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## United States Kuo Shu Federation

USKSF Update

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### ***Save the Date!***

This year's U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament will be held at the Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn from July 28-30th, 2017. Sponsored by the USKSF, this event will feature over 280 youth and adult events, including internal and external forms, weapons, light contact, and full contact lei tai fighting. Registration will be opening in February of 2017. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!



### ***Train to Become a TWKSF Certified International Referee in 2017!***

During the week of July 23rd, 2017, the TWKSF will conduct an International Referee Training Course. This course offers participants instruction in the required skills and attributes necessary to referee and judge events at USKSF and TWKSF sanctioned events, including TWKSF World Tournament competitions. The course is open to both new participants and current referees seeking to advance from Level B to Level A, or Level A referees wishing to complete a refresher course. More information will be forthcoming.



### ***Represent the United States at the TWKSF World Championship Tournament in 2018!***

As you know, the USKSF is a member country of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF). We are pleased to announce that, for the first time ever, the USKSF will host the TWKSF World Championship Tournament in the United States in July, 2018. Would you like to be a member of the US National Team that will compete at the 6th World Kuo Shu Federation Tournament? To become a member of the 2018 US National Team, you must secure a spot by winning first place in one of the events listed below at the national qualifying event which is the 2017 US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament to be held in Hunt Valley, MD from July 28-30, 2017.

#### **Adult External Advanced Forms/Weapons Divisions:**

- Northern Form (Male)
- Northern Form (Female)
- Southern Form (Male)
- Southern Form (Female)
- Straight sword (Jian) (Male)
- Straight sword (Jian) (Female)
- Broad sword (Dao) (Male)
- Broad sword (Dao) (Female)
- Long Staff (Gwun) (Male)
- Long Staff (Gwun) (Female)
- Spear (Qiang) (Male)
- Spear (Qiang) (Female)
- Other Weapon, including double weapons (Male)
- Other Weapon, including double weapons (Female)

#### **Adult Internal Advanced Forms/Weapons Divisions:**

- Yang Style Tai Ji Quan Form (Male)
- Yang Style Tai Ji Quan Form (Female)
- Xing Yi Quan Form (Male)
- Xing Yi Quan Form (Female)
- Ba Gua Zhang Form (Male)
- Ba Gua Zhang Form (Female)
- Tai Ji Weapon (Male)
- Tai Ji Weapon (Female)
- Xing Yi Weapon (Male)

- Xing Yi Weapon (Female)
- Ba Gua Weapon (Male)
- Ba Gua Weapon (Female)

#### Lei Tai Divisions:

The first place winners of each male and female division will qualify for the 2018 US Team lei tai competition.

For those who are unfamiliar with the World Tournament or US National Team, below are some details.

- Competitors may compete in multiple World Tournament events, but they must qualify for each event.
- Lei tai competitors must fight at the World Tournament in the same event (weight) in which they qualified.
- US National Team members must accept their spot via email after the qualifying tournament (2017).

Additional information will be sent out in the coming weeks and months.

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