



2022 International Wushu Federation

Athlete of the Year Awards

Selection Guideline



To recognize outstanding wushu athletes as outstanding role models in the sport of wushu, and to better encourage more wushu participants to contribute to the development of the sport worldwide, the International Wushu Federation (“IWUF”) has established the Athlete of the Year Awards in 2022 and formulated this Selection Guideline.

Article I Awards Categories

The IWUF establishes the following Athlete of the Year Awards in 2022.

- Wushu Taolu Athlete of the Year 2022
- Wushu Sanda Athlete of the Year 2022
- Traditional Wushu Athlete of the Year 2022
- Wushu Taolu Rising Star of the Year 2022
- Wushu Sanda Rising Star of the Year 2022

Article II Evaluation Criteria and Requirements

For an athlete to be nominated for the IWUF Athlete of the Year, consideration is based on the participation and achievement in international wushu competitions, sportsmanship, leadership and



involvement in the wushu promotion of the nominees. Aspects that are considered include, but are not necessarily limited to:

(I) Participation and Achievement in International Wushu Competitions

1. Wushu Taolu Athlete of the Year 2022

The nominee shall be over 18 years old and have participated in one of the following international wushu competitions:

- 15th World Wushu Championships 2019 in Shanghai, China
- 11th The World Games (TWG) - Wushu Competition 2022 in Birmingham, USA
- FISU University World Cup Combat Games - Wushu Competition 2022 in Samsun, Turkey

2. Wushu Sanda Athlete of the Year 2022

The nominee shall be over 18 years old and have participated in one of the following international wushu competitions:

- 15th World Wushu Championships 2019 in Shanghai, China
- FISU University World Cup Combat Games - Wushu Competition 2022 in Samsun, Turkey



3. Traditional Wushu Athlete of the Year 2022

The nominee shall have participated in 8th World Kungfu Championships 2019 in Emeishan, China.

4. Wushu Taolu Rising Star of the Year 2022

The nominees shall be between 15 to 17 years old (born from 2005 to 2007) and have participated in the 8th World Junior Wushu Championships 2022 in Tangerang, Indonesia.

5. Wushu Sanda Rising Star of the Year 2022

The nominees shall be between 15 to 17 years old (born from 2005 to 2007) and have participated in the 8th World Junior Wushu Championships 2022 in Tangerang, Indonesia.

II. Display of Sportsmanship

In wushu competitions and activities, athletes shall demonstrate ethical, appropriate, polite and fair behavior, respecting the referees and the opponent, and abiding by the competition rules and IWUF Ethics Code in respect to the Olympic spirit.

III. Display of Leadership

Athletes are expected to demonstrate the ability to lead and inspire



others in engagement or promotion of wushu. Leadership can be displayed in a number of ways, including (but not limited to) strong belief, positive attitude, ability to lead oneself and promote the continuous growth of the team, and being a good role model.

IV. Involvement in the Wushu Promotion

Athletes can be recognized for their outstanding contributions to promoting and progressing wushu in their country and regions including their involvement as a coach, an official, a judge, a volunteer, an organizer or an ambassador.

Article III Nominating Procedures

(I) Automatic Nomination

Wushu athletes, who are honored as the IWUF Athlete of the Month or Athlete of the International Sports Organization through the recommendation of the IWUF in 2022 and compliant with the nomination criteria of the IWUF Athlete of the Year, will be automatically entered into the final online voting of the IWUF Athlete of the Year 2022, without being subjected to the preliminary review or recommended quota of member associations.



(II) Nomination by Member Associations

Each member association of the IWUF can nominate and recommend at most **3** female athletes and **3** male athletes for IWUF Athlete of the Year 2022. Each award is limited to one person, and athletes' self-recommendation won't be accepted.

Member associations should send and submit the required materials to athletes@iwuf.org before **24:00 on January 5th, 2023** (Beijing time).

(III) The nominating member associations shall make the nomination and provide the nomination materials in strict accordance with the requirements and assume corresponding responsibilities for the truthfulness and accuracy of the submitted materials.

Article IV Evaluation Procedures

(I) Preliminary Review. The IWUF Secretariat reviews the candidates' recommendation materials, and enters those who meet the requirements into the preliminary evaluation.

(II) Preliminary Evaluation. The IWUF Secretariat submits the



recommendation materials to the IWUF Athletes Committee for the selection of 5 to 10 candidates for each award.

(III) Public Voting. The wushu enthusiasts around the world can vote for their favorite athletes on the official website of the IWUF. Each person can cast one vote a day, and only one candidate can be voted for each award. The voting will be open lasting for one month and the final results of public voting will determine the winners of the 2022 IWUF Athlete of the Year Awards.

(IV) Notification and Publicity. The IWUF will inform the recommending association of the winner and the winner himself or herself. The winners will receive the award certificate and IWUF souvenir, and the winner's wushu story will be published widely on the IWUF official media channels.

Article V

The evaluation must adhere to the principles of fairness, impartiality, openness, truthfulness and quality. To maintain the authority of the 2022 IWUF Athlete of the Year Awards, those who conduct any



fraudulent or malicious voting behavior will be disqualified and revoked from this activity and its related titles. The relevant associations and relevant personnel will be held accountable. It is prohibited to seek improper benefits in the name of the 2022 IWUF Athlete of the Year Awards.

The IWUF Secretariat reserves the right to interpret the Selection Guideline.