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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2025-2026 United States of America Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) National Junior Team Trials (Taolu & Sanda) will take place from December 18 to 21, 2025, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Rockville, MD.

This selection will determine the USAWKF National Junior Wushu Team to represent the U.S. at the following events:

- **10th World Junior Wushu Championships (10th WJWC)** – Tianjin, China, March 26-30, 2026,
- **15th Pan American Wushu Championships (15th PAWC)** – Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2026.

DATES AND PLACE

Competition Date: December 18 – 21, 2025

Competition Venue: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

Address: 5701 Marinelli Rd
Rockville, MD 20852

Registration: registration.usawkf.org
October 5, 2025 – December 5, 2025

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible competitors must:

- Be **U.S. citizens** in possession of a valid U.S. passport.
- Be current **USAWKF members in good standing**.

Age Groups:

1. **Youth Age Group (A):** Born between November 14, 2008 – December 31, 2011.
2. **Junior Age Group (B):** Born between January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2014.
3. **Children Age Group (C):** Born January 1, 2015 onwards.

Note:

- **The eligible age range for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) is from November 14, 2008 to October 31, 2011.**
- Competitors born between November 1 – December 31, 2011, remain eligible for the 10th World Junior Wushu Championships (WJWC) but are not eligible for the Dakar 2026 YOG.

GENERAL PROGRAM

(subject to change)

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Dec. 17 (Wed)	Whole Day	Taolu Team Arrivals and Check-In	Accreditation Desks
		Taolu Judges Arrivals and Check-In	
Dec. 18 (Thu)	Whole Day	Sanda Team Arrivals and Check-In	Accreditation Desks
		Sanda Judges Arrivals and Check-In	
	09:00-11:00	Taolu Technical Meeting & Drawing of Lots	TBD
	09:00-12:00	Taolu Judges' Refresher Course	TBD
	14:00-17:00	Taolu Judges' Refresher Course	TBD
	14:00-18:00	Team Training	Grand Ballroom
	19:00-20:00	Opening Ceremony	
	20:00-21:00	Taolu Judges' Rehearsal	
Dec. 19 (Fri)	08:30-EOD	Taolu Competition	Grand Ballroom
	10:00-12:00	Sanda Weigh-In	TBD
	14:00-16:00	Sanda Judges' Refresher Course	TBD
	19:00-20:00	Sanda Technical Meeting	TBD
	20:00-21:00	Sanda Judges' Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
Dec. 20 (Sat)	08:30-EOD	Taolu & Sanda Competition	Grand Ballroom
Dec. 21 (Sun)	08:30-EOD	Taolu & Sanda Competition	Grand Ballroom
	19:00-20:30	Taolu & Sanda Awards Ceremony	
	20:30-21:30	Closing Ceremony	
Dec. 22 (Mon)	Before 12:00	Departures	

COMPETITION RULES

Unless otherwise stated within these regulations, the 2025-2026 USAWKF National Junior Team Trials (Taolu) will be conducted in accordance with the **IWUF Wushu Taolu Competition Rules and Judging Methods (2024)** (hereinafter referred to as “the rules”).

COMPETITION EVENTS

1. Youth Age Group (A):

3rd Set of International Wushu Competition Routines: Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu, Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun, Taijiquan, Taijijian, Taijishan

2. Junior Age Group (B):

1st Set of International Wushu Competition Routines: Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu, Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun, Taijiquan (42 Movements), Taijijian (42 Movements)

3. Children Age Group (C):

No. 3 Elementary Routines: Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu
Elementary Routines: Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun, Taijiquan (24 Movements), Taijijian (32 Movements)

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 and Judging Methods (2024) and utilize the Non-Degree of Difficulty Scoring Method (comprising of A Group – Quality of Movements Scoring & B Group – Overall Performance Scoring).
3. Time limits:

Youth Age Group (A) Compulsory Routines:

- Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu, Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun: Not less than 1 minute 10 seconds in total duration.
- Taijiquan, Taijijian, and Taijishan: From 3 to 4 minutes in total duration.

