

Views of Japanese Sumo Fans

What Sumo Means to Me #1

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In modern Japan, there are many young sumo fans but it is mainly older people who enjoy it. Considering the future then, sumo needs to work towards making the younger generations interested in the sport as the generations will of course one day change.

In my opinion, the beauty and attraction of sumo comes from the strict rules and styles maintained by those in the sport. Sumo should keep its traditional beauty and

should try to hand this aspect of the sport down to successive generations.

As far as changes go though, as non-Japanese wrestlers have already been accepted, now is the time to consider the addition of female wrestlers to the ranks and whether or not sumo can become an Olympic event.

Otherwise, sumo, one of our symbols can simply not survive.