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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2025 United States Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) Taolu National Team Trials will be held June 27-29, 2025, at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock, TX. This Team Trials event will select the National Taolu Team to represent the U.S. in the 17th World Wushu Championships to be held in Brasilia, Brazil between September 7-14, 2025 and the 15th Pan American Wushu Championships to be held in 2026.

DATES AND PLACE

Dates: Friday June 27– Sunday June 29, 2025

Place: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
1501 Mac Davis Ln
Lubbock, TX 79401

Registration: <http://registration.usawkf.org/>

ELIGIBILITY

USAWKF National Taolu Team Trials– Eligible competitors must be U.S. citizens and must be current USAWKF members in good standing.

TEAM COMPOSITION

A Team – 4 Male and 4 Female athletes

B Team – 6 Male and 6 Female athletes

C Team – 6 Male and 6 Female athletes

Please see the section titled Selection Method below for more details on the make up for each team.

EVENTS

Men's Events

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

Women's Events

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

DRAWING LOTS

All Teams are requested to carefully check all personal and event information before the registration end date of May 25, 2025 and again on the registration website on Monday, June 22. Lots for events will be drawn on-site the day before the event (Thursday, June 26).

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

COMPETITION RULES

Unless otherwise stated within these regulations, the competition will be conducted in accordance with the IWUF Wushu Taolu Competition Rules & Judging Methods (2024).

All events will use the Scoring Method and Criteria for Degree of Difficulty of Movements of Optional Routines.

Please refer to the International Wushu Federation website ([Multimedia - IWUF](#)) to see the IWUF Wushu Taolu Competition Rules & Judging Methods (2024).

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.

COMPETITION AREA

Competition will take place on USAWKF-approved competition mats.

The contest area is 14m in length by 8m in width and is surrounded by a safety area of at least 2m in width. All contest areas shall be demarcated on all four sides by a white line 5cm thick. The vertical empty space above the competition area should have a height of at least 8m. The competition area may be elevated to a height between 0.6m and 1m.

COMPETITION ATTIRE AND 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 goals of the 2025 Taolu Team Trials selection are:

1. Assemble the strongest U.S. Team with the highest probability of winning medals and achieving the highest results at the World Championships and other international events.
2. To ensure scoring consistency across multiple events and days, reducing discrepancies in judging evaluations.

A-Team (8 Roster Positions — 4 Female and 4 Male):

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Athletes must compete in all events corresponding to their desired roster position. Those events will be averaged to reach an athlete's average total score.
2. Athletes must receive a Nandu Score of 2.0 in at least one of their events which count toward their average total score.

The male and female athlete with the highest average total score will be awarded the appropriate roster position on A-Team.

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| Roster Position 1: Changquan Daoshu Gunshu | Roster Position 2: Changquan Jianshu Qiangshu | Roster Position 3: Nanquan Nandao Nangun | Roster Position 4: Taijiquan Taijijian |
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| Roster Position | Event Profile | Selection | Nandu Points |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Changquan Daoshu Gunshu | Highest Average Total Score of all events | At least one event with full nandu points awarded |
| 2 | Changquan Jianshu Qiangshu | Highest Average Total Score of all events | At least one event with full nandu points awarded |
| 3 | Nanquan Nandao Nangun | Highest Average Total Score of all events | At least one event with full nandu points awarded |
| 4 | Taijiquan Taijijian | Highest Average Total Score of all events | At least one event with full nandu points awarded |

B-Team (12 Roster Positions — 6 Female and 6 Male):

Eligibility Requirements: required to be selected to the B-Team

1. Athletes must compete in all events corresponding to their desired roster position. Those events will be averaged to reach an athlete's average total score.

The male and female athlete who receives the second highest average total score will be awarded the appropriate roster position 1-4 on B-Team. Roster positions 5 and 6 will be awarded to the athletes who achieve the highest average total score for any event profile and are not one of the athletes selected to the A-Team or the roster positions 1-4 of B-Team.