Junior Age Group (B) Compulsory Routines:

- Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu, Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun: Not less than 1 minute 10 seconds in total duration.
- Taijiquan (42 Movements): 5 to 6 minutes.
- Taijijian (42 Movements): 3 to 4 minutes.

Children Age Group (C) Routines:

- No requirements for routine performance duration.

4. Accompanying Music – Self-selected accompanying music is required for:
- Youth Age Group (A): 3rd Set of International Wushu Competition Routines Taijiquan, Taijijian, Taijishan
 - Junior Age Group (B): 1st Set of International Wushu Competition Routines Taijiquan (42 Movements), Taijijian (42 Movements)

Athletes should bring a USB drive containing their music on-site. Accompanying music with vocals and/or lyrics is not permitted.

5. The USAWKF retains exclusive authority to interpret the rules and regulations, make team selection decisions, and determine final team composition, in alignment with the federation's commitment to uphold the integrity and mission of the national team.

TECHNICAL MEETING & DRAWING OF LOTS

The Technical Meeting for coaches (and athletes without a coach present) will take place at 9:00 AM on December 18, 2025, during which competition technical details will be presented. The official drawing of lots will be conducted by the scheduler-recorder group supervised by the Jury of Appeals and the Chief Referee at the conclusion of the technical meeting.

APPEALS

Appeals will be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in Article 12 - Appeals of the IWUF Wushu Taolu Competition Rules and Judging Methods (2024).

COSTUMES & EQUIPMENT

Competitors must wear wushu competition costumes and provide their own weaponry, both in compliance with the stipulated rules during all events.

TEAM COMPOSITION

National Junior Team	Youth Age Group (A) 2008-11-14 to 2011-12-31	Junior Age Group (B) 2012-01-01 to 2014-12-31	Children Age Group (C) 2015-01-01 onwards
A Team (14)	3 Boys & 3 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls
B Team (14)	3 Boys & 3 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls
C Team (14)	3 Boys & 3 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls	2 Boys & 2 Girls
Total (42)	9 Boys & 9 Girls	6 Boys & 6 Girls	6 Boys & 6 Girls

Note: All dates are written in *yyyy-mm-dd* format

TEAM SELECTION METHOD

To ensure the strongest possible U.S. representation at the 10th World Junior Wushu Championships (WJWC), all athletes who earn selection to the National Junior A Team are required to compete in the same events that qualified them for team placement.

General Selection Principles

1. The team selection process will be based on each athlete's combined score, calculated from their top barehand event and top weapon event.
2. The barehand and weapon events may be from different disciplines. For example, an athlete may qualify based on Changquan + Nandao, or Nanquan + Gunshu, or Taijiquan + Daoshu.
3. The combined score will be determined by adding the athlete's single highest barehand score and single highest weapon score.
4. Athletes may freely select additional barehand and weapon events. Only the top barehand and top weapon scores will be used to calculate an athlete's ranking and potential team placement.
5. The USAWKF reserves the authority to verify that event pairings meet international eligibility requirements and represent the athlete's true competitive strengths.

Selection Criteria by Discipline

To promote balanced representation across the major Wushu categories, the top athlete from each bare hand discipline (male and female) will be selected as follows:

Youth Age Group (3 spots):

- Top Changquan athlete: Highest combined score from Changquan + one weapon event.
- Top Nanquan athlete: Highest combined score from Nanquan + one weapon event.
- Top Taijiquan athlete: Highest combined score from Taijiquan + one weapon event.

Junior and Children Age Groups (2 spots)

- Top ranking athlete of any quan + any weapon
- Top ranking athlete from the other 2 quan + any weapon

For example, if the top-ranking athlete performed Taijiquan, then the second spot will go to the highest scoring Changquan or Nanquan athlete.

B and C teams will be determined by overall rank of combined scores regardless of bare hand discipline.

Minimum Combined Score Requirements

To ensure the final team members are truly fit for World level competition, the A-Team members must meet a minimum score in at least one of their events. If the top athlete from any of the above disciplines fails to meet the minimum score in either of their scores, the vacant slot will be offered to the next highest-ranked athlete from the remaining disciplines with the next highest qualifying combined total. These minimum scores are based on previous USAWKF Junior Taolu Team Trials.

