

**2017 USAWKF NATIONAL
SANDA TEAM TRIALS**

REGULATIONS



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2017 United States Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) Sanda National Team Trials will be held July 21 - July 23, 2017, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock, TX. This team trials event will select the National Sanda Team to represent the U.S. in the 14th World Wushu Championships to be held in Kazan, Russia September 27-October 3, 2017 and the 12th Pan American Wushu Championships to be held in 2018 in Brazil.

DATES AND PLACE

Dates: July 21 - July 23, 2017
Place: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Exhibit Hall, at 15010 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas 79401
Registration: June 21st, 2017

ELIGIBILITY

USAWKF National Championships Tournament – Eligible competitors must be U.S. citizens and must be current USAWKF members in good standing.

ATHLETE QUALIFICATIONS

1. Senior competitors shall be 18-40 (including 40) full years; junior competitor shall be between 15 and 17 (including 17) years of age; and children competitors shall be between 12 and 14 (including 14) years of age at the time of competition.
2. Each competitor must hold a valid personal life insurance certificate.
3. Each competitor must produce a valid health certificate showing his/her electroencephalogram (EEG), electrocardiogram (ECG), blood pressure and heart rate issued by a qualified medical doctor from a check-up performed within 15 days prior to the date of registration at the competition.
4. A competitor must hold a valid passport issued by the country/region which he/she is representing. (This applies only to athletes interested in qualifying for the U.S. team.)

AGE AND WEIGHT CLASS DIVISIONS

Age Groupings: All age categories are based on participants' current age within the year starting on January 1 and ending on December 31.

Kid's Tournament Weight Divisions

Division 1 – Children (ages 6-7)

- 15kg (under \leq 15kg) [35 lbs.]
- 20kg ($>15\text{kg} \leq 20\text{kg}$) [45 lbs.]
- 25kg ($>20\text{kg} \leq 25\text{kg}$) [55 lbs.]
- Over 25kg ($>25\text{kg}$) [over 55 lbs.]

Division 2 – Children (ages 8-9)

- 25kg (under \leq 25kg) [55 lbs.]
- 29kg ($>25\text{kg} \leq 29\text{kg}$) [65 lbs.]
- 36kg ($>29\text{kg} \leq 36\text{kg}$) [80 lbs.]
- Over 36kg ($>36\text{kg}$) [over 80 lbs.]

Division 3 – Children (ages 10-11)

- 29kg (under \leq 29kg) [65 lbs.]
- 36kg ($>29\text{kg} \leq 36\text{kg}$) [80 lbs.]
- 43kg ($>36\text{kg} \leq 43\text{kg}$) [95 lbs.]
- Over 43kg ($>43\text{kg}$) [over 96 lbs.]

Children's Weight Divisions (ages 12-14)

- 39kg category (under \leq 39kg)
- 42kg category ($>39\text{kg} - \leq 42\text{kg}$)
- 45kg category ($>42\text{kg} - \leq 45\text{kg}$)
- 48kg category ($>45\text{kg} - \leq 48\text{kg}$)
- 52kg category ($>48\text{kg} - \leq 52\text{kg}$)
- 56kg category ($>52\text{kg} - \leq 56\text{kg}$)
- 60kg category ($>56\text{kg} - \leq 60\text{kg}$)

Youth Weight Divisions

- 48kg Category (Under $\leq 48\text{kg}$)
- 52kg Category ($> 48\text{kg} - \leq 52\text{kg}$)
- 56kg Category ($> 52\text{kg} - \leq 56\text{kg}$)
- 60kg Category ($> 56\text{kg} - \leq 60\text{kg}$)
- 65kg Category ($> 60\text{kg} - \leq 65\text{kg}$)
- 70kg Category ($> 65\text{kg} - \leq 70\text{kg}$)
- 75kg Category ($> 70\text{kg} - \leq 75\text{kg}$)
- 80kg Category ($> 75\text{kg} - \leq 80\text{kg}$)

Senior Weight Divisions

- 48kg Category (Under $\leq 48\text{kg}$)
- 52kg Category ($> 48\text{kg} - \leq 52\text{kg}$)
- 56kg Category ($> 52\text{kg} - \leq 56\text{kg}$)
- 60kg Category ($> 56\text{kg} - \leq 60\text{kg}$)
- 65kg Category ($> 60\text{kg} - \leq 65\text{kg}$)
- 70kg Category ($> 65\text{kg} - \leq 70\text{kg}$)
- 75kg Category ($> 70\text{kg} - \leq 75\text{kg}$)
- 80kg Category ($> 75\text{kg} - \leq 80\text{kg}$)
- 85kg Category ($> 80\text{kg} - \leq 85\text{kg}$)
- 90kg Category ($> 85\text{kg} - \leq 90\text{kg}$)
- Over 90kg Category ($> 90\text{kg}$)

