



**NATIONAL TEAM  
SELECTION POLICY**

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## **PART A – GENERAL**

### **SECTION 1 – SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY**

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by the AKWF to clearly set out the process and criteria on which:
- (a) athletes and officials will be selected to be members of the National Team; and
  - (b) observers will be accepted to travel with the National Team.
- 1.2 Subject to paragraph 1.3, this Selection Policy covers the selection of athletes and officials and acceptance of observers to the National Team for the following International Events:
- (a) World Wushu Championships
  - (b) World Junior Wushu Championships
  - (c) Traditional World Wushu Championships
  - (d) Other International Wushu Championships
- 1.3 The AKWF may decide at any time and at its discretion not to select or enter a National Team in any one or more of the International Events specified in paragraph 1.2. This decision may be made for any reason including, but not limited to:
- (a) the decision by the International Event organizer not to invite the AKWF to enter a team in an International Event;
  - (b) financial constraints of the AKWF; or
  - (c) safety issues in attending the International Event.

### **SECTION 2 – APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY**

- 2.1 This Selection Policy shall take effect on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and shall replace all earlier versions.
- 2.2 This Selection Policy applies to:
- (a) members of the AKWF and their students wanting to be considered for selection as an athlete or official to the National Team; and
  - (b) all persons applying to be accepted as an observer and travel with the National Team.

### **SECTION 3 – AMENDMENT OF THIS POLICY**

- 3.1 This Selection Policy along with the National Selection Criteria may be amended or supplemented by the AKWF at its total discretion, in order to achieve the named objectives and to address specific matters that arise which, in the sole opinion of the AKWF's National Committee, have not been provided for in this Selection Policy, or where the literal application of this Selection Policy would not achieve the named objectives.
- 3.2 This Selection Policy along with the National Selection Criteria may be amended at

any time if the NEC determines that such an amendment is necessary and shall be communicated to all affected parties by the Wushu Secretary-General.

3.3 An amendment may be necessary:

- (a) as result of any change with the IWUF or the International Event's participation rules;
- (b) following discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
- (c) for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of the AKWF; and

AKWF shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of such amendment.

3.4 Every effort shall be made to ensure that all interested parties are given reasonable notice to all amendments and/or supplements to this Selection Policy. Any amendments or supplements will be circulated either by e-mail or hard copy.

#### **SECTION 4 – DEFINITIONS**

4.1 The words used in this Selection Policy shall have the following meanings:

**AKWF** means the Australian Kung Fu (Wu Shu) Federation and is the peak representative organisation for all aspects of kung-fu/wushu in Australia.

**AIS** means the Australian Institute of Sport and is Australia's premiere sports training institute.

**ASC** means the Australian Sports Commission and is Australia's national sports administration and advisory agency.

**Good Standing** means AKWF members who have paid their dues and monies in full, and who have no outstanding penalties imposed by the AKWF.

**In Writing** means a written letter that is posted or an electronic letter (email).

**International Event** means the international competition the National Team is competing in.

**IWUF** means the International Wushu Federation and is the international body for the sport of wushu.

**National Committee** means the management body of the AKWF.

**National Selection Criteria** means specific selection criteria prepared by the Wushu Secretary-General for each competition to be used for selection purposes.

**National Team** means the Australian National Wushu Team. It shall consist of sub-teams representing the different disciplines of wushu.

**NCAS** means the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and is the Australian Sports Commission's national system of training and accrediting coaches.

**NEC** means the AKWF National Event Committee.

**NOAS** means the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme and is the Australian Sports

Commission's national system of training and accrediting officials.

**Reserve Team** means the back-up team to the Australian National Wushu Team. It shall consist of sub-teams representing the different disciplines of wushu.

**Selection Event** means the state, national or international competition so nominated to be used for selection purposes.

**Selection Panel** means the committee appointed to select members of the National Team.

## **SECTION 5 – SELECTION PHILOSOPHY**

*“Athletes want and expect certainty and consistency in their sport. Consequently they want and expect certainty and consistency in the selection process” – Australian Sports Commission*

This Selection Policy outlines selection processes that are unambiguous and equitable and will be administered fairly and consistently.

## **SECTION 6 – OBJECTIVES**

6.1 To select the best Australian athletes to compete at the World Wushu Championships and other International Wushu Championships and to identify junior athletes with the potential for future World Championships and other International Wushu Championships.

## **SECTION 7 – INFORMATION**

7.1 This Selection Policy along with the National Selection Criteria will be posted on the official AKWF website ([www.akwf.com](http://www.akwf.com)) for downloading by athletes and other persons at least five months prior to the commencement of the selection process.

## **SECTION 8 – SELECTION OVERVIEW**

8.1 All athletes and officials must be persons proved eligible and appropriate to represent Australia.

8.2 Selection trials shall not be held as a separate stand alone event.

8.3 The Wushu Secretary-General shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring selection procedures, in accordance with this Selection Policy and the National Selection Criteria and administering the processes of endorsement and advice to athletes.

### **Optional Taolu, Junior Taolu and Sanda**

8.4 Selection of the National Team for Optional Taolu, Junior Taolu, Sanda and Junior Sanda shall occur at the state, national or international competition so nominated for such a purpose (Selection Event).

8.5 The Selection Event shall be at least four months prior to the International Event.

8.6 The NEC Chairman and the Wushu Secretary-General shall liaise with the Organising Committee of the Selection Event.

- 8.7 The Wushu Secretary-General shall prepare a draft National Selection Criteria for each Selection Event and submit to the NEC for approval. The National Selection Criteria shall be consistent but not limited to the general criteria listed in Part B of this Selection Policy.
- 8.8 Once the National Selection Criteria have been approved by the NEC, they shall form part of this Selection Policy and any reference in this Selection Policy shall be deemed to include a reference to the National Selection Criteria.
- 8.9 At all times these National Selection Criteria are subject to any eligibility or other criteria imposed by the IWUF or any other body which hosts the International Event.
- 8.10 To ensure that the Selection Panel is aware which athletes in the Selection Event are interested and eligible for the National Team, athletes wanting to be selected to the National Team shall submit an Application For National Team Selection.
- 8.11 The Application For National Team Selection and the National Selection Criteria shall together be circulated with the Selection Event's Entry Forms at least three months prior to the Selection Event. The closing application date shall be one month before the commencement of the Selection Event. The Selection Event's Entry Form shall clearly state which of their events will be used for selection purposes.
- 8.12 All Applications For National Team Selection shall be emailed to the:
- (a) the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General; and
  - (b) the AKWF NEC Chairman
- with the original mailed to the Wushu Secretary-General.
- 8.13 The Wushu Secretary-General shall, after verifying the athlete's eligibility (eg. membership validity), notify the athlete within two weeks of receiving the Application For National Team Selection that he/she has received the Application For National Team Selection and whether the athlete is eligible for selection under Part B of this Selection Policy.
- 8.14 Selection of athletes shall be made on the basis of results achieved at the Selection Event. All athletes wanting to be selected must register and compete in such event, unless:
- (a) they have specific exemption from the Selection Panel under Section 18; or
  - (b) the number of eligible registered athletes is less than the number of available team positions. AKWF has the option to cancel the Selection Event and automatically award the team position to the eligible registered athletes. If vacant positions still remain, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting athletes for these vacant positions after considering their past competition results.
- 8.15 There can be no retrospective selection of an athlete at a competition not identified as a Selection Event unless:
- (a) the athlete has specific exemption from the Selection Panel under Section 18; or
  - (b) there are vacant positions due to lack of eligible athletes applying for the National Team position.

- 8.16 The National Team Selection shall conform to current IWUF Rules and Regulations for International Competition, including full scoring processes and standards, timekeeping and the full complement of officials.
- 8.17 Within one week of the conclusion of the Selection Event, all athletes trying out for the National Team shall be notified in writing by the Wushu Secretary-General of the selection results and whether or not they have been selected into the National Team

### **Traditional Wushu**

- 8.18 A Selection Event for traditional wushu shall not be required as there is no limit to the number of traditional athletes to be selected to the National Team.
- 8.19 The Application for Traditional Wushu Team shall be circulated by the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General at least five months prior to the International Event.
- 8.20 Traditional athletes shall submit an Application for Traditional Wushu Team and a video recording of all their nominated routines. The closing application date shall be two months before the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms.
- 8.21 All Applications for the Traditional Wushu Team shall be emailed to the:
- (a) the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General; and
  - (b) the AKWF NEC Chairman;
- with the original and a copy of their video recording mailed to the Wushu Secretary-General.
- 8.22 The Wushu Secretary-General shall, after verifying the athlete's eligibility (eg. membership validity), notify the athlete within two weeks of receiving the Application for Traditional Wushu Team that he/she has received the Application for Traditional Wushu Team and whether the athlete is selected under Part B of this Selection Policy.

### **National Team Officials**

- 8.23 The Application for National Team Officials and the Selection Criteria for National Team Officials shall together be circulated by the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General:
- (a) within one week of the conclusion of the Selection Event; or
  - (b) at least five months prior to the International Event for the traditional wushu team.
- 8.24 Candidates shall submit an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional). The closing application date shall be one month after the circulation of the Application for National Team Officials and the Selection Criteria for National Team Officials.
- 8.25 The Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional), shall be emailed to the:
- (a) the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General; and

(b) the AKWF NEC Chairman;

with the original mailed to the Wushu Secretary-General.

