



The EUROPEAN SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

15th Men and Women

8th Men and Women under 21 years (Mu21/Wu21)

5th Juniors (Men and Women under 18 years / Mu18/Wu18)

2nd Cadets (Girls and Boys under 16 years / Gu16/Bu16)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND INVITATION

The European Sumo Union and the Sumo Federation of Switzerland would like to invite your Federation to participate in the European Sumo Championships 2009 in Renens, Switzerland.

01. Title of event:

The 15th Men and Women, 8th Men and Women under 21 years (Mu21/Wu21), 5th Junior under 18 years (Mu18/Wu18) and 2nd Cadets Boys and Girls (Bu16/Gu16) European Sumo Championships 2009.

02. Objective:

To develop Sumo within Europe and to and exchange social and cultural ties among participating countries.

03. Main organiser:

Swiss Sumo Society

04. Date of competition: 21st – 23rd August 2009

05. Competition venue. Odyssee Sports Hall, Patinoire de Malley, Renens, Switzerland

06. Registration address and accreditation: Patinoire de Malley, Renens, Switzerland

07. Participation:

All Member Federations registered to the European Sumo Union may participate so long as the annual membership fee of €150 to the ESU has paid for the year 2009 by the time of registrations and that there are no other outstanding payments due to the ESU in any form whatsoever.

Please note also that federations not attending with at least one Sumo referee will be charged a penalty fee of €100 this must be paid at the accreditation. At the time of accreditation the participating federation must state on which days their referee(s) will be active. If a federation registers a referee in order to avoid the €100 europayment and the referee fails to attend then this

may lead to a further penalty fee as to be decided by the board of Directors of the ESU, failure to comply with this rule may lead to non participation of the said federation until such payments have been received by the ESU.

08. Media accreditation: To be issued by the Swiss Sumo Society

09. Registration of athletes

- Dates and registration requirements as for the athletes: mentioned in point **12**.
- Accommodation and sustenance expenses as for the athletes: mentioned in point **11**.
- The entry fee per athlete per weight category is U16, U18 and U21: € 25 , Seniors: €50 and for the Team event : €100 per team, upon payment this fee is non returnable.
- If after the closing date **Monday 17th August 2009 at 17.00 C.E.T** there are any changes whatsoever to the athletes registrations, change of athlete, late entry, change of athlete in team position then a **double entry** fee will be charged. If athletes are cancelled after the closing date the entry fee has to be paid and will not be refunded. All outstanding amounts must be paid full in cash before admittance to the championships will be granted to the ESU Treasurer. All entries must be sent to the General Secretary of the European Sumo Union at the following e-mail address ozumo@telenet.be

10. Travel Expenses:

Each individual Federation is responsible for the all travel costs incurred in the transportation of its delegation including visa applications. All Federations requiring visas are kindly requested to apply well in advance.

11. Board and lodging costs.

The organiser provides several types of accommodation as follows:

Name and address of official hotel(s):

- a) Accommodation of the ESU officials:
Hotel Pré Fleuri, Rue du Centre 1, 1025 St-Sulpice

- b) Recommended accommodation of teams:
Hotel Le Parc, Chemin du Parc 2, 1024 Ecublens
Hotel Formule 1, Rue de l'Industrie 67, 1030 Bussigny
Motel des Pierrettes, Route Cantonale, 1025 St-Sulpice
Lausanne Youth Hostel, Chemin du Bois de Vaux 36, 1007 Lausanne

The Swiss Sumo Society has already sent all nations information about these recommended hotels. If you do not find anything that suits your needs please look on the web site:

<http://www.lausanne-tourisme.ch> for information about other hotels in the area. Those recommended are the nearest to the sports hall. The Swiss Sumo Society will not take any booking for hotels. Please contact them directly and make your own bookings. Also the Swiss Sumo Society will not take any payments for hotels. Each federation is directly responsible for the payment of their hotel(s) upon their arrival. If you need further information please contact : eurosumochamp2009@hotmail.com

12. Registration requirements for the tournament.

- a. The attached competition application forms are to be filled in with capital letters and to be sent to the address of the European Sumo Union e-mail or post . Entries will only be accepted on official

entry forms. Uncompleted forms will not be accepted.

b. Please send one passport style photo of each delegation member in jpg format to the following e-mail address: euromochamp2009@hotmail.com . Each photograph must be named following this mode: First Name–FAMILY NAME.jpg. These photos are for accreditation purposes and people arriving who have not sent their photo beforehand will have to be personally present with their passport to receive an accreditation card.

c. The initial application deadline is **1st of July 2009** here you must send an intention that your federation wishes to compete. The final application deadline for athlete participation is **17th August 2009**. All countries must register for all athletes, officials to the European Sumo Championships 2009 by the above mentioned application date.

