

# **Sumo World Championships 2026**

## **Tournament Information**



17 & 18 October, 2026

Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan



**TITLE:** Sumo World Championships 2026

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

**CO-ORGANIZERS:** International Sumo Federation (IFS), Japanese Martial Arts and Culture Association of the Republic of Azerbaijan (JMACA)

**SUPPORTERS:** Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan Republic



## 1. IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline	15 August, 2026/*Final 25 August, 2026
Hotel Reservation Deadline	15 August, 2026
TUE Deadline	16 September, 2026
First Weigh-in	15 October, 2026
Second Weigh-in	16 October, 2026
Tournament	17 & 18 October, 2026

## 2. COMPETITION VENUE

### **Baku Sport Hall**

Baku City, Sabail District, 26A Mikayil Useynov Avenue

[google.com/maps/place/Baku+Sports+Hall/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x9950842ed59b39b2?sa=X&ved=1t:2428&ictx=111](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Baku+Sports+Hall/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x9950842ed59b39b2?sa=X&ved=1t:2428&ictx=111)

## 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

### Accreditation:

All participating athletes and officials with positions need their accreditation.

\*All official packages are for check-in October 15, check-out October 19.

### **Official Package A1 \*Full Board: 1290 AZN per person (4 nights / 5 days package)**

- Package A Official hotels:

1. WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL

Mikayil Aliyev 2405, Baku, Azerbaijan

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/baku-azerbaijan/wyndham-garden-baku/overview>

2. Ibis Hotel

Khojaly Avenue 64 Baku, Azerbaijan

[https://all.accor.com/hotel/A1L0/index.en.shtml?utm\\_campaign=seo+maps&utm\\_medium=seo+maps&utm\\_source=google+Maps](https://all.accor.com/hotel/A1L0/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps)

3. THE CENTRAL POINT AZERBAIJAN

Khatai Avenue 51 Baku, Azerbaijan

<https://www.centralpoint.az>

- This package includes:

1. Accreditation cost
2. Visa support (if needed)
3. 4 nights at hotel
4. 4 Breakfast at hotel
5. 2 full lunches 17-18 October at the competition venue
6. 1 full lunch 16 October at Hotel
7. 3 dinners (15 October, 16 October, and 17 October) at the hotel
8. Invitation to the Sayonara Party on 18 October at Wyndham Garden Baku Hotel, including full-course dinner, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, and entertainment program
9. Airport pick up transportation from/to airport to/from hotel
10. Local transportation from/to hotel to/from/competition venue on the competition days
11. Gifts for package participants.

### **Official Package A2: 1150 AZN per person (4 nights / 5 days package)**

- Package A2 includes the same hotels and services as Package A1 and does **NOT** include the items listed below:

6. 1 full lunch on 16 October at the hotel
7. 3 dinners (15 October, 16 October, and 17 October) at the hotel



### **Official Package B1 \*Full Board : 1200 AZN per person (4 nights / 5 days package)**

- Package B Official hotels:
  1. GRAAF HOTEL  
Hasanoglu 15/A,31 Baku, Azerbaijan  
<https://graafhotel.com>
  2. CONGRESS HOTEL  
Gulara Gadirbeyova 12 \Baku, Azerbaijan  
<https://congresshotelbaku.com/en-gb>
  3. ARENA HOTEL  
Heydar Aliyev Avenue 115 Baku, Azerbaijan  
<https://baku.arenahotels.az>
- This package includes:
  1. Accreditation cost
  2. Visa support (if needed)
  3. 4 nights at hotel
  4. 4 Breakfast at hotel
  5. 2 full lunches 17-18 October at the competition venue
  6. 1 full lunch 16 October at Hotel
  7. 3 dinners (15 October, 16 October, and 17 October) at the hotel
  8. Invitation to the Sayonara Party on 18 October at Wyndham Garden Baku Hotel, including full-course dinner, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, and entertainment program
  9. Airport pick up transportation from/to airport to/from hotel
  10. Local transportation from/to hotel to/from/competition venue on the competition days
  11. Gifts for package participants.