- 8.26 There shall be a different set of National Team Officials for taolu, sanda and traditional National Teams.
- 8.27 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after consulting with the NEC, and for coaches and judges positions, verifying all candidates' NCAS / NOAS / IWUF accreditation, within two weeks after the application deadline.
- 8.28 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.
- 8.29 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **National Team Observers**

- 8.30 Applicants shall submit an Application for National Team Observer. The closing application date shall be two months before the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Hospitality Forms.
- 8.31 The Application for National Team Observer shall be emailed to the:
- (a) the AKWF Wushu Secretary-General; and
  - (b) the AKWF NEC Chairman
- with the original mailed to the Wushu Secretary-General.
- 8.32 The final approval decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after consulting with the NEC, within two weeks of receiving the Application for National Team Observer.
- 8.33 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.
- 8.34 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **SECTION 9 – SELECTION PANEL**

- 9.1 The Selection Panel may comprise of :
- (a) Wushu Secretary-General; plus
  - (b) Panel of judges at the Selection Event; or
  - (c) NEC members.
- 9.2 The panel of judges at the Selection Event shall be:
- (a) international wushu judges accredited by the IWUF; or

- (b) AKWF wushu judges accredited under the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).
- 9.3 Where possible, subject to meeting the requirements in paragraph 9.2, a judge shall stand aside when a member of his own school is competing on the floor.
- 9.4 The Wushu Secretary-General in consultation with the AKWF NEC Chairman shall decide who will be on the panel of judges.
- 9.5 The Selection Panel as a whole may consult with a coach or coaches however no individual member of the Selection Panel may discuss the deliberations of the Selection Panel with any athlete, coach or any other person prior to or after the Selection Panel has reached its decision.

## **PART B – SELECTION OF ATHLETES**

### **SECTION 10 – ELIBIGILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 10.1 Selection of an athlete into the National Team is conditional upon the athlete:
  - (a) submitting an Application For National Team Selection (for optional taolu, junior taolu, sanda or junior sanda only);
  - (b) submitting an Application for Traditional Wushu Team and a video recording of their nominated routines (for traditional wushu only);
  - (c) being an Australian citizen;
  - (d) being in good health;
  - (e) being a member of the AKWF;
  - (f) remaining in 'good standing' with the AKWF;
  - (g) between the age of 15 and 18 years olds (inclusive) for junior sanda athletes at the time of the International Event;
  - (h) between the age of 18 and 35 years olds (inclusive) for sanda athletes at the time of the International Event;
  - (i) subject to Section 18, registering and participating in the Selection Event and having met the requirements set out in the National Selection Criteria (for optional taolu, junior taolu, sanda or junior sanda only);
  - (j) conducting themselves in a way that does not bring the athlete, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute;
  - (k) subject to paragraph 10.2, not using or having used or administered or been involved in any way with the use or administering of any prohibited substance or prohibited method or otherwise have breached the AKWF's Anti-Doping Policy;
  - (l) being able to compete at a level consistent with the level of the International Event;
  - (m) being able to attend intensive training and the cost of training to be at a

reasonable cost prescribed by the AKWF;

- (n) being able to attend the International Event(s);
- (o) being able to access sufficient funding to attend the International Event(s); and
- (p) complying with further requirements outlined in Part B of this Selection Policy.

10.2 Paragraph 10.1(k) will not apply to any doping offence in respect of which the athlete has been sanctioned under the AKWF's Anti-Doping Policy and the sanction has been satisfied in full.

### **SECTION 11 – FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: DOCUMENTATION SIGNING**

11.1 Following selection and announcement of the National Team pursuant to this Selection Policy, all members of the National Team will be required to comply with the additional requirements set out in this Section 11.

11.2 All members of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF a National Team Athlete Agreement within 7 days of the National Team Athlete Agreement being made available to the athlete. Such agreement will include but not be limited to:

- (a) acceptance of his/her position in the National Team as an athlete;
- (b) compliance with all anti-doping requirements;
- (c) consent to use the athlete's image in all media releases and on television broadcasts;
- (d) compliance with the National Team Athlete Code of Conduct; and
- (e) liability waiver and restrictions on the athlete's ability to independently negotiate, source or sign sponsorship contracts that may be directly associated with his/her competition performances.

11.3 All members of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF all documentations required by the IWUF or the Organising Committee of the International Event within 7 days of such documentations being made available to the athlete.

11.4 Any selected member of the National Team not willing to sign any required documents set out in this Section 11 will be withdrawn from the National Team.

### **SECTION 12 – FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: MEDICAL & FITNESS ASSESSMENT**

12.1 Following selection and announcement of the National Team pursuant to this Selection Policy, all members of the National Team will be required to comply with the additional requirements set out in this Section 12.

12.2 Once named in the National Team each team member has a personal obligation to maintain the level of fitness that will enable them to compete to the standard at which they were selected.

12.3 All team members must immediately inform the National Head Coach of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete.

- 12.4 At any time following the announcement of the National Team, any team member may be required to attend a medical examination at the discretion of the Team Medical Officer. This medical examination will be at a place and time to be determined by the Team Medical Officer taking into consideration the athlete's training, area of residence, travel and competition plans.
- 12.5 Any team member may be required to undergo a fitness assessment at any time before team departure. The fitness assessment will be at the absolute discretion of the National Head Coach. This fitness examination will be at a place and time to be determined by the National Head Coach taking into consideration the athlete's training, area of residence, travel and competition plans.
- 12.6 If at any time prior to the team's departure any team member is assessed as injured, ill or unfit pursuant to the terms of this Section 12, that team member will be withdrawn from the National Team.
- 12.7 Should any team member fail to disclose any underlying injury or illness at team selection or during any further medical examination, that team member will be withdrawn from the National Team.
- 12.8 A team member will only be assessed as "injured or ill" if in the opinion of the Team Medical Officer or his or her nominee, the athlete is injured or ill to such an extent that either of the following situations exist:
- (a) the athlete will not be capable of performing to a level at which the athlete would be expected to perform if not affected by the illness or injury in question; or
  - (b) by competing with the injury the athlete may suffer significant short or long term medical complications.
- 12.9 A team member will only be assessed as unfit if in the reasonably held opinion of the National Head Coach, the athlete's overall physical condition is such that the athlete is not capable of performing to the level at which the athlete qualified for, or was selected to, the National Team pursuant to this Selection Policy.

### **SECTION 13 – TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 13.1 The number of athletes selected to the National Team shall be:
- (a) Optional Taolu – ten athletes;
  - (b) Junior Taolu – twelve junior athletes consisting of:
    - i. Group A: two boys and two girls;
    - ii. Group B: two boys and two girls; and
    - iii. Group C: two boys and two girls.
  - (c) Traditional Wushu – no limit;
  - (d) Sanda – ten athletes consisting of six men and four women and each gender weight category shall only have a maximum of one athlete.

- (e) Junior Sanda – eight junior athletes consisting of five boys and three girls from the oldest age group and each gender weight category shall only have a maximum of one junior athlete.
- 13.2 There shall be one Reserve Team consisting of the same team composition as the National Team for:
- (a) Optional Taolu;
  - (b) Junior Taolu;
  - (c) Traditional Wushu (only if a limit has been placed on the number of Traditional Wushu National Team athletes)
  - (d) Sanda; and
  - (e) Junior Sanda.
- 13.3 The Selection Panel reserves the discretionary right to make final changes on the National Team and Reserve Team composition if it is of the opinion that such a change is necessary to comply with the International Event's team composition rules.

#### **SECTION 14 – SELECTION CRITERIA – OPTIONAL TAOLU**

- 14.1 The Wushu Secretary-General shall prepare specific National Selection Criteria for each optional taolu Selection Event. The National Selection Criteria shall be consistent with but not limited to the general criteria listed in this Section 14.
- 14.2 At all times this Section 14 is subject to any eligibility or other criteria imposed by the IWUF or any other body which hosts the International Event.
- 14.3 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide which routines are required to be considered for selection.
- 14.4 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide how many routines are required to be considered for selection.
- 14.5 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide how the athletes' individual total score shall be calculated and shall be applied consistently throughout the Selection Event.
- 14.6 An athlete can only perform a maximum of one bare-hand and two weapon routines.
- 14.7 The following requirements shall be based on the rules of the International Event. If the rules of the International Event are still unknown at time of the Selection Event, the requirements shall at least be of the standard of the most recent World Wushu Championships. In the event that the requirements of the International Event differ from the Selection Event, the results of the Selection Event will still be used for selection purposes:
- (a) Degree of Difficulty of Movements.
  - (b) Compulsory Movements.
  - (c) Music Requirements.
  - (d) Treatment of C and D level of difficulties.

## **National Team**

- 14.8 The first six positions (three men and three women) shall be awarded to the eligible athletes with the highest individual total score from each male and female category. There shall be three categories and it shall consist of :
- (a) Changquan, Daoshu, Gunshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu
  - (b) Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun
  - (c) Taijiquan, Taijijian
- 14.9 These six athletes must also pass a minimum individual total score requirement. The minimum individual total score shall reflect a minimum average score of 8.80. If an athlete fails the minimum individual total score requirement, that athlete can still retain his/her position if no other eligible athlete from any gender and category has an individual total score higher than him/her, otherwise this athlete shall be replaced by the next best eligible athlete as per paragraph 14.10.
- 14.10 If any of the first six positions are not filled due to:
- (a) lack of eligible athletes trying out in a category; or
  - (b) the highest scoring eligible athlete in a category fails to meet the minimum individual total score requirement as per paragraph 14.9;
- these unfilled positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender, category and the minimum individual total score requirement.
- 14.11 The remaining four positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender, category, and the minimum individual total score requirement.

## **Reserve Team**

- 14.12 A minimum individual total score requirement shall not be required for the Reserve Team.
- 14.13 The first six reserve positions (three men and three women) shall be awarded to the remaining eligible athletes with the highest individual total score from each male and female category as per paragraph 14.8.
- 14.14 If any of the first six reserve positions is not filled due to lack of eligible athletes trying out in a category, these unfilled positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender and category.
- 14.15 The remaining four reserve positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender and category.

## **Duel Team and Group Team**

- 14.16 The Duel Team and Group Team shall consist of the athletes from the National Team.

14.17 The National Head Coach shall decide which athletes will participate in the Duel Team and Group Team.

### **Vacancies**

14.18 If a selected team member is withdrawn from the National Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the athlete from the Reserve Team in his/her gender category. If there is no athlete in that gender category, the position shall be awarded to the highest ranked total scoring athlete from the Reserve Team regardless of gender and category.

14.19 If vacant positions still remain in the National Team and Reserve Team caused by lack of eligible athletes participating in the Selection Event, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting athletes for these vacant positions after considering their past competition results.

14.20 The inclusion of a replacement athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the athlete to travel with the National Team.

### **Final Team Composition**

14.21 The Selection Panel reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) if:

- (a) it is to comply with the International Event's team composition rules; or
- (b) an athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in Section 18.

## **SECTION 15 – SELECTION CRITERIA – JUNIOR TAOLU**

15.1 The Wushu Secretary-General shall prepare specific National Selection Criteria for each junior taolu Selection Event. The National Selection Criteria shall be consistent with but not limited to the general criteria listed in this Section 15.

15.2 At all times this Section 15 is subject to any eligibility or other criteria imposed by the IWUF or any other body which hosts the International Event.

15.3 Subject to paragraph 15.4, the junior age groups shall be consistent with the junior age group categories of the International Event. If the age group categories of the International Event are still unknown at time of the Selection Event, the current IWUF age group categories shall be used and in the event that the age group categories of the International Event differ from the Selection Event, the results of the Selection Event will be applied to the age group categories of the International Event.

15.4 If the Selection Event is one calendar year before the International Event, the junior age group will be one year lower to allow the junior athletes to age one year and still remain in the correct age group.

15.5 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide which routines are required to be considered for selection.

15.6 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide how many routines are required to be considered for selection.

- 15.7 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide how the junior athletes' individual total score shall be calculated and shall be applied consistently throughout the Selection Event.
- 15.8 The time limit requirements shall be based on the rules of the International Event. If the time limit requirements of the International Event are still unknown at time of the Selection Event, the requirements shall at least be of the standard of the most recent World Junior Wushu Championships. In the event that the time limit requirements of the International Event differ from the Selection Event, the results of the Selection Event will still be used for selection purposes.
- 15.9 A junior athlete can only perform a maximum of one bare-hand and two weapon routines.

### **National Team**

- 15.10 National Team positions shall be awarded to the eligible junior athletes with the top two highest individual total scores from each of the boy and girl age group categories.

### **Reserve Team**

- 15.11 Reserve Team positions shall be awarded to the remaining eligible junior athletes with the top two highest individual total scores from each of the boy and girl age group categories.

### **Duel Team and Group Team**

- 15.12 The Duel Team and Group Team shall consist of the junior athletes from the National Team.
- 15.13 The National Head Coach shall decide which junior athletes will participate in the Duel Team and Group Team.

### **Vacancies**

- 15.14 If a selected junior team member is withdrawn from the National Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the highest ranked total scoring junior athlete from the Reserve Team in his/her age group gender category.
- 15.15 If vacant positions still remain in the National Team and Reserve Team caused by lack of eligible junior athletes participating in the Selection Event, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting junior athletes for these vacant positions after considering their past competition results.
- 15.16 The inclusion of a replacement junior athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the junior athlete to travel with the National Team.

### **Final Team Composition**

- 15.17 The Selection Panel reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) if:
- (a) it is to comply with the International Event's team composition rules; or

- (b) a junior athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in Section 18.

## **SECTION 16 – SELECTION CRITERIA – TRADITIONAL WUSHU**

- 16.1 At all times this Section 16 is subject to any eligibility or other criteria imposed by the IWUF or any other body which hosts the International Event.

### **National Team**

- 16.2 The Wushu Secretary-General shall review the traditional athlete's video recording and shall decide whether the traditional athlete is able to compete at a level consistent with the level of the International Event.
- 16.3 In the event an International Event has placed a limit on the size of the traditional team, the Wushu Secretary-General shall decide who will be in the National Team after considering their video recording and past competition results.

### **Reserve Team**

- 16.4 In the event an International Event has placed a limit on the size of the traditional team, the Wushu Secretary-General shall decide who will be in the Reserve Team after considering their video recording and past competition results.

### **Duel Team and Group Team**

- 16.5 The Duel Team and Group Team shall consist of the traditional athletes from the National Team.
- 16.6 The Wushu Secretary-General shall decide which traditional athletes will participate in the Duel Team and Group Team after reviewing all the submitted video recording.

### **Vacancies**

- 16.7 The inclusion of a replacement traditional athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the traditional athlete to travel with the National Team.

### **Final Team Composition**

- 16.8 The Selection Panel reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) to comply with the International Event's team composition rules.

## **SECTION 17 – SELECTION CRITERIA – SANDA**

- 17.1 The Wushu Secretary-General shall prepare a specific National Selection Criteria for each sanda Selection Event. The National Selection Criteria shall be consistent with but not limited to the general criteria listed in this Section 17.
- 17.2 At all times this Section 17 is subject to any eligibility or other criteria imposed by the IWUF or any other body which hosts the International Event they are trying out for.
- 17.3 This Section 17 shall apply to both juniors and adults sanda team selection.

- 17.4 The weight categories for men and women shall be consistent with the weight categories of the International Even. If the weight categories of the International Event are still unknown at time of the Selection Event, the current IWUF weight categories shall be used and in the event that the weight categories of the International Event differ from the Selection Event, the results of the Selection Event will be applied to the weight categories of the International Event.
- 17.5 Subject to paragraph 17.6, if there are insufficient sanda athletes in a weight category, the Wushu Secretary-General may combine a maximum of two neighbouring weight categories after receiving written permission from all affected sanda athletes at any time prior to the start of the Selection Event.
- 17.6 Junior weight categories shall not be combined even if there are insufficient junior athletes in a weight category.

### **National Team**

- 17.7 Only one sanda athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the National Team.
- 17.8 The best placed eligible sanda athlete (eg. first place if all participants are eligible) in his/her weight category at the Selection Event shall be considered for the National Team. No second best placed eligible sanda athlete (eg. second place if all participants are eligible) shall be considered for the National Team, even if there are positions available (e.g. no changing weight categories in order to qualify for the National Team).
- 17.9 All best placed eligible sanda athletes in his/her weight category automatically qualify for the National Team unless the situation described in paragraph 17.10 arises.
- 17.10 If there are not enough positions for all the sanda athletes qualified under paragraph 17.9 due to restriction in team size, the Selection Panel will choose from among these sanda athletes to form the National Team. The criteria by which the Selection Panel will select the team (and thus exclude certain best placed finishers) may include but are not limited to the following, which are not listed in order of importance:
- (a) The percentage of rounds won at the Selection Event by each sanda athlete. A higher percentage implies that he/she was more dominating against opponents.
  - (b) The number of bouts he/she fought at the Selection Event. A higher number of bouts imply that his/her weight category was more difficult to win because of a higher number and variety of opponents.
  - (c) His/her overall sanda skills. A sanda athlete with a more complete skill set (punching, kicking, and throwing) may have a better chance of doing well at the International Event, provided they are clearly capable of performing these skills well.
  - (d) His/her results at previous competitions including but not limited to the World Championships, International Events sanctioned by the IWUF or AKWF sanctioned events.
- 17.11 The Selection Panel shall be guided but not bound by any of the criteria in paragraph 17.10 in selecting the National Team.

### **Reserve Team**

- 17.12 Only one sanda athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the Reserve Team.
- 17.13 The Reserve Team shall consist of the remaining best placed eligible sanda athletes excluded from the National Team due to paragraph 17.10.
- 17.14 Subject to paragraph 17.12, any remaining positions in the Reserve Team shall be filled by second best placed eligible sanda athletes selected by the Selection Panel as per the criteria in paragraph 17.10.
- 17.15 The Selection Panel will be guided but not bound by any of the criteria in paragraph 17.10 in selecting the second best placed eligible sanda athletes for the Reserve Team.

### **Vacancies**

- 17.16 Subject to paragraph 17.7, if a selected sanda team member is withdrawn from the National Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the best sanda athlete from the Reserve Team. The Selection Panel will be guided but not bound by any of the criteria in paragraph 17.10 in selecting the best sanda athlete from the Reserve Team.
- 17.17 Subject to paragraph 17.7 and 17.12, if vacant positions still remain in the National Team and Reserve Team caused by lack of eligible sanda athletes participating in the Selection Event, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting sanda athletes after considering their past competition results and level of fight experience.
- 17.18 The inclusion of a replacement sanda athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the sanda athlete to travel with the National Team.

### **Final Team Composition**

- 17.19 The Selection Panel reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) if:
- (a) it is to comply with the International Event's team composition rules; or
  - (b) a sanda athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in Section 18.

### **SECTION 18 – SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

- 18.1 An athlete may be eligible for selection if the provisions of this Section 18 apply and have been complied with.
- 18.2 An athlete may apply to the Selection Panel, through the Wushu Secretary-General, for special consideration.
- 18.3 Any such application:

- (a) may only be made in respect of a Selection Event set out in the National Selection Criteria;
  - (b) must be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the athlete;
  - (c) may only be made on one or more of the following bases:
    - i. significant injury to the athlete;
    - ii. significant illness of the athlete;
    - iii. death of a parent, spouse or de facto partner, guardian, sibling, child or grandparent of the athlete; or
    - iv. extenuating circumstances. This may include athletes who are in training but unable to participate at the Selection Event due to extenuating circumstances.
  - (d) subject to paragraph 18.3(e) must be made prior to the Selection Event;
  - (e) can be made after the commencement of the Selection Event in the case of a significant illness, injury, or extenuating circumstances incurring during the Selection Event and in such case must be made by the conclusion of the Selection Event;
  - (f) may include but not be limited to a medical certificate and any such additional documentation as may reasonably be requested by the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel reserves the right to request a medical certificate from a medical practitioner nominated by them in addition to that supplied by the athlete.
- 18.4 The application will be determined by the Selection Panel which shall have complete discretion to either accept or reject the application. The decision shall be made prior to the announcement of the National Team and Reserve Team.
- 18.5 In deciding any application, the following factors shall be considered by the Selection Panel:
- (a) an athlete's performance up to the time of the injury, illness or extenuating circumstances;
  - (b) an athlete's past competition results; and
  - (c) recommendation from the Wushu Secretary-General.
- 18.6 The decision of the Selection Panel shall be final and there is and will be no appeal available to the athlete making the application and any other athlete whose interests are affected by the outcome of the application.
- 18.7 The Wushu Secretary-General must notify the athlete making the application of its decision as soon as possible after the decision is made. Such notification will be oral and will be followed up in writing.
- 18.8 The Wushu Secretary-General must notify any other athlete whose interests may be affected by the outcome of the application. Such notification will be oral and will be followed up in writing.

## **SECTION 19 – REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE FROM THE NATIONAL TEAM**

- 19.1 Removal of an athlete from the National Team can only be made by a decision of the Wushu Secretary-General, following recommendation by the National Head Coach.
- 19.2 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the National Head Coach, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.
- 19.3 An athlete may be removed from the National Team if he/she:
- (a) breaches or fails to comply with this Selection Policy;
  - (b) breaches or fails to comply with the National Team Athlete Agreement and/or National Team Athlete Code of Conduct;
  - (c) breaches or fails to comply with the AKWF Anti-Doping Policy;
  - (d) breaches or fails to comply with the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the athlete has been selected to participate;
  - (e) ignores any reasonable instruction or request by the AKWF, National Head Coach, National Team Manager or the Wushu Secretary-General;
  - (f) brings him/herself, another athlete, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute;
  - (g) has an illness or injury which in the opinion of the National Head Coach will prevent the athlete from continuing to perform at the standard on which he or she was selected to the National Team; or
  - (h) fails to consistently maintain the level of performance standard on which he or she was selected to the National Team.

## **SECTION 20 – APPEALS**

- 20.1 An athlete who is eligible for selection pursuant to this Selection Policy but who has not been selected may appeal against such non-selection or removal from the National Team only in accordance with this Section 20.

### **Grounds for Appeal**

- 20.2 The only available ground of appeal is that the Selection Policy, including the National Selection Criteria, has not been properly followed or implemented.

### **Procedure**

- 20.3 Any appeal by an athlete (appellant) against non-selection or removal from the National Team must:
- (a) within 7 days of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made, give written notice to the Wushu Secretary-General of his/her intention to appeal;
  - (b) be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 (payable to Australian Kung Fu (Wu Shu) Federation); and

- (c) set out particulars in writing signed by the Appellant or Guardian of:
  - i. the decision appealed against;
  - ii. the grounds for the appeal; and
  - iii. specific details of the reasons or circumstances which support the grounds of appeal (collectively referred to as the Statement of Appeal).

20.4 Within 48 hours of receipt of the Statement of Appeal and the Appeal Fee, the Wushu Secretary-General must refer the Appeal to the Appeal Panel.

20.5 A failure by the Appellant to comply with any of the time limits set out in paragraph 20.3 will render the purported appeal invalid.

### **Appeal Panel**

20.6 The Wushu Secretary-General will appoint an Appeal Panel which subject to paragraph 20.7 and 20.8 shall comprise the following persons appointed by the AKWF National Committee:

- (a) A person nominated by the AKWF National Committee as Chairperson.
- (b) An independent person who is a member of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).
- (c) An impartial and independent person, with thorough knowledge of the sport of wushu, acceptable to the Chairperson and AIS representative.

20.7 A person is ineligible to be appointed to the Appeal Panel if he/she is a member of the original Selection Panel or, by reason of his/her relationship with the Appellant or any member of the Selection Panel, would be not considered to be impartial.

20.8 Where a determination of the appeal is required urgently and the Appellant agrees in writing, the Appeal Panel may consist of only one person being a person nominated by the AKWF National Committee provided that person is agreed to by the Appellant.

### **Powers of Appeal Panel**

20.9 The Appeal Panel shall only determine whether or not the Selection Policy including the National Selection Criteria has been properly followed or implemented. It has no power of selection or reselection.

20.10 The Appeal Panel is not bound by rules of evidence, but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.

20.11 If the Appeal Panel determines that the Selection Policy including the National Selection Criteria has not been properly followed or implemented the Appeal Panel shall refer the matter back to the Selection Panel in which case the Appeal Panel may at its complete discretion give directions to the Selection Panel provided such directions do not, in effect, amount to a direction to select or not select a particular athlete or athletes.

### **Procedures of Appeal Panel**

20.12 Once an appeal is referred to the Appeal Panel, it must:

- (a) convene a meeting of the Appeal Panel (Hearing) as soon as possible;
- (b) serve a copy of the Statement of Appeal to the Selection Panel; and
- (c) direct the Selection Panel to file with the Wushu Secretary-General a response to the Statement of Appeal detailing the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.

20.13 No later than 48 hours prior to the Hearing, the Appeal Panel must advise the Appellant and the Selection Panel:

- (a) of the date and place and time of the Hearing; and
- (b) that they may attend the Hearing either in person or by a representative to provide the Appeal Panel with any information which they consider is relevant to the appeal.

### **Conduct of the Hearing**

20.14 The Appeal Panel may conduct the Hearing in such a manner as it sees fit including but not limited to by way of teleconference or videoconference and may if it considers it appropriate adjourn the Hearing provided that:

- (a) the Appellant is given all reasonable opportunity to be heard; and,
- (b) the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness are adhered to.

### **Matters After the Hearing**

20.15 The Appeal Panel will deliver its decision within 7 days of the Hearing and it shall be sufficient for a majority of those on the Appeal Panel to agree on the decision.

20.16 The Appeal Panel will provide the Appellant, the Selection Panel and the Wushu Secretary-General with a statement detailing the reasons for its decision.

20.17 Should the Appeal Panel refer the matter back to the Selection Panel in accordance with paragraph 20.11, the Selection Panel must comply with any directions given by the Appeal Panel provided that any such directions do not, in effect, amount to a direction to select or not select a particular athlete or athletes.

20.18 Provided the Selection Panel has complied with any directions given to it by the Appeal Panel, there shall be no appeal from any subsequent decision of the Selection Panel which is made following a referral to it by the Appeal Panel under paragraph 20.11.

## **SECTION 21 – APPEAL TO COURT OF ARBITRATION OF SPORT**

21.1 An athlete may appeal against a decision of the Appeal Panel to the Appeals Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) only in accordance with this Section 21.

21.2 An Appeal to CAS may only be made on the grounds that:

- (a) the Appeal Panel failed to properly follow or implement the requirements of Section 20 of this Selection Policy and such failure has resulted in unreasonable prejudice to the athlete; or

- (b) the athlete was denied natural justice or procedural fairness by the Appeal Panel.
- 21.3 An athlete wishing to subsequently appeal to the CAS must submit within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is being made, written notification to the Wushu Secretary-General of his/her intention to do so. Only then, and within 5 working days, may the athlete file his/her statement of appeal with the CAS.
- 21.4 Unless the athlete has applied to the Appeal Panel or CAS for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal, failure to observe the time limits mentioned in paragraph 21.3 will render any appeal null and void. The Appeal Panel or CAS may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances that are beyond the control of the athlete concerned.
- 21.5 Subject to paragraph 21.6 and 21.7, the CAS must solely and exclusively resolve any appeal from a decision of the Appeal Panel according to the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of the CAS will be final and binding on all parties, and neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any other court or tribunal.
- 21.6 CAS shall only have power to:
- (a) Reject the appeal, or
  - (b) Uphold the appeal in which case CAS may, if it thinks appropriate, refer the matter back to the Appeal Panel for a re-hearing and give any such directions to the Appeal Panel as it sees fit provided such directions do not, in effect, amount to a direction to select or not select a particular athlete or athletes.
- 21.7 CAS shall have no power of selection or reselection.

## **PART C – SELECTION OF TEAM OFFICIALS**

### **SECTION 22 – ELIBIGILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 22.1 Selection of an official into National Team is conditional upon the candidate:
- (a) submitting an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional);
  - (b) being an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
  - (c) being in good health;
  - (d) being a member of the AKWF;
  - (e) remaining in 'good standing' with the AKWF;
  - (f) conducting themselves in a way that does not bring the official, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute;
  - (g) subject to paragraph 22.2, not using or having used or administered or been involved in any way with the use or administering of any prohibited substance or prohibited method or otherwise have breached the AKWF's Anti-Doping Policy;

- (h) having met the accreditation / qualification requirements set out in Part C of this Selection Policy;
  - (i) being able to attend the International Event(s);
  - (j) being able to access sufficient funding to attend the International Event(s); and
  - (k) having a clearance by relevant government authorities as a person suitable to work with children (ie. Working with Children Check) if as an official there is the potential for individual contact with athletes under the age of 18 years; and
  - (l) complying with further requirements set out in Part C of this Selection Policy.
- 22.2 Paragraph 22.1(g) will not apply to any doping offence in respect of which the official has been sanctioned under the AKWF's Anti-Doping Policy and the sanction has been satisfied in full.
- 22.3 No one person can have more than one official position in the National Team.
- 22.4 Candidates for the positions of any National Team Official who occupy any current AKWF National Committee position either elected or appointed, shall only be considered if there is a lack of alternative candidates.
- 22.5 Candidates for the positions of any National Team Official shall not occupy any current position of responsibility with the IWUF or that of any other body which hosts the International Event, which may conflict with their abilities to fully carry the duties of a National Team Official.

