

# **Yaocho Scandal Match-Fixing Questionnaire in Full**

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Perhaps the greatest act of unintentional comedy the sumo association has ever served up, here is the translated version of the match-fixing questionnaire issued to wrestlers on February 3rd. Why on earth would an offender choose to reply to such a document honestly? Genuine investigation attempt or customary window-dressing? You decide.

For the record, none of these were handed out to sumo fans.

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From the Japan Sumo Association  
Special Investigation Committee  
Investigation into deliberate acts  
of “under-powered sumo”

Please answer the questions below.

1) Have you ever seen, heard of or taken part in any instances of underpowered sumo? Please circle one of the following. Yes / No

2) If you answered “yes” to question 1, please answer:  
When(abouts) did it happen?  
Is it the case that the same person

is frequently involved?

3) Until now, have you ever invited another person, or have you ever been invited, to take part in “under-powered” sumo? Please circle the following. Yes / No

4) If you answered “yes” to question 3, please answer:

Are you saying that you instigated it, or you were invited by someone else?

When(abouts) did this happen?

How many times have you invited someone, or been invited to do “under-powered sumo?”

Who are the people that you invited, or who invited you?  
(Including go-betweens).

Please circle the following:  
Rikishi Sumo elder Another  
person connected to sumo A  
koenkai member

5) Have you ever been involved in “under-powered sumo?” Yes / No

6) If you answered “yes” to

question five, please answer:

When(abouts) did this happen?

About how many times did this happen?

Who were the opponents involved?

Is there a go-between? If so, who is it?

Has money ever been exchanged? If so, how much?

This is an investigation conducted by the Japan Sumo Association Special Investigation Committee. In signing this document, you certify that you have thought carefully about the answers to the questions above, and that you have fully provided relevant information.

If this questionnaire reveals even one instance of deliberately “under-powered sumo” the full force of justice will be brought upon the offenders.

Date:

Name: