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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2017 United States Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) Taolu 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 Taolu 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.

DATES AND PLACE

- Dates:** Friday, July 21 – Sunday July 23, 2017
- Place:** Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Exhibit Hall, at 15010 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas 79401
- Registration:** Early Registration opens on mid-April and closes June 1
Regular Registration opens June 2 and closes June 21

ELIGIBILITY

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

TEAM COMPOSITION

- **A Team – Male and Female athletes ranked 1st through 4th**
- **B Team – Male and Female athletes ranked 5th through 10th**
- **C Team – Male and Female athletes ranked 11th through 16th**

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION UPDATES

The IWUF has made the following changes in the General Information for the 14th World Wushu Championships:

- REMOVED EVENTS:
 - Third Set Compulsory Changquan
 - Third Set Compulsory Nanquan
 - Third Set Compulsory Taijiquan
 - Men's Chunqiu Dadao

➤ ADDED EVENTS:

- Men's Shuangdao

EVENTS

Men's Events

- Changquan
- Nanquan
- Taijiquan
- Daoshu
- Jianshu
- Nandao
- Taijijian
- Gunshu
- Qiangshu
- Nangun
- Xingyiquan
- Shuangdao

Women's Events

- Changquan
- Nanquan
- Taijiquan
- Daoshu
- Jianshu
- Nandao
- Taijijian
- Gunshu
- Qiangshu
- Nangun
- Baguazhang
- Shuangjian

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise stated within these regulations, the competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Taolu Competition.

All events except Xingyiquan, Baguazhang, Shuangdao and Shuangjian will use the Scoring Method and Criteria for Degree of Difficulty of Movements of Optional Routines.

Xingyiquan, Baguazhang, Shuangdao and Shuangjian will use the Scoring Method and Criteria for Non-Degree of Difficulty of Movements.

Please refer to the International Wushu Federation website (www.iwuf.org) to see the 2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Taolu Competition available in English and Chinese.

Optional Events: Athletes may choose to register and perform grade A and/or grade B degree of difficulty techniques within their routines. If they choose to register and perform grade C degree of difficulty techniques, the value awarded for these will be those of degree of difficulty techniques of grade B.

Optional Events: Within a single routine, an athlete may register and perform a degree of difficulty jumping technique of the same grade at most two (2) times. In such cases, the degree of difficulty connection technique for these jumps may not be repeated (e.g. within a single optional routine an athlete may register and perform *xuanfengjiao* 360° (tornado kick 360°) at most two (2) times, but the degree of difficulty connection technique for these may not be the same. They should be two (2) different connection techniques.

All athletes are required to execute their optional routine's relevant compulsory techniques as stipulated in the rules. Failure to do so will result in deductions as stated in the rules.

COSTUMES & EQUIPMENT

During all events, competitors shall wear wushu competition costumes that are in compliance with the rules and are provided by the competitors themselves.

All Taolu Wushu Team Trials weaponry shall conform to the requirements stipulated in the rules and must be provided by the competitors themselves.

SELECTION METHOD

The selection method is based on the ranking of each athlete's best score in a bare hand event combined with the best score in a weapon event. The top four male athletes and the top four female athletes will be chosen for the A Team. Six athletes finishing between fifth and tenth places in the male and female events will compose the B Team and six athletes finishing between eleventh and sixteenth places in the male and female events will compose the C Team.

TIE SCORES

Tie scores affecting the selection of athletes for the A, B and C Teams will be broken using the following methods:

1. If the total scores are tied, the athlete with the better ranking in the two selected team trials events will be chosen.
2. If the scores are still tied, the athlete who has a higher individual event score in the two selected team trial events will be chosen.

3. If the scores are still tied, the athlete with the better Judge C (Nandu or Degree of Difficulty) overall score in the tied event will be chosen.
4. If the scores are still tied, the athlete who submits the best Judge C (Nandu or Degree of Difficulty) individual score in the tied event will be chosen.
5. If the scores are still tied, the athlete with the best final Judge B (Overall Performance) overall score in the tied event will be chosen.
6. If the scores are still tied, the athlete with the higher Judge B (Overall Performance) individual score in the tied event will be chosen.
7. If the scores are still tied, the athlete will be chosen by a drawing.

