



EUROPEAN SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS

U15 – Men and Women

U18 – Men and Women

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
& TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Hungary, Veszprém 19th – 20th September, 2026



The Hungarian Sumo Federation would like to invite your Federation to participate in The Official European Youth Continental Sumo Championship 2026 (U15, U18) in Veszprém, Hungary.

I. PURPOSE:

To internationally popularize and promote Sumo as well as establish mutual friendship and goodwill among participating European countries.

II. CO-ORGANIZERS & SUPPORTERS:

- European Sumo Federation
- Hungarian Sumo Federation
- Ministry of Defence of Hungary
- National Institute of Sports Development and Methodology
- Sportoló Nemzet

III. IMPORTANT DATES:

17 July 2026. FRIDAY	to inform if the national sumo federation will participate in the ESC or not and deliver preliminary submission of entries by number of competitors per weight category.
25 July 2026. SATURDAY	the deadline for hotel reservation – PLEASE PROVIDE BILLING INFORMATION!
	the deadline for referees application by sumocup.com
	the deadline for transportation reservation
	the deadline for sending T-shirt sizes
	the TUE deadline (see item Doping Control)
30 July 2026. THURSDAY	the deadline for paying accomodation and transportation
4 September 2026. FRIDAY	the deadline for enter athletes by sumocup.com

III. COMPETITION VENUE:

The competition will take place at **ONE VESZPRÉM ARÉNA SPORT- ÉS RENDEZVÉNYCSARNOK**
[8200 Veszprém, Külső-kádártai út 5.,](https://oneveszpremarena.hu/) Hungary

Homepage: <https://oneveszpremarena.hu/>



THE TERMS OF PARTICIPATION:

Participants shall be from national federations – members of the European Sumo Federation and countries approved by the EFS.

Competitors shall be men and women (U15, U18) 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 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).

Only accredited participants will have access to the field of play and the surrounding area. Previously mentioned areas will be protected by security.

IV. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:

Accreditation: All participating athletes and officials with positions need their accreditation.

*Official Package: **290 euro per person (3 nights/4 days)***

This package includes;

- accreditation cost
- visa support
- 3 nights at a 4* Hotel
- breakfast in Hotel (3 days)
- lunch on competition days (2 lunches)
- Event T-shirt (sizes required in advance)

A limited number of triple rooms are also available.

Single rooms are limited, prices vary! **For single use of a room has a 55 EUR/night extra cost!**

Accreditation is available to all athletes, coaches, referees and officials. The participant's accreditation for the ESC is issued only on condition of accommodation in official hotels, provided by the organizer.

Please make sure to send your booking requests as soon as possible.

If you miss the booking deadline, the organizer will try to find the accommodation, but the price will be higher.

Costs of accommodation has to be paid for account of organizer before competition (till 30 July 2026). It is mandatory! After sending accommodation sheet, organizer will prepare invoice to make payment. Please send the billing informations to the organiser by email (info@sumo.hu).

Cancellation policy

In case of cancellation, charges will be made in the percentage of the total accreditation cost. Cancellations made 6-13 days prior to check-in: 50%

Cancellations made 1-5 days prior to check-in: 100% Cancellations made on the day of check-in or no-show: 100%

NB! If participants do not use accommodations provided by the organizer, they will be required to pay a fee of 200€ per person for accreditation otherwise they will not be allowed to participate.

V. TRANSPORT:

Transportation shall be provided to all accredited participants who registered. Local transportation includes transport from and to Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD), hotel and competition venue. These transportation arrangements are only made for accredited participants who stay in the official accommodations reserved through the Organizers. Using official transportation is not mandatory, you can arrange it by yourself.

Transportation Fee: 60 EUR per person

Non-local Travel: The cost of airline flights for all participating athletes and officials between the participating country and Liszt Ferenc International Airport will be borne by the participating country.

VI. APPLICATIONS:

Documents must be completed and submitted:

1. By system – sumocup.com

- Registration of athletes (instead of entry forms)
- Referees Application (every referee have to register in sumocup.com and prepare application also by sumocup.com)

2. By email info@sumo.hu and europesumofederation@gmail.com

- ID Photos (jpg or pdf form, approximate 200 pixels/inch) (each individual)
- Passport Copies (scanned in jpg or pdf form, indicating name, passport number, expiry date, photo) (each individual)
- Accommodation, transportation and t-shirt sizes sheet (one form per country)

VIII. FEES:

Entry Fees:

1. U15 of € 30.00 per individual start and team of € 50,00.

2. U18 of € 30.00 per individual start and team of € 50,00.

Entry fees should be paid during accreditation to Committee: Mr. Rolf Rotnes (Treasurer of EFS), Ms. Magdalena Pawlik (Senior Manager of EFS) or before competition by bank transfer – if you want to have invoice before payment send @ to europesumofederation@gmail.com

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

Every federation has to pay **EFS annual membership fee** to EFS: € 150.

