



美國國術總會

United States Kuo Shu Federation

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Dear USKSF members:

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy during these trying times. While this situation has presented a variety of unique challenges and is affecting everyone differently, it is my sincere hope that each of you will weather the storm successfully and enjoy greater prosperity in the days to come.

As we continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented times, I wanted to provide an update on USKSF events. It has always been our mission to promote the benefits of traditional Kuo Shu, foster positive relationships across international boundaries, and elevate the public's awareness and perception of Kuo Shu as a first-class sport and way of life. The cornerstone of achieving these goals has always been, and will continue to be, the annual USKSF International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament. I know how much everyone values the outstanding level of competition, our judges' professionalism, our staff's hospitality, and the opportunity to reunite with your extended family members of the USKSF. In consideration of the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the current health crisis and the continuing evolution of our federal and state government regulations, we have decided to suspend this year's tournament. While this was not an easy decision, you can rest assured that the health and well-being of our members is at the heart of this conclusion.

Although we will not be hosting our tournament this July, the USKSF is excited to announce that we will be taking several courses of action in order to continue to support our members:

1. Membership extension: In order to show our appreciation for all USKSF members, we will be extending the life of all current memberships by one year. This will allow you additional opportunities to enjoy the benefits of your membership.
2. National Judge Certification training: We will be offering USKSF National Judge Certification (NJC) training in the fall of 2020 in an online format. For those who register for and participate in this training, there will be an additional opportunity to participate in the face-to-face version of the course to be offered in July of 2021 at no additional charge. Further details will be forthcoming. For information on NJC, visit our website at <https://usksf.org/certifications/>.
3. Refunds for competitors registered for this year's tournament will be processed and completed by the end of May 2020. No further action on your part is required to receive your registration fees refund.



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4. We are continuing to accept applications for TWKSF ranking certification. All applications must be received by May 31, 2020. Applicants who pass scrutiny will receive their sashes by mail. For full details, visit <https://twksf.org/ranking/>.
5. Next year's event is already booked for July 23-25, so mark your calendars now! We look forward to returning to Hunt Valley, MD to reignite the fire of competition and reinvigorate life-long friendships forged through Kuo Shu.
6. Further details regarding The 7th World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament scheduled for 2021 and its implications for national team selection will be forthcoming as The World Kuo Shu Federation continues to monitor the unfolding international health situation.

As always, I thank you for your continued understanding and support. I hope you can continue to anchor yourself to the practice of Kuo Shu in order to maintain a sound body and mind despite the current challenges we face as a global community.

As the situation continues to evolve, we will communicate any updates about our organization and related training sessions through our e-newsletter, website (<https://usksf.org/>), and Facebook page.

Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you well,

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang

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