PLACING AND AWARDS

Awards and ranking certificates will be given to the top eight males and eight females. The A Team will represent the U.S. in the World Wushu Championships as well as other international wushu tournaments. The A and B Teams will represent the U.S. in the Pan American Wushu Championships and other international wushu championships, with members of the C Team serving as alternates.

REGISTRATION

Each participant registering in any competition event is responsible for their own accident insurance. A waiver form must be signed, and every participant must agree to the terms before entering the online registration system.

No registration forms will be accepted after the June 21 deadline.

You must notify the Organizing Committee of any changes at least 21 days prior to the event which is Saturday, July 1. There is a \$20 charge for each change. No changes will be made after the July 1 deadline.

Each group or school shall select one team leader and up to two coaches. IDs will be issued to all team leaders, coaches and athletes, and they are not required to purchase admission tickets. IDs shall be picked up and distributed by the team leader or group organizer.

The list of all registered competitors will be available on the website in alphabetical order by Monday, July 10. The athletes shall have the opportunity to view the randomized lot selection for all Taolu Team Trial events online on Friday, July 14 at 2PM Texas time from which time all of the events will be posted on the website with the final competitor order.

Individual athletes shall pick up their IDs at the check-in desk which will be located at the official hotel MCM Elegante.

FEES

There are 2 types of registration this year. Early Registration which closes on June 1 and Regular Registration which closes on June 21.

Early Registration (Before June 1)

The Taolu Team Trials Early Registration Fee is \$175 which includes registration for 1 empty hand event and 1 weapon event and a free ticket to the 2017 USAWKF Awards Banquet on Sunday, July 23.

Up to 3 additional events may be added in Early Registration for \$80 per additional event.

Regular Registration (June 2 – June 21)

The Taolu Team Trials Regular Registration Fee is \$195 which includes registration for 1 empty hand event and 1 weapon event and a free ticket to the 2017 USAWKF Awards Banquet on Sunday, July 23.

Up to 3 additional events may be added in Regular Registration for \$100 per additional event.

Observer Passes

Opening Ceremony tickets are \$10.

Competition observer tickets are \$10 per day (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday).

A Weekend Observer pass is for all 3 days of the competition for \$27.

Additional 2017 USAWKF Awards Banquet tickets are \$20.

A Special Observer pass is available including the Opening Ceremony, observer passes for all 3 days and the Awards Banquet ticket for \$45 but is only available during Early & Regular Registration. Note: The Special Observer pass will not be available at the door and will sell out if all the available Award Banquet tickets are sold.

REGISTRATION

PROCEDURES

Online Registration: Groups or individuals may use the quick and easy online registration system on our website: www.wushutrials.us

There is a separate registration form for the Taolu Team Trials event. The Nationals and Traditional Team Trials are separate but concurrent events with their own registration forms. Registrations must include the Nandu Codes and the Required Movements forms. Competitors may register via the online system to register or by email.

General Registration: Team leaders or school coaches may collect all individual or group registration forms and fees and submit them together by fax or by mail.

Registration Time Frame: Registration opens April 28, 2017, and closes on June 21, 2017.

ADMINISTRATION OF TEAM TRIALS EVENTS

The Team Trials Organizing Committee will administer all aspects of the competitions under the auspices of the USAWKF Board of Directors.

Every athlete selected for the USAWKF National Taolu Teams must agree to participate in the World Wushu Championships or other international events for which they are selected. The USAWKF Board of Directors reserves the right to determine a final composition of the U.S. National Taolu Team, which, in its opinion, serves the best interests of USAWKF.

All participating athletes are required to attend the Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening and the Awards Banquet on Sunday evening.

It is recommended that participating groups, teams or athletes prepare the following:

- a copy of the Confirmation of Registration from the website;
- self-selected music for the routine in the form of a .mp3 file; and
- an appropriate team uniform.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The event hotel is the MCM Elegante Hotel and Suites. The group room rate is **\$99/night plus tax**. The hotel is located across the street from the venue and the amenities include a free breakfast buffet, free WiFi, free parking and a free airport shuttle.

MCM Elegante Hotel and Suites
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