### **Official Package B2: 1050 AZN per person (4 nights / 5 days package)**

- Package B2 includes the same hotels and services as Package B1 and does **NOT** include the items listed below:
  6. 1 full lunch on 16 October at the hotel
  7. 3 dinners (15 October, 16 October, and 17 October) at the hotel

#### **\*Note** regarding room accommodations:

- All rooms are twin rooms (2 persons per room).
- Single room accommodation (1 person per room) is available upon request and will be subject to an additional charge **per night**:

**Package A: 100 AZN per person**

**Package B: 80 AZN per person**

\*Single room requests must be made in advance. If you wish to extend your stay before or after competition, please inform



\*Hotel allocation will be based on the payment completion order. Participants who make their reservation payment earlier will be prioritized and placed in the listed hotels sequentially from top to bottom

## 5. TRANSPORTATION

### Local Travel

Local transportation shall be provided to all accredited participants who register 'Official Package' through JMACA. Local transportation includes from and to Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD) to and from hotel, from and to hotel to and from competition venues on competition days (October 17 & 18). 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 airports in Azerbaijan will be borne by the participating country.

## 6. APPLICATION

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

### \*List of required documents

- 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 2026\*

**Deadline: 15 August, 2026**

**Final deadline: 25 August, 2026**

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 document submission:**

Japanese Martial Arts and Culture Association of the Republic of Azerbaijan (JMACA)

E-mail: [jp.association@jmaca.az](mailto:jp.association@jmaca.az)

International Sumo Federation (IFS)

E-mail: [office2@ifs-sumo.org](mailto:office2@ifs-sumo.org)

\*All other required documents must be sent to **BOTH JMACA and IFS**. Only the Athlete Tournament Registration Form (individual/team) should be sent to IFS. Otherwise, your registration will not be completed.

\*If any question and request regarding accommodation, please communicate with JMACA.



## 7. ENTRY FEES

An Entry Fee of **US\$ 50.00** per competitor shall be paid to the host country of SWC 2026. Coaches, guests, officials do not need to pay this entry fee.

\*Each athlete must pay \$50 in cash during the weigh-in on site.

\*If participating in both SWC and Jr. SWC, athletes must pay \$50 for each, totaling \$100.

## 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 26th Sumo World Championships/ the 17th 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
under 85 kg	under 65 kg
85 kg and over and under 100 kg	65 kg and over and under 73 kg
100 kg and over and under 115 kg	73 kg and over and under 80 kg
115 kg and over	80 kg and over
open weight *unrestricted	open weight *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
15 October Thursday	17:00 -19:00	<b>Accreditation</b>  <b>First Weigh-in</b>	WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL  WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL
16 October Friday	8:00 - 9:30  8:30 - 9:30 9:30 - 11:30 11:30 - 12:30  13:30 -15:30 16:00 - 16:30	<b>Second Weigh-in</b>  <b>Athlete Committee Meeting</b> <b>IFS Board of Directors Meeting</b> <b>IFS General Assembly Meeting</b>  <b>Coaches' Meeting &amp; Draw</b> <b>Referee Meeting &amp; Referee Seminar</b>	WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL  WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL  WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL
17 October Saturday	9:00	<b>Junior Sumo World Championships &amp; Sumo World Championships</b> *For details, refer the Tournament schedule	Baku Sport Hall
18 October Sunday	9:00-      19:00-22:00	<b>Sumo World Championships</b> *For details, refer the Tournament schedule  <b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Sumo World Championships</b> *For details, refer the Tournament schedule  <b>Closing Ceremony</b>  <b>Sayonara Party</b>	Baku Sport Hall      WYNDHAM GARDEN BAKU HOTEL
19 October Monday		<b>Departures</b>	

\*The schedule times above are tentative, and updates will be provided as required.

\*The tournament timetable will be shared separately.



## 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 **16 September, 2026** 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 2026](#) 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



## 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 sportspersonship, 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.