### **SECTION 23 – FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: DOCUMENTATION SIGNING**

- 23.1 Following selection and announcement of the officials pursuant to this Selection Policy, all officials of the National Team will be required to comply with the additional requirements set out in this Section 23.
- 23.2 All officials of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF a National Team Officials Agreement within 7 days of the National Team Officials Agreement being made available to the officials. Such agreement will include but not be limited to:
- (a) acceptance of his/her position in the National Team as a team official;
  - (b) compliance with all anti-doping requirements;
  - (c) consent to use the official's image in all media releases and on television broadcasts;
  - (d) compliance with the National Team Officials Code of Conduct; and
  - (e) liability waiver and restrictions on the official's ability to independently negotiate, source or sign sponsorship contracts that may be directly associated with his/her position as team official.
- 23.3 All officials of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF all documentations required by the IWUF or the Organising Committee of the International Event within 7 days of such documentations being made available to the official.

23.4 Any selected official of the National Team not willing to sign any required documents set out in this Section 23 will be withdrawn from the National Team.

## **SECTION 24 – SELECTION OF NATIONAL TEAM COACHES**

24.1 There shall be a different National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach for taolu, sanda and traditional National Teams.

24.2 Candidates shall submit an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional).

24.3 To be considered for selection, candidates must be NCAS accredited. The candidate with the highest level of NCAS accreditation and subject to paragraph 24.4 shall be given first preference.

24.4 Factors to consider are:

- (a) past record as a coach, including performance of teams coached in the past;
- (b) management of those teams;
- (c) experience in coaching elite level athletes;
- (d) have a relevant tertiary qualification (preferably a high performance coaching qualification) or an equivalent combination of training and experience;
- (e) ability to supervise, plan, initiating, co-ordinating and conducting of suitable training programs;
- (f) having an extensive working knowledge of technical wushu requirements;
- (g) having an extensive working knowledge of current rules and regulations of the sport of wushu;
- (h) have a high level of communication and interpersonal skills both for dealing with the athletes, coaches, team officials, competition officials and the IWUF officials;
- (i) positive feedback from current or former National Team representatives about the candidate being a National Team Coach in the past; and
- (j) proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.

24.5 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after verifying all candidates' NCAS accreditation and consulting with the NEC, within two weeks after the application deadline.

24.6 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.

24.7 If there are no applicants for the position of National Head Coach or National Assistant Coach, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting a National Head Coach or National Assistant Coach after considering his / her qualifications.

24.8 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **SECTION 25 – SELECTION OF NATIONAL TEAM MANAGER**

- 25.1 There shall be a different National Team Manager for taolu, sanda and traditional National Teams.
- 25.2 Candidates shall submit an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional).
- 25.3 Factors to consider are:
- (a) past experience as a National Team Manager at an IWUF sanctioned international competition;
  - (b) past experience as a National Team Manager at an AKWF sanctioned national competition;
  - (c) having an understanding of the requirements of elite wushu athletes;
  - (d) having demonstrated a high level organisational, communication and interpersonal skills;
  - (e) having the ability to manage and coordinate a team of athletes;
  - (f) having the ability to work in partnership with the National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach;
  - (g) positive feedback from current or former National Team representatives about the candidate being a National Team Manager in the past; and
  - (h) proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.
- 25.4 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after consulting with the NEC, within two weeks after the application deadline.
- 25.5 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.
- 25.6 If there are no applicants for the position of National Team Manager, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting a National Team Manager after considering his / her qualifications.
- 25.7 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **SECTION 26 – SELECTION OF TEAM MEDICAL OFFICER**

- 26.1 There shall be a different Team Medical Officer for taolu, sanda and traditional National Teams.
- 26.2 Candidates shall submit an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional).
- 26.3 To be considered for selection, candidates must have a medical or first aid qualification. The candidate with the highest level of qualification and subject to paragraph 26.4 shall be given first preference. Examples of such qualifications are:

- (a) holds a current Australian Registration to practice as a Medical General Practitioner;
- (b) holds a current Australian First Aid qualification at a minimum of Level 3;
- (c) be an ambulance or emergency paramedical officer;
- (d) be an Australian Registered Nurse; or
- (e) holds an Australian qualification as a Physiotherapist (specialist sports medicine knowledge would be desirable).

26.4 Factors to consider are:

- (a) past experience as a Team Medical Officer at an IWUF sanctioned international competition;
- (b) past experience as a Team Medical Officer at an AKWF sanctioned national competition;
- (c) having an extensive knowledge in the field of sports medicine;
- (d) positive feedback from current or former National Team representatives about the candidate being a Team Medical Officer in the past; and
- (e) proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.

26.5 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after consulting with the NEC, within two weeks after the application deadline.

26.6 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.

26.7 If there are no applicants for the position of Team Medical Doctor, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting a Team Medical Doctor after considering his / her qualifications.

26.8 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **SECTION 27 – SELECTION OF WUSHU JUDGE**

27.1 There shall be a different Wushu Judge for taolu, sanda and traditional National Teams.

27.2 Candidates shall submit an Application for National Team Officials, including a relevant resume and two references (character and professional).

27.3 To be considered for selection, candidates applying for a position as a taolu or traditional judge must be both an IWUF and NOAS accredited taolu judge.

27.4 To be considered for selection, candidates applying for a position as a sanda judge must be both an IWUF and NOAS accredited sanda judge.

27.5 Factors to consider are:

- (a) past experience as a judge at an IWUF sanctioned international competition.
  - (b) past experience as a judge at an AKWF sanctioned national competition;
  - (c) having a commitment and willingness to work with, and support the National Team;
  - (d) positive feedback from current or former National Team representatives about the candidate being a Wushu Judge in the past; and
  - (e) proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.
- 27.6 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after verifying all candidates' NOAS and IWUF accreditation and consulting with the NEC, within two weeks after the application deadline.
- 27.7 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.
- 27.8 If there are no applicants for the position of Team Wushu Judger, the Wushu Secretary-General shall have total discretion in selecting a Wushu Judge after considering his / her qualifications.
- 27.9 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **SECTION 28 – REMOVAL OF AN OFFICIAL FROM THE NATIONAL TEAM**

- 28.1 Removal of an official from the National Team can only be made by a decision of the Wushu Secretary-General after consulting with the NEC.
- 28.2 An official may be removed from the National Team if he/she:
- (a) breaches or fails to comply with this Selection Policy;
  - (b) breaches or fails to comply with the National Team Officials Agreement and/or National Team Officials Code of Conduct;
  - (c) breaches or fails to comply with the AKWF Anti-Doping Policy;
  - (d) breaches or fails to comply with the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the official has been selected to participate;
  - (e) ignores any reasonable instruction or request by the AKWF National Committee or the Wushu Secretary-General;
  - (f) brings him/herself, another official, the National Team as a whole, an athlete, the AKWF or the sport of wushu, into disrepute; or
  - (g) has an illness or injury which in the opinion of the Wushu Secretary-General will prevent the official from continuing to perform as an official on which he or she was selected to the National Team.
- 28.3 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **PART D – TEAM OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **SECTION 29 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL HEAD COACH**

- 29.1 Has overall authority in all National Team events.
- 29.2 Shall oversee all aspects of National Team training once official preparation for the International Event begins. This shall include determination of training dates, times, locations and training loads.
- 29.3 Organise the National Team entry forms with the National Team Manager.
- 29.4 Shall determine team departure dates.
- 29.5 Liaise with the National Assistant Coach, National Team Manager, Team Medical Officer and Wushu Judge for all the National Team preparation work.
- 29.6 Liaise with the IWUF officials and the Organising Committee of the International Event.
- 29.7 At the International Event, the National Head Coach shall:
  - (a) be on the competition floor at all times when a National Team member is competing;
  - (b) attend technical meetings; and
  - (c) organise pre-competition training times and venues.
- 29.8 Arrange a debrief with all National Team members at an appropriate time within one month of the conclusion of the International Event.
- 29.9 Prepare a detailed written report within one month of the conclusion of the International Event regarding all aspects of the International Event and forward it to the AKWF National Committee and the NEC through the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **SECTION 30 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH**

- 30.1 Officially part of the National Team and shall accompany the National Team to the International Event unless the International Event only allows one coach per team.
- 30.2 Duties will commence when official training for the International Event begins.
- 30.3 Shall assist the National Head Coach in preparing the National Team for the International Event as directed, and support the decisions made by the National Head Coach at all times.
- 30.4 Shall communicate with the National Head Coach regarding any alteration in the original training plan, prior to training.
- 30.5 Shall take on the personal coach duties for his/her own athlete and for other athletes who do not have a personal coach readily available as designated by the National Head Coach.

- 30.6 Assist the National Head Coach in preparing a detailed written report within one month of the conclusion of the International Event regarding all aspects of the International Event and forward it to the AKWF National Committee and the NEC through the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **SECTION 31 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL TEAM MANAGER**

- 31.1 The Team Manager's roles and responsibilities are distinct from the National Head Coach and are not related to the training and performance of the National Team athletes.
- 31.2 Ensuring that entry forms, visas and other required team documentation are completed in a timely and effective manner
- 31.3 Overseeing travel arrangements, transportation, meals, accommodation, chaperoning athletes etc.
- 31.4 During travel, make all arrangements such as uniform requirements, luggage, tickets, seating, meals, meeting times etc to ensure smooth transportation.
- 31.5 Ensure that all National Team members are kept fully informed at all times prior to and during the International Event.
- 31.6 Liaise with the National Head Coach for all the National Team preparation work.
- 31.7 Liaise with the IWUF officials and the Organising Committee of the International Event.
- 31.8 Prepare a detailed written report within one month of the conclusion of the International Event regarding all aspects of the International Event and forward it to the AKWF National Committee and the NEC through the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **SECTION 32 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MEDICAL OFFICER**

- 32.1 Perform medical assessments to any of the National Team members when required.
- 32.2 Ensure sufficient first aid supplies are available to the National Team at all times.
- 32.3 Shall attend to all of the National Team member's medical needs.
- 32.4 Liaise with the National Head Coach and National Team Manager for all the National Team medical needs.

