Constitution of EnglandSumo

This is the constitution of **EnglandSumo**, the not-for-profit body responsible for amateur sumo in England and affiliated to British Sumo. It sets out our name and status, affiliation, objectives, membership, management, and finance.

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1. Name and status

The name of the association is **EnglandSumo**. It operates as a not-for-profit unincorporated association, serving as the English national governing body for the sport of amateur sumo.

2. Affiliation

EnglandSumo is formally affiliated with, and operates under the jurisdiction and technical regulations of, British Sumo.

3. Objectives

The primary aims of EnglandSumo are:

- To promote, develop, and support the sport of amateur sumo throughout England.
- To organise national championships and selection trials for English athletes.
- To build a safe, inclusive, and competitive environment for practitioners of all levels.
- To represent the interests of English sumo clubs and wrestlers within the British Sumo framework.

4. Membership

Membership shall be open to any individual or club residing or operating in England that subscribes to the objectives of the association and complies with

the code of conduct set by British Sumo.

5. Officers and management

The association shall be managed by an Executive Committee. The initial officers are:

- **President:** Sonny Bell
- **General Secretary:** Lance Wicks
- **Treasurer:** Nick Casey

The Executive Committee will consist of three people, from three different sumo clubs. The Committee has the power to co-opt members to fill vacancies (such as the Treasurer) or to create sub-committees as required.

6. Administration and finance

- **Office address:** c/o EnglandSumo, Southampton, Hampshire (full details available on request).
- **Not-for-profit status:** All funds and assets of EnglandSumo shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the association's objectives. No portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to members by way of profit.
- **Financial records:** The Treasurer (or General Secretary in the interim) shall maintain accurate accounts of all income and expenditure.

7. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to members, but shall be transferred to British Sumo or another non-profit body with similar sporting objectives.

8. Adoption

This constitution is hereby adopted by the founding officers to ensure the orderly development of sumo in England.

Signed: **Sonny Bell** (President), **Lance Wicks** (General Secretary), **Nick Casey** (Treasurer).

See also: Governance and safeguarding, History of sumo in England and the UK, and Find a sumo club in England.

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