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| <u>Roster Position 1:</u> Changquan Daoshu Gunshu | <u>Roster Position 2:</u> Changquan Jianshu Qiangshu | <u>Roster Position 3:</u> Nanquan Nandao Nangun | <u>Roster Position 4:</u> Taijiquan Taijijian |
| <u>Roster Position 5:</u> Any event profile from roster positions 1-4 | <u>Roster Position 6:</u> Any event profile from roster positions 1-4 | | |

| Roster Position | Event Profile | Selection |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 1 | Changquan Daoshu Gunshu | 2nd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 2 | Changquan Jianshu Qiangshu | 2nd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 3 | Nanquan Nandao Nangun | 2nd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 4 | Taijiquan Taijijian | 2nd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 5 | Any event profile from roster positions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Next Highest Average Total Score of events and not already selected to A & B-Teams by above criteria |

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| 6 | Any event profile from roster positions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Next Highest Average Total Score of events and not already selected to A & B-Teams by above criteria |
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C-Team (12 Roster Positions — 6 Female and 6 Male):

The selection process mirrors that of the B-Team for the first 4 Roster Positions. Roster Positions 5 and 6 will be awarded to the athletes who achieve the highest average total score of any event profile, and who are not one of the athletes selected to the A-Team, the B-Team or the roster positions 1-4 of C-Team.

| Roster Position | Event Profile | Selection |
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| 1 | Changquan Daoshu Gunshu | 3rd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 2 | Changquan Jianshu Qiangshu | 3rd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 3 | Nanquan Nandao Nangun | 3rd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 4 | Taijiquan Taijijian | 3rd Highest Average Total Score of all events |
| 5 | Any event profile from roster positions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Next Highest Average Total Score of events and not already selected to A,B and C-Team by above criteria |
| 6 | Any event profile from roster positions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Next Highest Average Total Score of events and not already selected to A,B and C-Team by above criteria |

Note: B-Team and C-Team do not have a Nandu point requirement.

Tie Breakers and Special Cases

If no athlete qualifies or is otherwise eligible for a roster position for the A-Team based on the requirements above, the next highest average total who achieved full nandu points (2.0) for one of their forms will be awarded that roster position regardless of which event profile and roster position they competed for. If no other athletes achieve a 2.0 score in nandu, the roster position will go to the athlete with the next highest average total.

Example: No Changquan Daoshu Gunshu athlete qualifies for the A-Team. The next highest average total score is achieved by a Taiji athlete. That Taiji athlete will then take the Changquan, Daoshu, Gunshu roster position.

If a single athlete (Athlete A) qualifies for more than one roster position, they would assume the roster position where they scored the highest average total. The athlete with the next highest average total for the roster position Athlete A forfeited, would assume that role.

Example: Athlete A achieved perfect nandu scores and the highest average total for both the roster positions 1 and 2, but scored higher in roster position 1. Athlete A would then only take the Roster position 1 leaving the other position 2 to be awarded to the next athlete.

If two different athletes receive the same highest average total and are otherwise eligible for the same roster position, tie breakers will be broken as follows:

1. The athlete with the highest score in a single event for that roster position will be awarded the position.
2. If still tied, the athlete with more events having a 2.0 Nandu Score will be awarded the position.
3. If still tied, the athlete who successfully completed the higher-grade degree of difficulty (including both the degree of difficulty and connection) will be awarded the position.
4. If still tied, the athlete who successfully completed more higher-grade degree of difficulty movements (including both the degree of difficulty and connection) will be awarded the position.
5. If still tied, the athlete who has the highest recorded final Performance score for any event will be awarded the position.
6. If still tied, the athlete with the higher lowest discarded overall performance score for any event will be awarded the position.
7. If still tied, the Arbitration Committee, and Chief Referee will decide between the athletes based on video evidence.

Special Selection Review Panel (SSRP)

In the event that a roster position is not filled, either due to no competitors satisfying the requirements, or a roster position having zero athletes competing, the powers of the Special Selection Review Panel (SSRP) will be invoked:

1. Purpose

The purpose of the SSRP is to ensure the fairness of the competition and selection process, the adherence to the regulations and team selection of the A-Team, and to ensure that the USA fields the strongest possible team for the World Championships.

2. Formation of the Special Selection Review Panel

The SSRP shall be appointed by the President of the USAWKF prior to, or if necessary, during the 2025 National Wushu Team Trials. The Panel will consist of five(5) members who are physically present during and immediately after the conclusion of the 2025 National Wushu Team Trial events, and will include:

- Representatives from the USAWKF Executive Board
- Former national team members or coaches with international competition experience
- Technical experts (eg. international level judges), or
- Anyone having equivalent experience to evaluate high level athletes

The members of the panel should not have been or are currently, a coach, a teammate, a training partner, or affiliated with the training facility of the athletes in consideration. Panelists may be changed by the President of the USAWKF as is appropriate at any time.

3. SSRP Authority and Responsibilities

At the conclusion of the 2025 National Wushu Team Trials, if a roster position has not been filled, either due to no competitors satisfying the requirements, or a roster position having zero athletes competing, the SSRP will collectively review in the order below, and with particular attention to the roster position that remains to be filled:

- Review the performances of the highest average scoring athlete A, after tie breakers are applied, for that roster position.