d. Site of accreditation, Congress, Draw, Weigh-in: Patinoire de Malley, Renens, Switzerland
For the accreditation only the delegation leader is requested to be present (except for point 12b). Please also note that the weigh-in for all groups is the evening prior to the day of the tournament including open and team event.

e. Referee Seminar: Friday, August 21st , 08.30 h Patinoire de Malley, Renens, Switzerland

g. All entries will only be accepted on the official ESU entry forms
(there will be no exceptions) and must arrive by the official closing dates.

h. At the official control of nations the names submitted are final and all fees paid at this time are not returnable whatsoever. If your delegation leader is not available to attend at this date and time then the last athlete change will be accepted by email until 17.00 hrs C.E.T **17th August 2009** to the office of the Gen Sec of the ESU e mail ozumo@telenet.be
Names for the open event men and women plus the team sheets must be submitted before the close of the senior weigh in 22nd august 2009. Please note all athletes competing in the open and team events must attend the weigh in. Failure to do so will result in the non participation of the athlete from said categories. For the team and Open event no charge for changes will be made up until the close of the weigh in.

13. The address where the tournament application forms should be sent to is:

The Office of General Secretary of the European Sumo Union
Lierssesteenweg 96b,
2280 Grobbendonk,
Belgium
Email: ozumo@telenet.be
Telephone +32484504243

14. Competition rules:

14.1 The competition will carry out according to the ESU regulations together with application of the double repèchage system. If there are 5 or less athletes in a weight group a pool system maybe used.

14.2. All male athletes will wrestle in **MAWASHI ONLY** ! this includes the prize awarding ceremonies.

14.3. All female athletes must wrestle in a one-piece wrestling leotard plus Mawashi.

Women may not compete wearing t-shirts.

14.4 All mawashi must conform to international regulations, if not, it is possible that the mawashi will be invalid for the tournament and another mawashi may have to be used by the wrestler, at the discretion of the refereeing director a suitable substitute mawashi cannot be found and used within a reasonable amount of time the athlete may have to forfeit the match. Also all mawashi must be dry and not wet and made of recognised fabric.

14.5 Individual competition in weight categories as follows:

Women under 16:	-45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65kg
Men under 16:	-55kg, -65kg, -75kg, -85kg, -95kg, +95kg
Women under 18:	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg
Men under 18:	-60kg, -70kg, -80kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg
Women under 21:	-60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -80kg, +80kg
Men under 21:	-70kg, -85kg, -100kg, -115kg, +115kg
Women Adults:	-65kg, -80kg, +80kg, Open, Team
Men Adults:	-85kg, -115kg, +115kg, Open, Team

15. Financial requirements:

15.1. Starting fee:

Entry fee will be charged for all athletes mentioned in the official entry form!

Boys and Girls u16, €25 Euro per wrestler in each weight category paid to ESU at registration and accreditation 20th August 2009.

Juniors Mu18/Wu18, Mu21/Wu21, €25 Euro per wrestler in each weight category paid to ESU at registration and accreditation 20th or 21st August 2009. If an athlete competes in maximum 2 weight groups for instance U18 and U21 or U16 and U18 then the entry fee is €50 Euro

Seniors € 50 Euro per wrestler in each weight group.

Team tournament, there is also a fee of € 100 per team entered in the team tournament competition. These fees once paid are non returnable.

15.2 ESU membership fee: If the registration fee of €150 Euro per Federation for the current year 2009 has not been paid also any other outstanding amounts to the ESU, registration and entrance to the European Sumo Championships and Congress 2009 will not be allowed until such payment has been made.

15.3 Payment for the Senior Open weight and team competition must be paid for at the official accreditation.

16. As Switzerland has a high ecology friendly policy, all participants staying in a hotel in the Lausanne area will receive a free public transport pass for the duration of their stay. It is therefore strongly recommended that all participants first go to their hotel(s) before coming to the sports hall for accreditation. For people travelling by plane to Geneva Airport, it is possible to reserve preferential price train tickets for Renens and return. These cost 28 Euros per person. Please let us know how many tickets you will need and the time of arrival. People using this method will be met at

Renens station by a bus that will take them to their hotel(s). People travelling to Renens or Lausanne by train should also let us their arrival time and they will also be met at the station._____

17. Control of Nations and accreditation

There must be at least one representative from every Federation to register their athletes at the sport's hall from 9h00 to 18h00 on Thursday 20th August 2009 or Friday 21st August 2009. This must be duly signed for. Failure to register in the allocated time will mean that the Federation will not be able to participate in the European Sumo Championships 2009. It is not necessary that the participants be present (except for those who have not sent a photo beforehand!) but there must be someone who has the authority to register the nation. After this registration except for the Open Weight, the entries are final and cannot be altered.

18. Health Insurance and Anti-Doping

Each federation is obliged to insure all athletes and officials against sickness, injury or death. Neither the organising country nor the European Sumo Union will be responsible for any sickness, injury or death of any athlete or official incurred before, during and after the ESC 2009. All athletes will have to sign an injury disclaimer plus a disclaimer that they have not taken any forbidden substances. For under age (u18/u16) participants the leader of the athlete's national delegation must countersign the document to certify that the parents have agreed on the participation of their child in the ESC 2009.

