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IWUF Official Events

The IWUF's group of official world championship-level events, each held biennially, include:



Wushu in Multi-sport Games

Since IWUF's inauguration in 1990, wushu has successfully been included as a competition or exhibition sport in multi-sport games, including:



WUSHU: An Aspiring Olympic Sport

Wushu is an aspiring Olympic sport. The Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament was held in conjunction with the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, and the Nanjing 2014 Youth Wushu Tournament was held in conjunction with the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, both as official Culture Programs.



Wushu was also one of eight sports shortlisted for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics both for the Summer Games and as an Additional Sport.



Milestones

- 1990** IWUF founded on October 3rd
- 1991** 1st World Wushu Championships held in Beijing, China
- 1994** IWUF accepted as a GAISF member
- 2001** IWUF signs WADA agreement
- 2002** IOC officially recognizes the IWUF during its 113th session
- 1st Sanda World Cup held in Shanghai, China
- 2004** 1st World Traditional Wushu Festival, known today as World Kungfu Championships, held in Zhengzhou, China.
- 2006** 1st World Junior Wushu Championships held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2008** Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament held in conjunction with the 2008 Summer Olympic Games
- 2011** Wushu shortlisted for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games
- 2014** Nanjing 2014 Youth Wushu Tournament held in conjunction with the 2014 Youth Olympic Games
- 1st World Taijiquan Championships held in Chengdu, China
- 2015** Wushu shortlisted as an Additional Sport for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games
- IWUF signs cooperation convention with FISU
- 2016** 1st Taolu World Cup held in Fuzhou, China
- 2017** Wushu's inaugural inclusion in the 2017 Summer Universiade program in Chinese Taipei
- 2018** Celebration of 1st World Wushu-Kungfu Day
- Wushu's debut in the World University Championship held in Macau, China

WUSHU

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 **IWUF**
INTERNATIONAL WUSHU FEDERATION

ABOUT IWUF



Yu Zaiqing
President of IWUF, Vice President of IOC

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF), which was established on October 3rd, 1990, is the international federation (IF) that governs wushu in all its forms worldwide. Currently, IWUF has 152 members across five continents.

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152 IWUF Members



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01. AND	09. CRO	17. GEO	25. LAT	33. NED	41. SMR
02. ARM	10. CYP	18. GER	26. LTU	34. NOR	42. SUI
03. AUT	11. CZE	19. GRE	27. LUX	35. POL	43. SVK
04. AZE	12. ESP	20. HUN	28. MDA	36. POR	44. SWE
05. BEL	13. EST	21. IRL	29. MKD	37. ROU	45. TUR
06. BIH	14. FIN	22. ISL	30. MLT	38. RUS	46. UKR
07. BLR	15. FRA	23. ISR	31. MNE	39. SRB	
08. BUL	16. GBR	24. ITA	32. MON	40. SLO	

Oceania

01. AUS	03. NCL	05. PNG	07. SOL
02. FIJ	04. NZL	06. SAM	

Wushu

Wushu is the collective term for the martial arts practices that originated in China. Over its long history, wushu developed into numerous distinct styles and systems, each incorporating its own techniques, tactics, principles, and methods, as well as the use of a wide variety of traditional weapons. Wushu as a sport came into its own as two distinct disciplines, one defined by performance routines and the other a full-contact combat sport. Worldwide wushu practitioners, athletes, and fans number in the millions.



Traditional Wushu

Traditional wushu, often referred as kungfu, is the root of competitive wushu, and has a long and diverse history. Originating thousands of years ago in China, different kungfu styles featuring various methods, philosophies, tactics, and techniques emerged over time. Traditional wushu's practice is aimed at preserving the principles, methods and legacies of previous generations that developed and relied on these arts for survival and overall life improvement.

A wide variety of styles and practices can be found, some featuring mainly hand techniques, others focusing on leg techniques, while others feature wrestling; some focus on attack and defense while others strive to promote and preserve health and well-being. Traditional wushu also includes a vast array of traditional weaponry handed down from the age of cold weapons with methods preserved by subsequent generations. With numerous clans, sects, family systems and styles, traditional wushu is practiced by people from all walks of life, irrespective of race, gender, age, social class, or physical condition. Kungfu is a cultural and sporting gem of all people.

IWUF continues to preserve and promote traditional wushu as the practice has steadily entered the realm of sport for all.



Competitive wushu

Competitive wushu is categorized into two main categories, namely Taolu (Routines Competition) and Sanda (Free-fighting Competition).



Taolu

Taolu refers to the set routines (forms) of wushu derived from principles of attack and defense and choreographed stylistically to incorporate a range of movements. Techniques on display can include hand techniques, leg techniques, jumps, sweeps, stances and footwork, seizing, throwing, wrestling, and balances; likewise, some taolu events focused on implementing a wide range of weaponry. Taolu includes individual routines and group routines, as well as partner/duel routines, and competitors are scored based on their quality of movements, overall performance, and the degree of movement difficulty.

Main Taolu Competition Events:



Sanda

Sanda is a modern unarmed combat sport that developed from traditional wushu styles, and primarily makes use of punching, kicking, throwing, wrestling, and defensive techniques.

Sanda competition includes 11 weight categories for men and 7 weight categories for women.

Men's categories	48kg; 52kg; 56kg; 60kg; 65kg; 70kg; 75kg; 80kg; 85kg; 90kg; 90kg+
Women's categories	48kg; 52kg; 56kg; 60kg; 65kg; 70kg; 75kg

