



16TH WORLD WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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The world's top wushu athletes will gather in Fort Worth in 2023 for the International Wushu Federation's most elite signature event. Also known as kungfu, the sport has grown dramatically in the U.S. and around the world since the World Wushu Championships were last held in the U.S. back in 1995 in Baltimore. Recently added as an official sport in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, wushu is well on its way to a bright Olympic future.



80+ Countries



600-800 Athletes
1,200-1,500 Participants



20,000-30,000
Domestic Spectators



The HYX 16th World Wushu Championships (WWC) is scheduled for **November 16-20, 2023, in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, USA**. This signature IWUF event, held every two years, is expected to attract 600-800 athletes, 1200-1500 participants from 80+ countries, and 2-30,000 spectators domestically. It will showcase the world's top champions displaying a wide range of wushu disciplines, from dazzling swordplay, to ethereal tai chi, to bone-crunching full-contact sanda fighting.

The World Wushu Championships (WWC), hosted by the International Wushu Federation (IWUF), features the highest competitive level within the sport. The championships take place biennially, with this 16th edition of the event organized by the United States of America Wushu-Kungfu Federation (USAWKF) under the auspices of the IWUF.

The 16th WWC will be in the Fort Worth Convention Center. This prestigious competition returns to the United States for the first time in nearly three decades. The last time this international athletic event was held in the U.S. was in 1995 in Baltimore, Maryland. This event in Texas will not only highlight the world's top athletes from Asia, Europe, Africa, Pan America and Oceania, but it will shine a spotlight on the USA home team that has been training for years -- waiting for this moment to show how much the sport of wushu has matured here in the U.S., and how Olympic-ready they are for the future.

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The International Wushu Federation

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF), established in 1990, is the sole entity officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the worldwide governing body for the sport of wushu. Headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Federation is composed of 158 countries representing five continents.

The Federation's mission is to promote the sport of wushu-kungfu internationally in a spirit of friendship and good sportsmanship. In addition to formulating and compiling technical rules and regulations governing all wushu competitions, the Federation organizes and sanctions international wushu competitions and activities and certifies international wushu judges and coaches.

The International Wushu Federation was officially recognized by the IOC in 2002 during the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. IWUF has held official wushu tournaments as part of the IOC culture and education program in conjunction with the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and at the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games (YOG). In 2015 wushu was shortlisted as one of eight sports nominated for recommendation as an additional sport at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Wushu will be an official sport in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and as Olympic momentum gains speed for wushu, excitement for it is exploding especially among youth.



About Wushu

Wushu is the umbrella term for all martial art styles originating in China, includes disciplines ranging from tai chi to full contact fighting. Known more colloquially as kungfu, many former wushu competitors have gone on to Hollywood careers as actors, stuntpersons, and fight coordinators. For competition purposes, wushu has been standardized, with two categories: **taolu** and **sanda**. Both offer cinematic visuals that light up the competition carpet and full-contact fighting platform.



Taolu, or forms, are **choreographed routines**. Routines are divided into two categories: **empty-hand** (without weapons) and **weapons**, which include broad sword, straight sword, staff, and spear. Competitors perform their routines on a standard-sized taolu carpet and core elements are scored on technical difficulty and quality of movement. Traditionally, taolu routines showcase the athlete's flexibility, stamina, strength, speed, balance, and co-ordination. Audiences love the incredible flying acrobatics like flips, jumping twists and full splits that accompany empty-hand routines and the flash and thunder of straight sword and broadsword.



SANDA

Sanda is **full contact fighting**. Fighters are paired by weight class, and matches of three rounds each are conducted on a traditional fighting platform called a lei tai. During a bout, sanda athletes may employ **punching, kicking, wrestling, and throwing** techniques from all styles of wushu. Competitors win by accumulating more points than their opponent, by knocking their opponent out of the lei tai, or by a knockout. With its integration of many techniques, sanda closely resembles MMA. Sanda finals usually pack the arena seats, and raucous shouts and cheers create an electrifying energy in the audience. No matter how tough the competition, athletes always display exemplary sportsmanship, with hugs given after the winning round, and respect given to coaches and judges.





About Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas proudly celebrates its western heritage, connecting tradition with modern life in a vibrant city of nearly a million people. Located in north central Texas, Fort Worth boasts a rich and diverse cultural history. It is home to the world's first and largest indoor rodeo, world-class museums, a calendar of festivals, and a thriving local arts scene. Together with neighboring cities Dallas and Arlington, Fort Worth is part of a metroplex, encompassing 11 counties and offering a wide range of tourist, commercial and educational opportunities.

In the late 19th century, Fort Worth was an important trading post for cowboys and has been nicknamed "Cowtown" for its roots in the cattle ranching industry. Today, Fort Worth's cowboy-themed entertainment and shopping are major draws for visitors. The Fort Worth Stockyards are home to rodeos, a mechanical bull, restaurants, museums, and the world's largest honky-tonk.

Ranked one of the 50 Best Places to Travel in 2021 by Travel & Leisure, Fort Worth welcomes more than 9 million visitors each year. Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is the second busiest in the world by passenger movement. It is served by 28 passenger airlines, flying to 70 international and 194 domestic destinations, the most of any US airport.



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