### **SECTION 33 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF WUSHU JUDGE**

- 33.1 Liaise with the National Head Coach and National Team Manager's needs and requirements for the International Event.
- 33.2 Be available during training times prior to the commencement of the International Event to advise on technical specifications and the IWUF rules and regulations
- 33.3 If not travelling directly with the National Team, make sure meeting arrangements, places and times are finalised and communicated to all concerned prior to departure. Have a contact phone number in order to confirm arrangements.

- 33.4 For taolu judges, making recommendations on any of the National Team athlete's routines when requested, regarding elements needed for special requirements.
- 33.5 Get to know all the National Team athletes and ensure they are familiar with you prior to team departure.
- 33.6 Meet and talk with other international judges promoting Australian athletes, good relations and familiarity for ease of judging during the International Event.
- 33.7 Promote Australian wushu in a positive manner to judges and other team members from other countries.
- 33.8 During travel assist all National Team Officials as requested.
- 33.9 Attend judges briefing and report any relevant information to National Head Coach.
- 33.10 Judge all athletes correctly and fairly.
- 33.11 Fully conforming to the IWUF code of ethics for judges
- 33.12 Prepare a detailed written report within one month of the conclusion of the International Event detailing all information regarding judging and any changes to judging guidelines and forward it to the AKWF National Committee and the NEC through the Wushu Secretary-General.

## **PART E – TEAM OBSERVERS**

### **SECTION 34 – ELIBIGILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 34.1 Acceptance of a person to accompany the National Team as an observer is conditional upon the person:
  - (a) submitting an Application for National Team Observer;
  - (b) being in good health;
  - (c) having no issues with the AKWF that may include but not limited to issues that may distract or disrupt the National Team;
  - (d) conducting themselves in a way that does not bring the observer, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute;
  - (e) being able to attend the International Event(s);
  - (f) being able to access sufficient funding to attend the International Event(s); and
  - (g) complying with further requirements set out in Part E of this Selection Policy.

### **SECTION 35 – FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: DOCUMENTATION SIGNING**

- 35.1 Following the acceptance as an observer pursuant to this Selection Policy, all observers of the National Team will be required to comply with the additional requirements set out in this Section 35.
- 35.2 All observers of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF a National Team Observer Agreement within 7 days of the National Team Observer Agreement

being made available to the observer. Such agreement will include but not be limited to:

- (a) acceptance of his/her position in the National Team as an observer;
- (b) consent to use the observer's image in all media releases and on television broadcasts;
- (c) compliance with the National Team Observer Code of Conduct; and
- (d) liability waiver.

35.3 All observers of the National Team must sign and return to the AKWF all documentations required by the IWUF or the Organising Committee of the International Event within 7 days of such documentation(s) being made available to the observer.

35.4 Any observer of the National Team not willing to sign any required documents set out in this Section 35 will be excluded from accompanying the National Team as an observer.

### **SECTION 36 – ACCEPTANCE OF TEAM OBSERVERS**

36.1 Applicants shall submit an Application for National Team Observer.

36.2 Factors to consider are:

- (a) any existing relationship (personal or professional) the person has with any athlete or official;
- (b) the likelihood the person will be a distraction to any athlete or official;
- (c) the likelihood the person will interfere or interrupt team management matters and pre-competition training; and
- (d) feedback from current or former National Team representatives about the person being an observer in the past.

36.3 The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General, after consulting with the NEC within two weeks after the application deadline.

36.4 If the Wushu Secretary-General does not follow the recommendation from the NEC, he / she must state their reason in writing to the NEC.

36.5 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

### **SECTION 37 – REMOVAL OF AN OBSERVER FROM THE NATIONAL TEAM**

37.1 Removal of an observer from the National Team can only be made by a decision of the Wushu Secretary-General after consulting with the NEC.

37.2 An observer may be removed from the National Team if he/she:

- (a) breaches or fails to comply with this Selection Policy;

- (b) breaches or fails to comply with the National Team Observer Agreement and/or National Team Observer Code of Conduct;
- (c) breaches or fails to comply with the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the observer has been accepted to participate;
- (d) ignores any reasonable instruction or request by the AKWF National Committee or the Wushu Secretary-General;
- (e) brings him/herself, another observer, an official, the National Team as a whole, an athlete, the AKWF or the sport of wushu, into disrepute; or
- (f) has an illness or injury which in the opinion of the Wushu Secretary-General will distract members of the National Team from continuing to perform at a standard on which he or she was selected to the National Team.

37.3 There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

APPENDIX

**APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION**

NAME OF ACADEMY/SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

AKWF ACADEMY/SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one national team to apply for:

- Optional Taolu     Junior Taolu     Sanda     Junior Sanda

At the time of signing this form, I acknowledge that:

1. I am applying for selection to the AKWF National Team for 201x – 201x International Wushu Events. I am able to attend to these International Wushu Events and have access to sufficient funding to attend to these International Wushu Events;
2. I am an Australian citizen and in good health;
3. I am a member of the AKWF and am in good standing with the AKWF;
4. I will register and am able to attend the xxxx xxxxxxxx Wushu Championships which will be used for selection purposes.
5. I am aware that the AKWF Selection Policy can be accessed on the official AKWF website ([www.akwf.com](http://www.akwf.com)) and that I have read the Selection Policy and I understand it;
6. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Selection Policy;
7. I will follow up with the status of my application if I do not hear from the AKWF after 2 weeks of submission; and
8. I specifically agree that I will be bound by the Appeal's policy set out in the Selection Policy and that I will not institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or Tribunal other than the AKWF's Appeals Panel or the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (for all persons under 18 years old): .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Important: This document must be submitted no later than xx month 201x.**

**By post:           xx xxx xxx, Suburb, State, Postcode**

**AND By email: AKWF Wushu Secretary-General – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

**AKWF NEC Chairman – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

**APPENDIX 2 – APPLICATION FOR TRADITIONAL WUSHU TEAM (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADITIONAL WUSHU TEAM**

NAME OF ACADEMY/SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

AKWF ACADEMY/SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the following events: (enter a maximum of one routine per category).

Bare-hand: \_\_\_\_\_  Apparatus: \_\_\_\_\_

Duel Event: \_\_\_\_\_  Group Event: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\* A video copy of all the above routines on DVD must be attached to your application. \*\****

At the time of signing this form, I acknowledge that:

1. I am applying for selection to the AKWF Traditional Wushu Team for the 201x Wushu Championships. I am able to attend to these International Wushu Events and have access to sufficient funding to attend to these International Wushu Events;
2. I am an Australian citizen and in good health;
3. I am a member of the AKWF and am in good standing with the AKWF;
4. I am aware that the AKWF Selection Policy can be accessed on the official AKWF website ([www.akwf.com](http://www.akwf.com)) and that I have read the Selection Policy and I understand it;
5. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Selection Policy;
6. I will follow up with the status of my application if I do not hear from AKWF after 2 weeks of submission; and
7. I specifically agree that in the I will be bound by the Appeal's policy set out in the Selection Policy and that I will not institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or Tribunal other than the AKWF's Appeals Panel or the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (for all persons under 18 years old): .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Important: This document must be submitted no later than xx month 201x.**

**By post: xx xxx xxx, Suburb, State, Postcode**

**AND By email: AKWF Wushu Secretary-General – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

**AKWF NEC Chairman – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (OPTIONAL TAOLU)**

#### **Foreword**

This is the selection criteria to select the 201x – 201x Australian National Wushu (Taolu) Team. Results from the Selection Event - the 201x xxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships, will be used to select the National Team. A and B Teams will be selected and each team may consist of ten athletes. A-Team will serve as members of the Australian National Wushu (Taolu) Team for the year 201x and 201x and the B-Team will serve the as the Reserve Team.

#### **I. Purpose**

The purpose is to select the highest level and best combination of wushu (taolu) athletes.

#### **II. General Information**

##### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Athletes must:

- a) have submitted an Application For National Team Selection;
- b) have registered and participated in the Selection Event;
- c) be an Australian citizen and in good health;
- d) be a member of the AKWF and be in good standing with the AKWF;
- e) be able to attend intensive training at a reasonable cost set by the AKWF;
- f) be committed to compete in international wushu championships during the year 201x; and
- g) be able to pay their own airfare, accommodation and other expense to attend such international wushu championships.

##### **Categories:**

- 1) Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Gunshu, Qiangshu
- 2) Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun
- 3) Taijiquan, Taijijian

##### **Rules:**

- 1) 2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Taolu Competition applies.
- 2) The athlete must compete in one bare-hand form and at least one weapon form in the same category to be considered for selection.
- 3) The athlete can only perform a maximum of one bare-hand form and two weapon forms.
- 4) Individual total score = bare-hand score + highest weapon score.
- 5) Degree of difficulty movements are required in all routines.
- 6) The compulsory movements are required in all routines.

- 7) The C and D level difficulties will be awarded points as B level difficulties. C and D level difficulties will still be judged according to their level of difficulty even though the points awarded will only be at the B level.
- 8) Music: Music is only required for Taijiquan and Taijijian.

### **III. Selection Method**

#### **A-Team (National Team – maximum of ten athletes)**

- 1) The first six A-Team positions (three males and three females) shall be awarded to the eligible athletes with the highest individual total score from each male and female category.
- 2) These six athletes must have an individual total score of 17.60 or higher for the category by which they are qualifying for the team. If an athlete has an individual total score of less than 17.60, that athlete can still retain his/her position if no other eligible athlete from any gender and category has an individual total score higher than him/her, otherwise this athlete shall be replaced by the next best eligible athlete as per point 3.
- 3) If any of the first six A-Team positions are not filled due to lack of eligible athletes in that category or failing the minimum individual total score requirement, these unfilled positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender, category and the minimum individual total score requirement.
- 4) The remaining four A-Team positions shall go to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender, category and the minimum individual total score requirement.

