

13th Collegiate Wushu Championships Official Rules

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These are the official rules for the 2009 13th Collegiate Wushu Championship hosted by The Georgia Institute of Technology. Please read through the document thoroughly so as to avoid confusion. All questions may be directed to www.collegewushu.org.

Summary of Competition Format:

- There are two classes of competition: Individual and Team.
 - 1) Individual - Open to current full time college students and one year alumni
 - 2) Team - Group of six current full time college students from the same college
- There will be an award for Male and Female All-Around Champion. All-Around Champion is determined as the *advanced competitor* with the highest combined placings in the following four categories:
 - 1) One event must be Nandu Changquan, Nandu Nanquan, or Taijiquan
 - 2) One event must be a weapon form
 - 3) Any other form not counted in 1 & 2
 - 4) Any other form not counted in 1, 2, & 3
- There will be an award for Team Champion. Team Champion is determined as the team with highest team score. Team score is sum of points earned by each of six competitors (two events per competitor) plus score from the required group set.

Complete Rules and Regulations:

Awards

- In addition to normal medals awarded for placing in separate divisions, awards will be given for the following categories:
 - 1) Male All-Around Champion
 - 2) Female All-Around Champion
 - 3) Team Champion
- Any qualified full-time student (class 1) can compete for the individual titles, but only full teams can compete for the team title. (see eligibility rules below for definitions).

Judging/Scoring

- Competitors are not allowed to use the same form (or substantially the similar form) in more than one event. It is at the head judges' discretion as to whether this has occurred. If they judge a form to be substantially the same as one previously performed, the competitor will receive an automatic 0.0 score for that 2nd event.
- Standard *2006 US Wushu Union Competition Rules* will be followed for all judging with the

exception of Nandu Nanquan and Changquan, which will follow *IWuF International Competition Rules*. Regular Advanced CQ and NQ will still follow *US Wushu Union rules*.

- Difficulty Points - (Nandu Changquan and Nanquan ONLY) - To promote and improve international Wushu competitor standards, difficulty movements (nandu) will be allowed for advanced Changquan and Nanquan divisions for men and women. As per IWuF rules, a full 2.0 may be awarded for difficulty movements and connecting movements. All difficult moves and the section of the form that they are in must be announced before the competition via the Movements Difficulty Form submitted with the standard tournament registration form.

NOTE: see collegewushu.org or Collegiates Website for a list of movements and Movement Difficulty Form.

Skill Level

- Skill levels will include three divisions, based on the number of years of Wushu training and experience:
 - 1) Beginner (0 to 1 year)
 - 2) Intermediate (1 to 3 years)
 - 3) Advanced (>3 years)

The following restrictions will be placed on the Beginner and Intermediate skill levels:

- 1) Beginner
 - a. Only linear forms will be allowed.
 - b. Maximum of two jumping techniques allowed from the following: jumping front kick, jumping inside crescent kick, and jumping outside crescent kick.
 - c. For jumps, you cannot land on the jumping leg.
 - d. No aerials, splits, or any other B level move.
- 2) Intermediate
 - a. No butterfly twists, aerial twists, or any jumping technique with a 540 or greater degree of rotation.

*Deductions: There will be a 0.3 deduction for a competitor every time he or she does not comply with the restrictions for Beginner and Intermediate levels. The points will be deducted from the final score for **each** deviation.

- Competitors must compete at a consistent skill level throughout the course of the entire tournament. (i.e. one cannot compete in Intermediate Changquan and Beginner's broadsword) the skill level of a competitor is determined by total years since they began practicing Chinese Wushu (of any type), not by time spent learning a particular event. Breaks taken from training (semesters off, etc) are not subtracted from years of experience (i.e. if you started 3 years ago, you are Intermediate even if you've taken a year off of Wushu). Violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification, which can also disqualify that competitor's team from the team competition. (see Disqualification, below)

Individual Competition

- There are two classes of eligibility for individual competitors:

Class 1: current, full time enrolled students

Class 2: 1 year alumnus and non-enrolled students

- *Class 1 Eligibility:*

Competitor must be a currently enrolled full-time student in a degree-earning program at a University or College in **North America**. Proof of current enrollment is required and must be sent in with registration materials before the competition. The proof may consist of an approved study list, transcript, or research curriculum for the present semester or quarter at the student's university. The study list must include the student's name and a date or time period for which it applies, in order to prove present enrollment. A student ID is **not** sufficient proof. The study list or transcript should also indicate that the student is taking at least the minimum number of units or credits at his or her university to qualify as a full-time student. "Currently enrolled" is defined as having the status of full-time student at the university on the day of competition. Government-issued photo ID will be required to verify identity on the day of competition.

Exemptions. Exceptions will be made for students in their last semester taking a reduced course load if they have fulfilled all their graduation requirements but have not yet graduated. Documentation of fulfillment of graduation requirements must be submitted before the day of competition along with proof of current enrollment and all other registration materials.

Violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification (see Disqualification, below). In order to avoid disqualification, participants are required to submit a copy of their status proof in advance.

Advanced level competitors class 1 competitors, regardless of whether or not they are members of a Collegiate Team, are eligible to compete for the All-Around Champion title. [Please note that an individual competitor does not have to be a member of a collegiate team in order to represent his or her college or university].

- *Class 2 Eligibility:*

Class 2 competitors are one-year university alumnus or non-enrolled students at an institution in **North America**. One year alumnus is defined as having been a full-time student at a university (see Class 1 qualifications for a definition) one year or less from the date of the competition. Non-enrolled student is a student who is pursuing a degree earning program, but may not be enrolled for classes for the current term (ex. a college student who is not enrolled for Fall 2002 term).

