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United States Kuo Shu Federation

USKSF Update

May 8, 2017



TWKSF Ranking Application Deadline is May 31, 2017!

The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) is currently accepting ranking applications. Applicants who pass federation scrutiny will be listed on the TWKSF website and be presented with their sashes and certificates at the 2017 US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament in Hunt Valley, MD. All applications must be received by May 31, 2017! For more information or to apply, click https://example.com/here/new/may/401/



Program Book Advertisements Due by June 21, 2017!

The deadline for submitting program advertisements to be included in this year's collectible tournament book is June 21, 2017. USKSF program book ads are a great way to promote your school, advertise a business, or recognize a favorite competitor. For advertising rates and specifications, or to become a vendor or sponsor at our event, click here.



Event Registration Is Open!

Registration for the 2017 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament is now open. At this time, competitors are eligible to choose from over 280 youth and adult events for which to register, including internal and external forms, weapons, light contact, and full contact lei tai fighting. Once again, the USKSF will be sponsoring this event and holding it at the Hunt Valley Inn, a Wyndham Grand hotel located in Baltimore County, Maryland. To begin your online registration, click here. To download this year's tournament flyer, click here.



Registration to Become a TWKSF Certified International Referee Closes on June 25, 2017!

From Sunday, July 23-Friday, July 28, 2017, the TWKSF will conduct an International Referee Training Course at the Hunt Valley Inn, a Wyndham Grand hotel. 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.

The deadline to register for the training course is June 25, 2017. Prior to registering, please review the detailed information below:

- The USKSF will book your hotel room for you at our special rate. You will be responsible for room payment upon check-in. Please include the name of your roommate with your registration (2 occupants per room). If you choose to room privately, please indicate that as well.
- Inform us if you are taking the course to obtain Level B (new trainees), Level A (a referee who currently holds a Level B certification), or as a Level A referee taking a refresher course.
- Include your shirt size for your official referee shirt.

To register for 2017 TWKSF International Referee Training, click <u>here</u>.



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)
- Straightsword (Jian) (Male)
- Straightsword (Jian) (Female)
- Broadsword (Dao) (Male)
- Broadsword (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 scoring 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).

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