#### **B-Team (Reserve Team – maximum of ten athletes)**

- 5) A minimum individual total score is not required for the B-Team.
- 6) The first six B-Team positions (three males and three females) shall be awarded to the remaining eligible athletes with the highest individual total score from each male and female category.
- 7) If any of the first six B-Team positions are not filled due to lack of eligible athletes in that category, these unfilled positions shall be awarded to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender and category.
- 8) The remaining four B-Team positions shall go to the remaining highest ranked total scoring eligible athletes regardless of gender and category.

#### **Vacancies**

- 9) If a selected team member is withdrawn from the A-Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the athlete from the B-Team in his/her gender category. If there is no athlete in that gender category, the position shall be awarded to the highest ranked total scoring athlete from the B-Team regardless of gender and category.
- 10) If vacant positions still remain in the A-Team and B-Team caused by lack of eligible athletes participating in the Selection Event, the AKWF shall have total discretion in selecting athletes for these vacant positions after considering their past competition results.

The AKWF reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) to comply with the International Event's team composition rules or if an athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in the Selection Policy.

## **APPENDIX 4 – JUNIOR TAOLU SELECTION CRITERIA (SAMPLE)**

# **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (JUNIOR TAOLU)**

### **Foreword**

This is the selection criteria to select the 201x – 201x Australian National Junior Wushu (Taolu) Team. Results from the Selection Event - the 201x xxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships, will be used to select the National Team. A and B Teams will be selected and each team may consist of twelve junior athletes (two boys and two girls per age group category). A-Team will serve as members of the Australian National Junior Wushu (Taolu) Team for the year 201x and 201x and the B-Team will serve the as the Reserve Team.

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose is to select the highest level and best combination of junior wushu (taolu) athletes.

### **II. General Information**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Athletes must:

- a) have submitted an Application For National Team Selection;
- b) have registered and participated in the Selection Event;
- c) be an Australian citizen and in good health;
- d) be a member of the AKWF and be in good standing with the AKWF;
- e) be able to attend intensive training at a reasonable cost set by the AKWF;
- f) be committed to compete in international wushu championships during the year 201x; and
- g) be able to pay their own airfare, accommodation and other expense to attend such international wushu championships.

#### **Categories:**

- 1) Group A: Athletes born between January 1, 199x – December 31, 199x.
  - i. Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Gunshu (2<sup>nd</sup> Set of International Competition Taolu)
  - ii. Nanquan, Nandao, Nangun (International Competition Taolu)
  - iii. 42 Step Taijiquan, 42 Step Taijijian (International Competition Taolu)
- 2) Group B: Athletes born between January 1, 199x – December 31, 199x.
  - i. Changquan, Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Gunshu (1<sup>st</sup> Set of International Competition Taolu)
  - ii. Nanquan, Nandao (International Competition Taolu)
  - iii. 24 Step Taijiquan, 32 Step Taijijian (International Competition Taolu)
- 3) Group C: Athletes born between January 1, 199x – December 31, 200x.
  - i. Changquan (3rd Elementary Routine), Daoshu, Jianshu, Qiangshu, Gunshu (Elementary Taolu)

#### **Rules:**

- 1) 2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Taolu Competition applies.
- 2) The junior athlete must compete in one bare-hand form and at least one weapon form in the same category to be considered for selection.
- 3) The junior athlete can only perform a maximum of one bare-hand form and two weapon forms.
- 4) There shall be no time limit requirement for Group B and C categories.
- 5) Individual total score = bare-hand score + highest weapon score.

### **III. Selection Method**

#### **A-Team (National Team – maximum of two boys and two girls per age group category)**

- 1) The top two eligible junior athletes with the highest individual total score from each age group category shall be in the A-Team.

#### **B-Team (Reserve Team – maximum of two boys and two girls per age group category)**

- 2) The next top two eligible junior athletes with the highest individual total score from each age group category shall be in the B-Team.

#### **Vacancies**

- 3) If a selected junior team member is withdrawn from the A-Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the highest ranked total scoring junior athlete from the B-Team in his/her age group gender category.
- 4) If vacant positions still remain in the A-Team and B-Team caused by lack of eligible junior athletes participating in the Selection Event, AKWF shall have total discretion in selecting junior athletes for these vacant positions after considering their past competition results.
- 5) The inclusion of a replacement junior athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the junior athlete to travel with the A-Team.

The AKWF reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) to comply with the International Event's team composition rules or if a junior athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in the Selection Policy.

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (SANDA)**

#### **Foreword**

This is the selection criteria to select the 201x – 201x Australian National Wushu (Sanda) Team. Results from the Selection Event - the 201x xxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships, will be used to select the National Team. A and B Teams will be selected and each team may consist of ten athletes (six men and four women). A-Team will serve as members of the Australian National Wushu (Sanda) Team for the year 201x and 201x and the B-Team will serve the as the Reserve Team.

#### **I. Purpose**

The purpose is to select the highest level and best combination of wushu (sanda) athletes.

#### **II. General Information**

##### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Athletes must:

- a) have submitted an Application For National Team Selection;
- b) have registered and participated in the Selection Event;
- c) be an Australian citizen and in good health;
- d) be a member of the AKWF and be in good standing with the AKWF;
- e) be between the age of 18 and 35 years old (inclusive) during the year 201x.
- f) be able to attend intensive training at a reasonable cost set by the AKWF;
- g) be committed to compete in international wushu championships during the year 201x; and
- h) be able to pay their own airfare, accommodation and other expense to attend such international wushu championships.

##### **Categories:**

There are eleven male weight categories and seven female weight categories. If there are insufficient athletes in a weight category, the AKWF may combine a maximum of two neighbouring weight categories after receiving written permission from all affected sanda athletes at any time prior to the start of the Selection Event.

##### **Rules:**

2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Sanda Competition applies.

#### **III. Selection Method**

##### **A-Team (National Team – maximum of six men and four women)**

- 1) Only one athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the A-Team.
- 2) The best placed eligible athlete (eg. first place if all participants are eligible) in his/her weight category shall be considered for the A-Team. No second best placed eligible athlete (eg. second

place if all participants are eligible) shall be considered for the A-Team, even if there are positions available (e.g. no changing weight categories in order to qualify for the A-Team).

- 3) All best placed eligible athletes in his/her weight category automatically qualify for the A-Team unless the situation described in point 4 arises.
- 4) If there are not enough positions for all the sanda athletes qualified under point 3 due to restriction in team size, the AKWF will choose from among these athletes to form the A-Team. The criteria by which AKWF will select the team (and thus exclude certain best placed finishers) may include but are not limited to the following, which are not listed in order of importance:
  - (a) The percentage of rounds won at the Selection Event by each athlete. A higher percentage implies that he/she was more dominating against opponents.
  - (b) The number of bouts he/she fought at the Selection Event. A higher number of bouts imply that his/her weight category was more difficult to win because of a higher number and variety of opponents.
  - (c) His/her overall sanda skills. A athlete with a more complete skill set (punching, kicking, and throwing) may have a better chance of doing well at international event, provided they are clearly capable of performing these skills well.
  - (d) His/her her results at previous competitions including but not limited to the World Championships, International Events sanctioned by the IWUF or AKWF sanctioned events.

**B-Team (Reserve Team – maximum of six men and four women)**

- 5) Only one athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the B-Team.
- 6) The B-Team shall consist of the remaining best placed eligible athletes excluded from the A-Team in point 4.
- 7) Subject to point 5, any remaining positions in the B-Team shall be filled by second best placed eligible athletes selected by the AKWF as per the criteria in point 4.

**Vacancies**

- 8) Subject to point 1, if a selected team member is withdrawn from the A-Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the best athlete from the B-Team as per the criteria in point 4.
- 9) Subject to point 1 and 5, if vacant positions still remain in the A-Team and B-Team caused by lack of eligible athletes participating in the Selection Event, the AKWF shall have total discretion in selecting athletes after considering their past competition results.
- 10) The inclusion of a replacement sanda athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the sanda athlete to travel with the A-Team.

The AKWF shall be guided but not bound by any of the criteria in point 4 in selecting the A-Team and B-Team.

The AKWF reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) to comply with the International Event's team composition rules or if a sanda athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in the Selection Policy.

## **APPENDIX 6 – JUNIOR SANDA SELECTION CRITERIA (SAMPLE)**

# **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (JUNIOR SANDA)**

### **Foreword**

This is the selection criteria to select the 201x – 201x Australian National Junior Wushu (Sanda) Team. Results from the Selection Event - the 201x xxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships, will be used to select the National Team. A and B Teams will be selected and each team may consist of eight sanda junior athletes (five boys and three girls). A-Team will serve as members of the Australian National Junior Wushu (Sanda) Team for the year 201x and 201x and the B-Team will serve the as the Reserve Team.

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose is to select the highest level and best combination of junior wushu (sanda) athletes.

### **II. General Information**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Athletes must:

- a) have submitted an Application For National Team Selection;
- b) have registered and participated in the Selection Event;
- c) be an Australian citizen and in good health;
- d) be a member of the AKWF and be in good standing with the AKWF;
- e) be between the age of 15 and 18 years old (inclusive) during the year 201x.
- f) be able to attend intensive training at a reasonable cost set by the AKWF;
- g) be committed to compete in international wushu championships during the year 201x; and
- h) be able to pay their own airfare, accommodation and other expense to attend such international wushu championships.

#### **Categories:**

There are eight male weight categories and four female weight categories. Junior weight categories shall not be combined even if there are insufficient junior athletes in a weight category.

#### **Rules:**

2005 IWUF Rules for International Wushu Sanda Competition applies.

### **III. Selection Method**

#### **A-Team (National Team – maximum of five boys and three girls)**

- 1) Only one junior athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the A-Team.
- 2) The best placed eligible junior athlete (eg. first place if all participants are eligible) in his/her weight category shall be considered for the A-Team. No second best placed eligible junior athlete (eg. second place if all participants are eligible) shall be considered for the A-Team, even

if there are positions available (e.g. no changing weight categories in order to qualify for the A-Team).

