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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2022 United States Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) Junior Taolu Team Trials will be held May 27 – May 29, 2022, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock, TX. This team trials event will select the Junior Wushu Taolu Team to represent the U.S. in the 8th Junior World Wushu Championships to be held in Indonesia from December 2-10, 2022 and the 13th Pan American Wushu Championships to be held in Brasilia, Brazil from July 22-24, 2022.

DATES AND PLACE

Dates: Friday, May 27 – Sunday May 29, 2022

Place: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Exhibit Hall
1501 Mac Davis Lane
Lubbock, Texas 79401

Registration: <http://registration.usawkf.org/>
April 1, 2022 - May 12, 2022

ELIGIBILITY

USAWKF Junior Taolu National Team Trials – Eligible competitors must be U.S. citizens in possession of a valid US passport and must be current USAWKF members in good standing.

Group A: competitors who were born between January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007

Group B: competitors who were born between January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010

Group C: competitors who were born January 1, 2011 or later

TEAM COMPOSITION

A Team – 12 athletes: 6 Boys and 6 Girls ranked 1st and 2nd in Groups A, B & C

B Team – 12 athletes: 6 Boys and 6 Girls ranked 3rd and 4th in Groups A, B & C

C Team – 12 athletes: 6 Boys and 6 Girls ranked 5th and 6th in Groups A, B & C

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION UPDATES

The IWUF made the following changes in the General Information for the previous (7th) World Junior Wushu Championships. Those past changes are still in effect for this upcoming (8th) World Junior Wushu Championships:

Group A athletes are permitted to either perform the 3rd set of International Competition Routine or compile an optional routine. All routines are permitted as long as they conform to the compulsory technique content and time requirements of each event. With that, athletes may include the degree of difficulty techniques or not. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 edition of the “IWUF Rules for International Wushu Taolu Competition” and utilize the Non-Degree of Difficulty Scoring Method (comprising of A Group – Quality of Movements Scoring & B Group – Overall Performance Scoring only)

COMPETITION EVENTS

1. Group A: Optional Routine or 3rd Set of International Competition Routine: Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Gunshu, Taijiqian, Taijijian, Nanquan, Nandao and, Nangun

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2. Group B: Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Gunshu (1st Set of International Competition Taolu), Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun (International Compulsory Routine) 42 Forms Taijiqian, and 42 Forms Taijijian

3. Group C: Changquan (No.3 Elementary Routine), Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, and Gunshu (Elementary Routine)

COMPETITION METHODS

1. Competition includes individual competition only.
2. Unless otherwise stated within these regulations, the competition will be conducted in accordance with the IWUF Wushu Taolu Competition Rules & Judging Methods (Excerpt) 2019 and utilize the Non- Degree of Difficulty Scoring Method (comprising of A Group – Quality of Movements Scoring & B Group – Overall Performance Scoring only).
3. Time limit:
Group A Optional Routines:
 - For Changquan, Daoshu, Gunshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Nanquan, Nangun & Nandao, each routine’s duration shall be no less than one minute and twenty seconds (1min 20s).

- For Taijiquan and Taijijian, each routine's duration shall be between three (3) to four (4) minutes
- Group B Taijiquan & Taijijian Routines:
- 42 Forms Taijiquan: 5-6 minutes; 42 Forms Taijijian Routine: 3-4 minutes.
- All other routines:
- There is no time requirement for other events.
4. The power of interpretation of the Rules rests solely with the USAWKF.

TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting for coaches (and athletes without a coach present) will take place at 8:00PM (local time) on Thursday, May 26, 2022 during which all matters related to the competition will be announced.

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.

TEAM SELECTION METHOD

For Group A and B

Selection is based on the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

National Junior A Team

The National Junior A Team will be made up of the 1st- and 2nd-ranked boys and girls using the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

National Junior B Team

It will be made up of the 3rd- and 4th-ranked boys and girls using the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

For Group C

Selection is the same as above; however, one of the highest scored events must be the bare-handed routine (Changquan).

