

Australian participation down - South Africa - out!

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On the same day Australia's John Traill publicly announced the limited (one (Traill) middle and one (new) lightweight) participation of the Australian national team at the 2007, Sumo World Championships in Thailand, South Africa's Warren Saito told Sumo Fan Magazine that financial woes and a lack of backing for the sport by his

government will result in the absence of Africa's strongest team to date in the amateur version of the sport.

Given the sudden move of the event to Thailand after many had budgeted for Switzerland, South Africa may not be the last financial casualty of these championships.