WEIGHING-IN

1. All qualified athletes must present their passport (or birth certificate) in order to weigh-in.
2. The weighing-in shall be conducted by the chief registrar in collaboration with the scheduler-recorders under the supervision of the Jury of Appeals.
3. All athletes must arrive at the designated time at the designated place as set out by the organizing committee in order to weigh-in. Athletes may weigh-in in the nude or with trunks on. (Female competitors may wear tight fitting undergarments.)
4. The weighing-in shall start with the lighter weight categories and continue on to the heavier categories. Each category should conclude its weighing in within a period of one hour. Any competitor who fails to weigh-in correctly within his or her registered division within the allocated time period of one hour will not be permitted to participate in any of the subsequent contests.
5. Competitors that are competing on a specific day of competition are required to weigh-in at the specific time and place prior to the start of the day's events.

DRAWING LOTS

1. The drawing-lots ceremony shall be conducted by the scheduling-recording group, in the presence of the chairman of Jury of Appeal, the chief referee and team coaches or team leaders.
2. The drawing-lots ceremony shall take place after the initial weighing-in session has concluded, and will start with the lighter weight categories and continue on to the heavier categories. Any category with only one competitor shall be excluded from the contest.
3. Team coaches or team leaders shall draw lots on behalf of the competitors from their respective teams.

COMPETITION RULES

The adult competition will be conducted in accordance with the IWUF Rules for International Wushu Sanda Competition. Refer to the IWUF webpage (www.iwuf.org) for detailed information of Sanda competition rules.

COMPETITION AREA

The competition area shall be a platform of wooden structure, 80 cm high, 800 cm long and 800 cm wide, covered with a soft mat and a canvas surface. At the center of the platform is the Logo of the International Wushu Federation, 120 cm in diameter. The edges of the platform surface are marked with red sidelines 5 cm in width. A yellow warning line, 10 cm in width, is drawn 90 cm inside the sidelines. The platform is surrounded by protective mats 30 cm thick and 200 cm wide.

COMPETITON ATTIRE AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

1. All competitors shall wear IWUF approved clothing and protective gear.
2. IWUF approved clothing for men includes sanda shorts and vest, and for women includes sanda shorts and t-shirt. The shorts and vest will be of the same color, namely red or blue. Competitors are required to provide their own clothing and this should include one (1) set in red and one (1) set in blue.
3. Protective gear is separated into two colors, namely red and blue. Protective gear included headgear, chest protector. Competitors are required to provide their own gum guard, groin cups and hand wraps. The groin cups must be worn under the trunks. The length for hand wraps shall be between 3.5m (138 in.) and 4.5m (177 in.) in total.
4. For the Junior and Children divisions, the weight of the gloves will be 230 grams (8 oz.). For Senior divisions, the weight of gloves shall be 230 grams for the women's categories and the men's 65kg category and below; and the weight of the gloves shall be 280 grams (10 oz.) for the men's 70kg category and above.

COMPETITION ETIQUETTE

1. Competitors shall perform a palm and fist salute when they are introduced to the audience before the start of each match.
2. At the start of each round, the competitors shall perform a palm and fist salute from the platform towards their respective coaches who in turn shall return the same palm and fist salute towards one another.
3. When announcing the result of a bout, the competitors shall first switch their positions. Following the announcement of the result, the competitors shall perform a palm and fist salute to each other first, then to the platform judge who will return the salute, following which the competitors will salute one another's coaches, who will also return the salute.
4. When a sideline judge is replaced by another judge, both judges shall perform a palm and fist salute to one another.

DEFAULT

1. Should during the course of a competition, a competitor is unable to compete due to illness or injury (which must be confirmed as legitimate by the medical committee's appointed doctor) or due to failure to weigh-in correctly, this shall be considered as default and the competitor will not be permitted to participate in the following matches. However, the ranking achieved up to that point will still be considered as valid.
2. Should during the course of the bout; there is a great disparity in strength and ability and a competitor is being outclassed, in order to ensure the safety of the competitor, his or her coach may raise the default plate. The competitor himself/herself may also raise his/her hand or voluntarily step off the competition platform to default during the course of the bout.
3. Should a competitor be absent for the weighing-in; fail to appear for the roll-call 3 times prior to a bout or leaves the designated area following the roll-call; fail to appear at the competition area on time; this will be regarded as a groundless default.
4. During the competition, should a competitor have a groundless default, all his results attained in the competition up to that point shall be cancelled.

OTHER COMPETITION RELATED PROVISIONS

1. All competitors must abide by the competition rules and protocols, and respect and obey the judges and officials' decisions. It is forbidden to cause disruptions, curse and shout, throw protective gear, etc. or act in any way to display discontent. During a bout, competitors are not permitted to leave the field of play prior to the announcement of the results (except in cases of medical or first-aid emergency).
2. During a bout, the coach may only be accompanied by one assistant-coach or team doctor. They must wear official attire and must remain seated at the designated spot.
3. Doping in any form is strictly forbidden. Competitors are not permitted to inhale oxygen in the rest period between rounds.