National Junior C Team

It will be made up of the 5th- and 6th-ranked boys and girls using the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

APPEALS

1. An athlete or coach who wishes to file an appeal must do so within fifteen (15) minutes of receiving his final score. Any appeals submitted after this time has elapsed will not be considered.
 - a. Only the competing athlete or a coach from that athlete's school as listed on their registration papers will be authorized to submit an appeal. No other party's appeal will be considered.
2. The written appeal and the \$200 cash fee must be submitted to the Jury of Appeal directly to the Chief Juror at the Jury of Appeal desk adjacent to the competition floor.
 - a. No one other than the Chief Juror is authorized to receive an appeal. No one other than the athlete or coach may deliver the appeal to the Chief Juror and the fifteen-minute time limit is in effect until delivered to the Chief Juror.
 - b. The appeal must be written in English and clearly state which area of scoring is being appealed and specifically list what change the athlete wishes to have made to the final score.
3. The Chief Juror must write the time on the appeal when it is received who will confirm with the Timekeeper that the appeal was received in time.
4. After the Chief Juror has received both the written appeal and the \$200 then confirmed with the Timekeeper that it was received in time, the Jury of Appeal and either the coach or athlete will retire to the designated Jury of Appeal Room where the appeal process will begin. No appeals will be discussed on the competition floor.
 - a. The Jury of Appeal, the athlete or coach(only 1 of the 2) will go into the Jury of Appeal room upon which the door will be closed and no one else will be admitted to the room until a decision is reached.
5. The athlete or coach will state their appeal to the Jury and then provide their video evidence.
 - a. The video evidence must be incontrovertible to override the final score. If the video evidence is unclear, the current results will remain unchanged.
6. The technical judges will review the video evidence and determine the merits of the appeal.
 - a. The technical judges also have the option to request the official video from the competition floor if more data is required.
7. The athlete and coach will then be asked to retire from the Jury of Appeal room while the Jury votes.
8. The 2 technical judges will explain to the Chief Juror and the other jurors their findings and then the technical judges will each cast the first and second votes on whether to validate the appeal or not.
9. The other 2 jurors will then be asked to vote and they will constitute the 3rd & 4th vote.

10. The Chief Juror will then cast the 5th and final vote. The results of the 5 votes will constitute the Jury of Appeal final decision.

11. The athlete or coach will be called back into the Jury of Appeal Room and duly informed of the results.

12. If the appeal is validated, the \$200 will be returned to the athlete and the Chief Juror will inform the Chief Referee and Scorekeeper of the validated appeal and the final results will be changed.

The USAWKF reserves all rights pertaining to interpretation of the rules, team selection, and final team layout in the best interest of the federation and to uphold the sanctity, mission, and goals of the national team.

TIE SCORES

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

The athlete with higher rankings in his/her events will be selected.

- a. If a tie still results from i) above, the athlete with the highest individual event score will be selected.
- b. If a tie still results from ii) above, the athlete with the higher "overall performance" score (from B judges) in the individual event with highest score will be selected.
- c. If a tie still results from iii) above, the athletes will draw lots to determine the selection.

PLACING AND AWARDS

The A Team will represent the United States in the World Junior 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.

Medals and accompanying Certificates of Distinction shall be awarded to all athletes who successfully compete in the Team Trial event.

Certificates of National Ranking shall be awarded to the top 10 boy athletes and the top 10 girl athletes of Group A, Group B and Group C using the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

Certificates of State Delegation Ranking shall be awarded to the top 3 boy athletes and the top 3 girl athletes of each state delegation for Group A, Group B and Group C using the combined scores of their two highest scored events.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open on April 1, 2022 and close on May 12, 2022 and can be completed online on the official federation website.

All USAWKF Junior Team Trial competitors are required to show their valid US Passport and submit a completed and signed waiver of liabilities form, which has been signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.

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 May 12th deadline.

You must notify the Organizing Committee of any changes at least 7 days prior to the event which is Thursday, May 19. There is a \$99 charge for each change. No changes will be made after the Thursday, May 19 deadline.

Each group or school may have one coach accompany them. If a group or school registers more than five competitors they may have a second coach. IDs will be issued to all coaches and athletes. The athletes and coaches are not required to purchase admission tickets. Please note that only the coaches listed on the registration will be admitted to the competition. IDs shall be picked up and distributed by the coaches or group organizer.

The athletes shall have the opportunity to view the randomized lot selection for all Taolu Team Trial events online on Monday, May 16 at 2PM Central time from which time all of the events will be posted on the website with the final competitor order.

All Teams are requested to carefully check the competition event draw and order lists 3 days after draw lot deadline on May 16, 2022. No changes will be made 3 days after the lots have been drawn.

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

FEES

Competitor

The Taolu Team Trials Registration Fee is \$99 per event.

Observer Passes

Competition observer tickets are \$15 per day (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday).

A Weekend Observer pass is for all 3 days of the competition for \$35.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

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

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. 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 1st, 2022 and closes on May 12th, 2022.

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 Junior Taolu Teams must agree to participate in the World Junior 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.

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 Eleganté Hotel & Suites. The room rate is **\$109 per night plus tax for double queen OR king bedroom; or \$139 per night plus tax for king atrium suites.** 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. The hotel is 0.2 miles from the venue and is a 4 minute walk or 2 minute drive.

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