IX. COMPETITION RULES:

The weigh – in procedure:

Will be organized in two separate rooms –one for women and one for men. Moreover, the male athletes take part in this procedure wearing short leggings. Taking off it is not allowed. The weight, which will be shown by scale, will be reduce of 100 gram/per every male athlete as a weight of leggings. The female athletes have to wear a leotard. Taking of it is not allowed. The weight, which will be shown by scale, will be reduce of 200 gram/per every female athlete as a weight of leotard.

Tournament system:

The tournament shall be conducted based on the Regulations on Competition and Regulations on Refereeing of the International Sumo Federation and European Sumo Federation. ESC will be organized in accordance with system of EFS –if amount of athletes in weight category will be less than or equal 5, will be used round robin system, if more –double repechage. EFS ensure computer and computer program to run tournament.

Referees issues:

ESF will designate Head Referee of tournament and person, who will manage computer program. All national federations may nominate candidate for being referee by sending application. After verification of application by Chief of Referee in cooperation with designed Head Referee of ESC and Vice president of refereeing matters of EFS, EFS will announc referees. Sending the application does not mean that referee will work during the tournament. Work of referees will be paid by European Sumo Federation and the rate will depends on job evaluation.

To ensure impartial refereeing, the Head Referee will be appointed by the ESF from a country other than the organizer of the European Sumo Championships.

Athletes' outfit:

- Competitors must wear mawashi (white or black) approved by the European Sumo Federation.
- **Underpants MUST be worn by male competitors and must be in black colour only.** Other colours are not allowed. The length of the underpants must cover half of the thigh, but cannot cover the knees. Due to the decision of General Assembly of EFS in November of 2023 **-No male athlete will be allowed to start without underpants!**
- Female competitors must wear a leotard under the mawashi. The colour of the leotard is not restricted.
- Each competitor is responsible for bringing his own mawashi, underpants or leotard.
- Country identification (Zekken) supplied by the host federation must be worn.
- Other rules:
- A maximum of 3 competitors (Senpo, Chuken, and Taisho) and 1 substitute may register for the Team Competition in the tournament. There is no weight limit.
- In the team competition, the championships shall be determined through the tournament system.
- A substitute competitor may be swapped in the team competition only once.

Weight Categories:**W/M – U15 (born 2014-2011):**

W	40 kg	-45 kg	-50 kg	-55 kg	-60 kg	-65 kg	+65 kg	Open
M	-45kg	-52 kg	-60 kg	-67 kg	-75 kg	-85 kg	+85 kg	Open

W/M – U18 (born 2011-2008):

W	-50 kg	-55 kg	-60 kg	-65 kg	-70 kg	-75 kg	+75 kg	Open
M	-55 kg	-60 kg	-70 kg	-80 kg	-90 kg	-100 kg	+100 kg	Open

Competitors in the individual competition are also able to participate in the team competition. Up to two competitors from one country can compete in one weight category.

X. COMPETITION PROGRAM:

18th September, Friday		
12:00 - 17:00 *in a previously agreed case, in agreement with the organizer it is possible to extend the accreditation and the weigh-in time, but no longer than till 19:00	Accreditation and weigh-in for U15, U18. After weigh – in technical meeting and draw for U15 – approximately at 20:00	Sport Hall, Veszprém
19th September, Saturday		
9:00 - 10:00	Referee meeting	Sport Hall, Veszprém
10:00 -	Competition U15, Men and Women After fights - Awarding Ceremony	Sport Hall, Veszprém
12:00 - 13:00	Opening Ceremony	Sport Hall, Veszprém
16:00 – 17:00	Additional weigh in for U18	Sport Hall, Veszprém
18:00 - 19:00	Technical meeting and draw for U18	Sport Hall, Veszprém
19:00 – 21:00	EFS General Assembly	Villa Medici, Veszprém
20th September, Sunday		
9:00 - 10:00	Referee meeting	Sport Hall, Veszprém
10:00 -	Competition U18, Men and Women After fights - Awarding Ceremony	Sport Hall, Veszprém

XI. AWARDING:

Winners will receive a medal. Athletes who win a medal must attend the awarding ceremony to receive their medal in person. Male competitors must wear mawashi and underpants and female competitors must leotard and mawashi. Training wear is not allowed at the ceremony.

XII. DOPING:

Doping tests can be taken by any athlete participating in the European Sumo Championships. This Competition shall be subject to the Doping Control under the IFS Anti-Doping Code. 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 she enters this competition.

When an athlete in this competition refuses or evades sample collection, whether 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.

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.

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://www.ifs-sumo.org/pdf/IFS-Anti_Doping_Code_.pdf

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 her 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 (updated form, please use the current form) from the IFS website <http://www.ifs-sumo.org>, complete the form and send all the necessary documents to: tározum@wp.pl

No exceptions will be made.

XIII. 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 European Sumo Championships. The organizers and EFS 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 stomach-ache).

XIV. 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 EFS.

Individual Champion and Team Champion must accept an interview after the final match. Other medallists may also be interviewed.

XV. CONTACTS:

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