FIGHTING METHODS

All attacking and defending techniques of Sanda may be used in fighting. Refer to the IWUF webpage (www.iwuf.org) for detailed information of Sanda methods, scoring criteria, and penalties (Chapter 4).

PERMITTED METHODS

All Wushu punching, kicking and throwing/wrestling techniques are permitted to be utilized.

PROHIBITED METHODS

1. Attacking with the head, the elbow, or the knee, or by putting pressure on the joints of the opponent in an adverse direction.
2. Utilizing throwing/wrestling techniques which force the opponent to land on his or her head, or deliberately smashing down the opponent.
3. Attacking the head of the downed opponent by any means.
4. *For junior and children competitions it is prohibited to continuously punch the face or use leg techniques targeting the head unless otherwise stated.*

VALID SCORING AREAS

The head, the torso and the thighs are valid scoring areas.

PROHIBITED STRIKING AREAS

The back of the head, the neck and the crotch are prohibited striking areas.

SELECTION METHODS

The team selection method is based on the Selection Committee's overall evaluation of each athlete who places first in their weight category. There are more weight classes offered during the team trials to provide the maximum opportunities for all competing athletes to demonstrate their skills and abilities. However, the Selection Committee will evaluate each winner of all the weight classes and *choose a select few* who will represent the U.S. team. Several factors will be considered in this decision: 1) the availability of a weight class in an international event; 2) which athlete will have a higher probability of medaling in their weight class; 3) skill level in the practice of Sanda; etc. Choosing the athlete with more experience and a higher skill level will also reduce the potential for liability issues to occur. There is no set number of athletes that will be chosen per weight class and gender. It is the Selection Committee's ultimate goal to produce a successful team to represent the United States in the international scene.

PLACING AND AWARDS

Awards and ranking certificates will be given to the males and females who place in the top three positions of their weight class. The A Team will represent the U.S. in the World Wushu Championships as well as other international Wushu tournaments, with members of the B and C Team serving as alternates in the event that an A Team member cannot compete. Alternates will be decided by the selection committee in the event that an A Team member cannot compete.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

All selected U.S. team members competing in the 14th World will be responsible for completing all required documentation in a timely manner. Team members are also responsible for all financial commitments. In addition, team members must complete all paperwork to acquire a Russian Visa. Passports must be valid through April 2018 and have two blank pages. Visa applications must be submitted as soon as possible after the team has been announced. More information about obtaining a Russian Visa can be found at <http://waytorussia.net/Travel/VisaSupport.html>.

REGISTRATION

Each participant registering in any competition event must handle their own accident insurance. A waiver form must be signed, and every participant must agree to the terms when registering.

Early registration ends June 1st, 2017. Final registration ends June 21st.

No registrations will be accepted after the June 21st deadline.

You must notify the Organizing Committee of any competition changes on a registration form at least 15 days prior to the event. *There is a \$20 fee for each change.*

Each group or school shall select two coaches. ID badges will be issued to all coaches and athletes and they are not required to purchase admission tickets to the event. ID badges shall be picked up and distributed by the coaches on the day of weigh-ins.

FEES

Competitor fees:

Early registration fees are **\$110** per competitor by May 21st. Regular registration fees are **\$130** per competitor by June 21st.

Observer fees:

Opening ceremony tickets for Friday, July 21st is **\$10**.

Individual Daily Competition observer pass (Friday, Saturday, OR Sunday) is **\$10** per day.

Weekend Competition Observer pass (Friday, Saturday, AND Sunday) is **\$27**.

Awards Banquet ticket for Sunday, July 23rd is **\$20** and is *advanced purchase only*.
Observer Special (Opening Ceremony, 3 day weekend pass and Awards Banquet) is **\$45** and *advanced purchase only*.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Early Registration: Coaches may collect all individual or group registration forms and fees and submit them together by mail or scan and email by the deadline of midnight **June 1st, 2017**.

General Registration: Coaches may collect all individual or group registration forms and fees and submit them together by mail or scan and email by the deadline of midnight **June 21st, 2017**.

Registration Time Frame: Registration opens **April 1st – June 21st, 2017**.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

The Organizing Committee will administer all aspects of the competitions.

Participating groups, teams or athletes are required to have the following:

- a copy of the Confirmation of Registration from the website;
- proof of a physical evaluation for youth and adults (children under 12 do not need a physical but will need parental consent);
- birth certificate;
- one form of picture identification for adults; and
- proof of USAWKF membership.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The event hotel is the MCM Elegante Hotel and Suites. The group room rate is **\$99 (plus tax)**. A breakfast buffet is included.

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