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted during the championships. Athletes will be randomly selected for testing, both before competitions (at weigh-in for example) and also after medal ceremonies. Any athlete discovered positive will be signalled to the ESU disciplinary commission. Any athlete refusing to sign the forbidden substances document or refusing to undergo these anti-doping controls when requested to will be automatically considered **positive!**

SPECIAL NOTE

*All visa applications must be sent first to the Swiss Sumo Society.

*Tournament registration only to be sent to the European Sumo Union.

*Compulsory Referee seminar on 21st August 2009. All referees must obtain here their ESC tournament licence 2009. Fee € 20 to be paid to therefereeing director,

*By the control of nations there has to be at least one representative from the registering Federation.

*By the draw there has to be one representative per federation, after the draw has been made there can be no changes.

II. DATES, EVENTS, AGE AND WEIGHT CAT.

Thursday 20th August 2009

09h00-18h00

18h00-20h00

20h00-20h30

Arrival of national delegations

Accreditation of Athletes at the sports hall.

Weigh-in of WU16, MU16

Draw of WU16, MU16

Friday 21st August 2009

08h30-10h00

09h00-18h00

11h00-14h00

14h00-14h30

14h30-17h30

17h30-18h00

Start 11h00

Referee's Meeting

Accreditation of Athletes at the sports hall.

Women U16 -45 kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65kg

Women U16 Medal ceremonies

Men U16 - 55kg, -65kg, -75kg, -85kg, -95kg, +95kg

Men U16 Medal Ceremonies

18h00-20h00	Weigh-in of WU18, MU18, WU21, MU21
20h00-21h00	Draw of WU18, MU18, WU21, MU21
20h00-22h00	ESU General Assembly
Saturday 22nd August 2009	Start 08h00
08h00-11h00	Women U18 -50 kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg
11h00-14h00	Men U18 -60kg, -70kg, -80kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg
14h00-14h45	Opening Ceremony
14h45-15h30	Women U18 & Men U18 Medal Ceremonies
15h30-18h00	Women U21 -60kg, -65 kg, -70kg, -80 kg, +80 kg
18h00-18h30	Women U21 Medal Ceremonies
18h30-21h00	Men U21 -70kg, -85 kg, -100kg, -115kg, +115 kg
21h00-21h30	Men U21 Medal Ceremonies
18h00-20h00	Weigh-in of Senior Women & Men
20h00-21h00	Draw of Senior Individual, Open and Team Categories

Sunday 23rd August 2009	Start 09h00
09h00-11h15	Senior Women -65 kg, -80 kg, +80 kg
11h15-13h30	Senior Men -85 kg, -115 kg, +115 kg
13h30-14h30	Senior Women Open
14h30-15h30	Senior Men Open
15h30-17h00	Senior Women Team
17h00-17h30	Senior Women Medal Ceremonies
17h30-19h00	Senior Men Team
19h00-19h30	Senior Men Medal Ceremonies
19h30-20h00	Closing Ceremony
20h00-22h00	Sayonara Party

Monday 24th August 2009 Departure of national delegations

Team competition (Senior Men and Women only): Men and Women consisting of open weight, each 3 wrestlers plus one reserve. A reserve wrestler may only be used once, after this there can be no further changes in the team. For the team event there must be a minimum of two wrestlers. Please note for the team event the fighting order will be controlled during the entrance to the dohyo all athletes competing in the team event must be able to proof their identity if approached by a controlling official.

A maximum of two athletes in each weight and age group may be entered per country. Only one national federation per country may enter the championships.

Prizes: The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will receive medals and diplomas.

Remarks

1. There are Team and Open Category competitions only in Senior MEN and Senior WOMEN
2. Competition starts always with women first in all weight categories from Lightweight upwards.
3. Repêchage in each weight category will start immediately after the elimination rounds.
4. Awarding Ceremony will be held immediately after each age category.
5. Athletes need only to weigh-in once if competing in two age categories on the same day. They must announce at their weigh-in the second competition in which they are competing if on the same day. Athletes who have not announced their double participation will be deleted from the

competitors list of the non informed weight group. If the athlete is competing over two days or more then he/she will be required to weigh each day prior to the tournament.

For example: An 18 year old male athlete competing in U18 and U21 events must signal that he will be fighting in the 2 categories at the weigh-in on the Friday evening. If he is fighting U18 and Senior then he must come to the Senior weigh-in on the Saturday evening. If not, he will not be allowed to participate in the Senior competition. The entrance fee for this competition will not be refunded.

ESU General Assembly:

The ESU General Assembly will be held at the sports hall on Friday 20th August 2009 at 20h00

Please note start times and locations may be subject to change.