Age Group	Minimum Average (A Team)	Notes
Youth (2008-11-14 → 2011-12-31)	9.0	Top barehand + weapon combined score used, one of them must meet the minimum score
Junior (2012-01-01 → 2014-12-31)	8.9	Same combined score method applies
Children (2015-01-01 onwards)	8.8	Same combined score method applies

TIE RANKINGS

Tie rankings affecting team selection will be handled in the following order:

1. Higher total of A-Group (Quality of Movements) score.
2. Higher individual event ranking.
3. Higher B-Group (Overall Performance) score in the athlete's best event.
4. Higher dropped B-judge score in the athlete's best event.

PLACING AND AWARDS

- A-Team members will represent the United States at the 10th World Junior Wushu Championships. All athletes must compete in the same barehand and weapon through which they earned selection unless specifically approved by the USAWKF. The second weapon is selected by the athlete.
- A, B, and C Teams will represent the U.S. at the 15th Pan American Wushu Championships.
- Medals and Certificates of Distinction will be awarded to athletes qualifying for the National Junior Team. Certificates of Participation will be given to all athletes who successfully compete in the National Junior Team Trials.
- The B and C teams are determined by overall rank, regardless of category.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on October 1 and closes on December 5. Athletes can complete the registration process online at the official federation website: registration.usawkf.org. During registration, participants must acknowledge and sign the waiver of liability. After submitting registration, a confirmation email will be sent to the registered email address. Athletes should print or save a PDF copy for their records.

For any questions or issues, please contact usawkf@usawkf.org. No new registrations will be accepted after December 5, and a fee of \$100 will apply for any changes made after this date. All changes must be communicated to the USAWKF by December 12.

The competition event pre-draw lists will be available online on December 6. Teams are requested to review these lists carefully before December 12, as no changes will be permitted after the deadline. The final competitor order will be posted on the federation website following the technical meeting's drawing of lots on December 18.

FEES

Competitor: \$150 per event.

Participant Passes: Athletes, coaches, judges, VIPs, and volunteers shall pick up their IDs at the accreditation desk. Must pre-register by December 5.

Observer Passes: \$20/day or \$40 full event (children under 5 free). Nonrefundable.

Passes available at: www.presidentialwushucup.com/shop

CHECK-IN

All competitors must present:

- Valid U.S. Passport with at least one year of validity remaining.
- Completed waiver of liability form signed by their parent or legal guardian.
- Each participant is responsible for their own medical & accident insurance.

Participating groups, teams, or athletes are recommended to prepare the following items:

- A copy of the Online Registration Confirmation.
- An appropriate team uniform.
- USB stick with self-selected Taiji music if applicable (Group A & B only).

ADMINISTRATION OF TEAM TRIALS SELECTION

The USAWKF National Junior Team Trials Organizing Committee will administer all aspects of the competition under the auspices of the USAWKF Board of Directors.

All athletes selected for the USAWKF National Junior Wushu A Team are expected to participate in the World Junior Wushu Championships. In the event of extenuating circumstances, the athlete must notify the USAWKF as soon as possible. Failure to provide prompt notification or an accepted reason for withdrawal may result in disciplinary measures at the discretion of the USAWKF Board of Directors. The USAWKF Board of Directors reserves the sole and exclusive right, in its discretion, to determine the final composition of the USAWKF National Junior Wushu Team, in order to ensure the best representation at the Junior World Championships.

HOTEL

Name: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Address: 5701 Marinelli Rd
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone Number: (806) 763-1200
Booking Link: book.passkey.com/event/51097312/owner/2644099/landing
Discounted-rate rooms are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until all are booked. Athletes and teams are advised to reserve accommodation in advance.

TRANSPORTATION

All transportation must be arranged individually. The following local airports are available:

- IAD – Washington Dulles International Airport
- DCA – Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
- BWI – Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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