# World Sumo Champions to compete head-to-head at Mall of America®

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Three World Sumo Champions, weighing a combined 1,400 pounds, will travel from Japan and Mongolia to Mall of America® to compete head-to-head and meet fans in a special sumo event.

This is the first time ever that sumo legends of this caliber will do an event like this in Minnesota. Exhibitions including demonstrations, rules, rituals, training and real sumo matches will take place all afternoon.

The three sumo wrestlers have won a combined seven World Sumo Championships. The lineup includes:

- Yama: 6'4", 600 lbs, 2-time World Sumo Champion, heaviest Japanese human being in history
- Byamba: is 6'1", 370 lbs, 4-time World Sumo Champion
- Kato: 6'3", 410 lbs, former World Sumo Champion

Guests are invited to watch the champions in action, and will have the chance to meet them.

For more information on the event, please click here.

**VISUALS:** VIDEO: 2013 US Sumo Open, 350-pound Byamba defeats 420-pound Kelly with body slam in slow motion!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 30, 2015

Noon - 1 pm Sumo Exhibition
1 - 1:45 pm Meet and greet
4 - 5 pm Sumo Exhibition
5 - 5:45 pm Meet and greet

**WHERE:** Mall of America – Rotunda

**About Mall of America®**

Mall of America is the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex. At 4.87 million square feet, the Mall is home to more than 520 world-class shops; Nickelodeon Universe, the nation's largest indoor family theme park; EMS Entertainment Exhibit Center; SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium, a 1.2 million gallon walk-through aquarium; Hard Rock Café; Moose Mountain Adventure Golf; Theatres at Mall of America, a 14-screen movie theater with digital projection including 4K, digital sound and 3D capabilities; Radisson Blu Mall of America, a 500-room hotel connected by skyway to Mall of America. The Mall opened in August of 1992 and is located in Bloomington, Minn., just minutes from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Mall is currently undergoing an expansion project on all three levels on the north side. The expansion will include a 342-room JW Marriott hotel, office tower, high-end retailers, new dining options, a tourist welcome center and large event space. Follow Mall of America on Facebook and Twitter.

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