

IMPORTANT:

(All categories are subject to change depending on entry numbers, The categories being held for the open will be finalised when entry numbers are confirmed)

REGISTRATION:

Register here: clansumo1@gmail.com or you can contact organisers and host through Clan sumo's social media pages @clansumo on facebook and instagram!

We require the following information to register:

- 1. Name**
- 2. Gender/sex**
- 3. Date of Birth**
- 4. Name of country or state representing**
- 5. What category(ies) you will compete in.**

COMPETING SCENARIOS:

If there are five or fewer competitors in a category, then a round robin system will be in place.

If there are more than five to a category, competitors will be split into groups, and the winners of each group will go through to compete for the podium spots in a playoff scenario.

Open weight is a straight knock out scenario!

(Again please note could be subject to change depending on numbers of athletes who attend)

REFEREE'S & JUDGES:

We are happy to announce that last year's Scottish open Head Gyoji/judge Polish Sumo President Kewin Rozum has agreed to return for year 2 and lead the referees once again!

We are looking for countries who have referees with an interest in being officials for the 2024 Scottish open. Please contact Scottish sumo president Scott Findlay at clansumo1@gmail.com by **July 5TH 2024!**

Please note:

National federations (or the referee themselves) will also have to cover costs of travel and accommodation.

ATHLETE COMPETING ATTIRE:

All competitors must wear a mawashi.

Male competitors can wear skin tight Nylon/Spandex cycling type shorts or can wear their mawashi alone, this is the individual athlete's choice.

All female competitors must wear a Unitard/Leotard one piece.

ACCOMMODATION:

Athletes are responsible for arranging their own accommodation but for those who may need assistance we will be happy to help you look for and help set this up if required.

(please inform us if you need help with organising Accommodation AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)

FLIGHTS:

Athletes are responsible for arranging their own flights, but we can also provide direction and advice with this as well.

The closest airports to the venue are: Glasgow airport and Edinburgh airport.

We can arrange transport for athletes from the airport to your hotel for a fee of £25 per athlete!

AFTER PARTY:

After party details will be released closer to the date of the open once numbers are confirmed.

All athletes who confirm their entry will be sent the following once we have your accommodation location:

- **A map of bus and train stations and routes that take you to your hotel from your airport.**
- **A map from your accommodation to the venue for the open.**
- **A map from your hotel to the international practice sessions dojo.**
- **A list of local taxi cab companies.**

- A list of local shops, cafes and restaurants in the surrounding area your accommodation is in.
- Things to visit and see in the surrounding areas if you plan on staying in Scotland longer than the open weekend!
- A map to the nearest hospitals and doctors' offices.
- A list of important phone numbers for these services in the area of your accommodation.

(Please inform us if you require further information with this list)

DISCLAIMER:

The organisers of this event take no responsibility for any lost or damaged properties. Participation in the competition is the responsibility and risk of the competitor, we take no responsibility for injuries, upon registering to compete you are acknowledging this and will be required to sign a waiver of acknowledgement on the day before competing!

While you are here, you will be able to enjoy taking in the sights and sounds of the famed beauty of our country and experience the culture and cuisine that makes Scotland unique.

With the massive success of our first Scottish open we hope to do even better and give you all an amazing event and experience while with us!

Kindest regards and Hakkeyoi

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