Documentation is also required for Class 2 competitors, in the form of a photocopy of the competitor's diploma (for alumnus) or formal document from the university's registrars office, such as a transcript for a previous term (for non-enrolled students). Both the name and date should be visible on any such documentation, and the printed date of enrollment or graduation will be the date used for determining eligibility.

Class 2 competitors are eligible to compete as individuals, but not as members of any collegiate teams. They can place in their divisions and receive medals, but are not eligible to compete for the All-Around titles.

Combining Divisions

- Events may ONLY be combined when an event contains only 1 competitor. Divisions will ONLY be combined by skill level; beginner and intermediate divisions can be combined into a single division, as can the intermediate and advanced divisions. Intermediate and Advanced will be combined before Beginner and Intermediate. Divisions will not be combined by gender or between events (i.e. different weapons or empty hand styles) under ANY circumstances; the same applies for beginner and advanced divisions.

Placing and Division Results

- Individual and Team competitors will be able compete together in the same divisions. Scores for all competitors will be given as in any normal competition but there will be *no* ties awarded. Once the competition in that division is complete, there will be two separate sets of results listed on the scoring sheet:

- 1) "Individual Places" - First through third of ALL competitors. Medals will be given out based on these results.
- 2) "Team Places" - First through third of ONLY competitors competing in team competition. See "Point Scoring System" below.

All-Around Champion Scoring

- The All-Around champions will be determined by summing a competitor's best four places (see "Point Scoring System" below) in the following categories:

- 1) One event must be Nandu Changquan, Nandu Nanquan, or Taijiquan
- 2) One event must be a weapon form.
- 3) Any other form not counted in 1 & 2
- 4) Any other form not counted in 1, 2, & 3.

- Male and Female competitors with highest score sum will be Men's and Women's All-Around Champion.

- If no competitor competes in each of the four groupings, then the sum will be made from all competitors who competed in the above first three categories.

- Tie Breaker - Should more than one athlete have the highest sum, the award will be given to the athlete who has the highest combined scores of their four qualifying events. First condition satisfied settles the award. If a tie remains even beyond those comparisons, the award is given to the athlete who beat the other in a division where both athletes competed. If a tie still remains, the award is given to the athlete with the highest point sum from ALL the divisions the competitor competed in, if the tie still remains the judges' scores for all events each competitor participated in will be summed.

Team Competition

- Team Definition:

- 1) 6 competitors, determined before the beginning of the tournament.
- 2) ALL team members must be eligible class 1 competitors (see Individual Competition Section for definition) at the SAME University or College.
- 3) No more than 3 teams may be sent from the same university, priority will be given to returning teams.

- 4) No more than 5 members of a team may be of the same gender (ie. each team must have at least one male or one female).
 - 5) No more than 2 Beginner level competitors will be allowed to compete on the same team.
 - 6) Team **MUST** compete in group set division.
 - 7) Team name must be appropriate and school related, at host and judges' discretion.
- Scoring:
 - 1) Best two "Team Places" (not including group set) for each competitor will be summed.
 - 2) Sum of all six competitor's places will be summed (12 places total).
 - 3) Group Set place will be **DOUBLED** and added to team sum.
 - 4) Team with highest team sum will be the winning team.
 - 5) Tie-Breaker - In the event of a tie in the Team score, the team with the most first "Team Places" (of all events competed by the team members) will win. If the tie still remains, the team with the most second "Team Places" will win.

Point Scoring System

- The following system will be used for scoring for Team Competition and All-Around Champion awards. Each placing is designated a point value as follows:
 - First Place - 3 points
 - Second Place - 2 points
 - Third Place - 1 points
 - 4th and Below - 0 points

Rules for Group Set Competition

- The Group Set division will be run as follows:
 - 1) Only open to valid, full teams.
 - 2) All participants must be from the same team.
 - 3) All 6 team members must compete in the Group Set (a 0.2 deduction will be applied for each person under the required 6).
 - 4) Minimum time limit: 1 minute.
 - 5) Maximum time limit: 4 minutes.
 - 6) Can not be the same set that any team members competed with in individual competition.
- Due to the fact that the score for group set counts double in the team competition, points for this division are awarded as follows:
 - First Place - 6 points
 - Second Place - 4 points
 - Third Place - 2 points
 - Fourth Place and Below - 1 point

Disqualification

- To encourage a fair tournament, a strict disqualification policy is in effect:
 - 1) Failure to provide valid documents to prove eligibility will result in that competitor's disqualification from the tournament.
 - 2) Dishonesty reporting of years of training (skill level) will result in disqualification.

- 3) Dishonesty reporting student status will result in ineligibility to compete for 1 year. Any medals won during the competition during which dishonesty occurred will be stripped from the competitor.
 - a. If the dishonest competitor also participated in the team competition, the school will be barred from team competition for 1 year. The team's results will be nullified and any medals won in the team competition during which the dishonesty occurred will be stripped from the team.
- 4) A disqualified team member causes his or her entire team to be disqualified from the team competition (non-disqualified team members are still eligible to compete in individual competition).
- 5) A competitor can also be disqualified for cheating, unsportsmanlike behavior, or a failure to accord proper respect and courtesy towards the judges, tournament staff, fellow competitors, or instructors present at the competition.
- 5) Disqualifications will be made official by the tournament's judge general.

Uniforms

- Either an IWuF-compliant silk uniform or school/club t-shirt with long pants must be worn by all competitors.