



### **About the International Wushu Federation (IWUF)**

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF), established on October 3rd, 1990, is the international federation (IF) which governs wushu in all its forms worldwide. Currently, the IWUF has 146 members, across 5 continental federations. The IWUF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and is a member of ARISF and SportAccord. IWUF President Zaiqing Yu is also in his second term as IOC Vice-President.

The IWUF is devoted to the spread and development of wushu throughout the world, to enrich people's lives by making them healthier, both mentally and physically, and to promote friendship and understanding between all people worldwide through the spirit of sport. IWUF's official Image Ambassador is Jet Li, former star member of the Beijing Wushu Team, and world-renowned martial arts film actor.

### **IWUF chronology:**

- 1990 – Founded on October 3rd during the Asian Games
- 1991 – The 1st World Wushu Championships was held in Beijing, China
- 1994 – Accepted as a member of the GAISF (known today as Sport Accord) during its 28th congress
- 2002 – IOC officially recognizes the IWUF during its 113th session held in Salt Lake City – Utah, United States of America.
- 2002 – The 1st Sanda World Cup is held in Shanghai, China
- 2003 – IWUF signs WADA agreement
- 2004 – The 1st World Traditional Wushu Festival, a sport for all event, is held in Zhengzhou, China.
- 2006 – The 1st World Junior Wushu Championships are held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2008 – The Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament is held; IOC President, Jacques Rogge awards first medal.
- 2012 – IWUF headquarters are established in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2012 – Wushu shortlisted for inclusion in the 2020 Summer Olympic Games
- 2014 – The Nanjing 2014 Youth Wushu Tournament is held as part of the IOC's culture and education program. Wushu is one of four sports featured in the IOC's experimental Sports Lab held concurrently with the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games (YOG.)
- 2014 – The 1st World Taijiquan Championships are held in Sichuan, China
- 2015 – IWUF signs cooperation convention with FISU.
- 2015 – Wushu is shortlisted with 7 other sports for recommendation as an additional sport at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

## **IWUF Around the World – IWUF Events and World Games**

The IWUF's group of official world championships, held biennially, include: The World Wushu Championships, the World Junior Wushu Championships, World Traditional Wushu Championships, World Sanda Cup, and World Taijiquan Championships.

Wushu is currently included as a competition or exhibition sport in the Asian Games, World Combat Games, Lusophonia Games, Islamic Games, African Games, and Universiade (FISU).

IWUF's Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in accordance with the federation's responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code of WADA, and in furtherance of IWUF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

## **IWUF and Future Olympics**

The IWUF is currently preparing to bid for wushu's inclusion in the 2024 Olympic Program.

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