The Panel shall first give the highest consideration to the fairness of the evaluation scores for the highest average scoring athlete A of the unfilled roster position. Should the Panel find that athlete A deserves the roster position due to errors in evaluation, said athlete A will be placed on A-Team for that roster position.

- Review the performances of the highest average performing athlete B irregardless of discipline, after tie breakers are applied, who is in contention for filling the roster position.

If the Panel finds that athlete A was evaluated fairly, and therefore did not meet the requirements to earn a roster position on A-Team, the panel will then evaluate the

highest average scoring athlete B, regardless of discipline, and after tie breakers, to determine if athlete B's addition to the unfilled A-Team roster position would create a stronger team, with a higher potential to receive medals at the World Championships.

- If the SSRP concludes that Athlete B will give the U.S.A. a stronger A team, Athlete B will be awarded the roster position on A-Team.
- Conversely If the SSRP concludes that Athlete B would not notably strengthen the U.S.A.'s A-team, Athlete A can still be approved to the roster position on A-Team in which they were the highest average scoring athlete.
 - These decisions may be based on historical performance, injuries, health, or other extenuating circumstances that may have affected an athlete's performance.

4. Decision Process

- The SSRP must reach a decision as soon as possible following the conclusion of the last event of the 2025 National Wushu Team Trials.
- A majority (3 out of 5) must approve any final decision. All decisions must be documented in a formal report outlining the rationale.
- The Panel's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5. Transparency and Confidentiality

- All deliberations must be kept confidential
- A summary of the SSRP's decision shall be made public by the USAWKF, excluding any confidential athlete information.

Drop-outs for the World Championships and International Events

If an athlete on the A-Team does not wish to compete for the World Championships or otherwise is unable to compete for the World Championships or another International event, the Athlete on B-Team in the same Roster Position, as long as they achieved a 2.0 Nandu score for one of their events during the 2025 USA Wushu Team Trials, will assume the position on A Team for that World Championship or event.

If the athlete of the B-Team who otherwise would take the roster position on the A-Team did not achieve a nandu score of 2.0 in one of their events during the 2025 USA Wushu Team Trials, the Athlete on B-Team with the highest average total score (including a Nandu score of 2.0) would then assume the A-Team position irregardless of the events they competed in.

If no athletes on the B-team achieved a Nandu score of 2.0. The A-Team position will go to the Athlete on B-Team with the highest average total score.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

All selected U.S. team members competing in the 17th World Wushu Championships will be responsible for completing all required documentation in a timely manner. Team members are also responsible for all financial commitments. Passports must be valid through **March 2026** and have two blank pages.

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 submissions will be accepted after the Sunday, May 25 deadline.

You must notify the Organizing Committee of any changes to Difficulty Movement Selection or Required Movements order at least 21 days prior to the event which is Friday, June 6th. There is a \$25 charge for each change. No changes will be made after the Friday, June 6th 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.

FEES

Registration

The Taolu Team Trials Registration Fee is \$140 per event.

There is no limit of Taolu Team Trials events that athletes may compete in.

Observer Passes

Competition observer tickets are \$20 per day (Saturday or Sunday).

No admission fee for the opening ceremony and for children 5 and under.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Online Registration: Groups or individuals may use the quick and easy online registration system on our website: <http://registration.usawkf.org/>

There is a separate registration form for the Taolu Team Trials event. The 2025 USAWKF Team Trials, the National Rankings, and Kungfu Team Trials are all separate but concurrent events with their own registration forms. Taolu Team Trials Registrations must include the Nandu Codes and the Required Movements forms. Competitors are to use the online system to register.

Registration Time Frame: Registration opens **April 1, 2025 and closes on May 25, 2025.**

ADMINISTRATION OF TEAM TRIALS EVENTS

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

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.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The event hotel is the MCM Eleganté Hotel & Suites.

Standard King or Double Queen Bedrooms are at \$109.00 a night plus applicable tax. This rate includes a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet with eggs cooked to order including our omelet station and waffle station for each registered hotel guest each morning from 6am until 10 a.m. (Limited to 4 guests per room.)

King Suites will be \$139.00 a night plus applicable tax. This rate includes a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet with eggs cooked to order including our omelet station and waffle station for each registered hotel guest each morning from 6am until 10 a.m. (Limited to 4 guests per room).

Guests must mention the code word 'USAWKF' to get this rate.

Daily breakfast and ground transportation are included to and from Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, both provided by the hotel. The hotel is across the street from the venue.

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