- 3) All best placed eligible junior athletes in his/her weight category automatically qualify for the A-Team unless the situation described in point 4 arises.
- 4) If there are not enough positions for all the junior athletes qualified under point 3 due to restriction in team size, the AKWF will choose from among these junior athletes to form the A-Team. The criteria by which the AKWF will select the team (and thus exclude certain best placed finishers) may include but are not limited to the following, which are not listed in order of importance:
  - (a) The percentage of rounds won at the Selection Event by each junior athlete. A higher percentage implies that he/she was more dominating against opponents.
  - (b) The number of bouts he/she fought at the Selection Event. A higher number of bouts imply that his/her weight category was more difficult to win because of a higher number and variety of opponents.
  - (c) His/her overall sanda skills. A junior athlete with a more complete skill set (punching, kicking, and throwing) may have a better chance of doing well at international event, provided they are clearly capable of performing these skills well.
  - (d) His/her results at previous competitions including but not limited to the World Junior Championships, International Events sanctioned by the IWUF or AKWF sanctioned events.

**B-Team (Reserve Team – maximum of five boys and three girls)**

- 5) Only one junior athlete from each gender weight category may be considered for the B-Team.
- 6) The B-Team shall consist of the remaining best placed eligible junior athletes excluded from the A-Team in point 4.
- 7) Subject to point 5, any remaining positions in the B-Team shall be filled by second best placed eligible junior athletes selected by the AKWF as per the criteria in point 4.

**Vacancies**

- 8) Subject to point 1, if a selected junior team member is withdrawn from the A-Team, his/her position shall be awarded to the best junior athlete from the B-Team.
- 9) Subject to point 1 and 5, if vacant positions still remain in the A-Team and B-Team caused by lack of eligible junior athletes participating in the Selection Event, the AKWF shall have total discretion in selecting junior athletes after considering their past competition results.
- 10) The inclusion of a replacement junior athlete shall be conditional on the International Event's closing date for submission of Final Entry Forms and on there being sufficient time to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for the junior athlete to travel with the A-Team.

The AKWF shall be guided but not bound by any of the criteria in point 4 in selecting the A-Team and B-Team.

The AKWF reserves the discretionary right to make final decisions on team composition (including changes) to comply with the International Event's team composition rules or if a junior athlete has been selected under Special Consideration as outlined in the Selection Policy.

**APPENDIX 7 – APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS**

Applications are invited for the positions of National Head Coach, National Assistant Coach, National Team Manager, Team Medical Officer and Wushu Judge for the National Wushu Team for the 201x xxxxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships to be held on month xx – xx, 201x in Location, Country.

NAME OF ACADEMY/SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

AKWF ACADEMY/SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NCAS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NCAS Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

NOAS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NOAS Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

NOAS Discipline (Taolu / Sanda): \_\_\_\_\_ IWUF Accredited Judge (Yes / No): \_\_\_\_\_

Working With Children Check ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ for Taolu / Sanda / Traditional  
(insert position) (please circle one)

**\*\*All applications must include a resume and two references (character and professional).\*\***

At the time of signing this form, I acknowledge that:

1. I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident and in good health;
2. I am a member of the AKWF and am in good standing with the AKWF;
3. I am applying for selection as a National Team Official for the xxx xxxxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships. I am able to attend to this event and have access to sufficient funding to attend the event;
4. I am aware that the AKWF Selection Policy can be accessed on the official AKWF website ([www.akwf.com](http://www.akwf.com)) and that I have read the Selection Policy and I understand it; and
5. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Selection Policy.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

**Important: This document must be submitted no later than xx month 201x.**

**By post: xx xxx xxx, Suburb, State, Postcode**

**AND By email: AKWF Wushu Secretary-General – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

**AKWF NEC Chairman – [xxxx@xxxxx.com](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.com)**

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS**

#### **I. General information**

- a) The final selection decision shall be made by the Wushu Secretary-General after consulting with the AKWF.
- b) No one person can have more than one official position in the National Team.
- c) Candidates who occupy any current AKWF National Committee position either elected or appointed shall only be considered if there is a lack of alternative candidates.
- d) Candidates shall not occupy any current position of responsibility with the IWUF or that of any other body which hosts the International Event, which may conflict with their abilities to fully carry the duties of a National Team Official.
- e) There is no right of appeal against any decision made by the Wushu Secretary-General.

#### **II. Eligibility Criteria**

All candidates must:

- a) have submitted an Application For National Team Officials;
- b) be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and in good health;
- c) be a member of the AKWF and be in good standing with the AKWF;
- d) be able to attend the xxx xxxxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships and have access to sufficient funding to attend the event; and
- e) have a clearance by relevant government authorities as a person suitable to work with children (ie. Working with Children Check) if as an official there is the potential for individual contact with athletes under the age of 18 years.

#### **III. Selection Criteria for National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach**

The successful candidate must:

- a) be NCAS accredited;
- b) have experience of coaching elite level athletes;
- c) have a relevant tertiary qualification (preferably a high performance coaching qualification) or an equivalent combination of training and experience;
- d) have the ability to supervise, plan, initiating, co-ordinating and conducting of suitable training programs;
- e) have an extensive working knowledge of technical wushu requirements;
- f) have an extensive working knowledge of current rules and regulations of the sport of wushu;
- g) have a high level of communication and interpersonal skills both for dealing with the athletes, coaches, team officials, competition officials and the IWUF officials; and
- h) have proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.

#### **IV. Selection Criteria for National Team Manager**

The successful candidate must:

- a) have an understanding of the requirements of elite wushu athletes;
- b) have demonstrated a high level organisational, communication and interpersonal skills;
- c) have the ability to manage and coordinate a team of athletes;
- d) have the ability to work in partnership with the National Head Coach and National Assistant Coach; and
- e) have proven capacity to relate appropriately with athletes.

#### **V. Selection Criteria for Team Medical Officer**

The successful candidate must:

- a) have a medical or first aid qualification and
- b) preferably have an extensive knowledge in the field of sports medicine.

#### **VI. Selection Criteria for Wushu Judge**

The successful candidate must:

- a) be both an IWUF and NOAS accredited judge; and
- b) have a commitment and willingness to work with, and support the National Team.

**APPENDIX 9 – APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER**

NAME OF ACADEMY/SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

AKWF ACADEMY/SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER YOU ARE ACCOMPANYING: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATION TO THE NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIOR TOURNAMENTS AS A NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER: \_\_\_\_\_

At the time of signing this form, I acknowledge that:

1. I am in good health;
2. I have no issues with the AKWF that may include but are not limited to issues that may distract or disrupt the National Team;
3. I am applying as a National Team Observer for the xxx xxxxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships; and
4. I am able to attend the xxx xxxxxxxxxxxx Wushu Championships and have access to sufficient funding to attend the event.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (for all persons under 18 years old): .....

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Important: This document must be submitted no later than xx month 201x.**

**By post: xx xxx xxx, Suburb, State, Postcode**

**AND By email: AKWF Wushu Secretary-General – xxx@xxxx.com**

**AKWF NEC Chairman – xxx@xxxx.com**

**APPENDIX 10 – NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE AGREEMENT (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

I,.....(full name)

of.....(address), do

- a) hereby acknowledge my acceptance to the position of athlete in the Australian National Wushu Team (herein called as “the team”) competing in the xxxx Wushu Championships – Location, Country;
- b) agree to have read and to abide by the AKWF National Team Selection Policy, National Team Athlete Code of Conduct and the IWUF International Competition Rules and Regulations;
- c) acknowledge that the AKWF Anti-Doping Policy can be accessed on the official AKWF website (www.akwf.com) and that I have read the Anti-Doping Policy and I agree to abide by it;
- d) agree to cover all costs associated with my participation in the team including but not limited to airfares, accommodation, meals, travel insurance, competition insurance, entry fees, uniform, training fees and any other costs as shall be associated with my role on the team. I further understand that I will not be eligible to travel with the team nor compete in events if I have any monies outstanding on the date of departure of the team;
- e) agree that should I not be able to complete my obligations as an athlete, I will advise the Wushu Secretary-General, National Head Coach and National Team Manager as soon as is practicable, and cover any costs that may be associated with my withdrawal from the team;
- f) agree that I will not, independently of the AKWF, sign sponsorship contracts which are directly associated with my position as an athlete without first advising the AKWF and obtaining written permission from the AKWF to do so;
- g) consent to the use of my image in media releases, television broadcasts and other publicity arranged by the AKWF in relation to me being a team athlete;
- h) agree to maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness and must immediately inform the National Head Coach of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on my ability to compete to the maximum of my ability when competing as a national team athlete;
- i) agree to obtain any insurance required the AKWF; and
- j) acknowledge the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis, and even death as well as other damages and losses associated with participation in wushu. I further agree that the Australian Kung Fu (Wu Shu) Federation, Inc., and its sponsors, suppliers, employees, volunteers, agents, athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, and executive members shall not be liable for any loss or damage occurring as a result of my participation in wushu.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Name (for all persons under 18 years old): .....

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature: ..... Date: .....

**An athlete may be removed from the National Wushu Team, if in the opinion of the AKWF that the AKWF National Wushu Team Selection Policy has not been observed or this Agreement has been breached.**

**APPENDIX 11 – NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS AGREEMENT (SAMPLE)**

**AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

**NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS AGREEMENT**

I,.....(full name)

of.....(address), do

- a) hereby acknowledge my acceptance to the position of ..... in the Australian National Wushu Team (herein called as “the team”) competing in the xxxx Wushu Championships – Location, Country;
- b) agree to have read and to abide by the AKWF National Team Selection Policy, National Team Officials Code of Conduct and the IWUF International Competition Rules and Regulations;
- c) acknowledge that the AKWF Anti-Doping Policy can be accessed on the official AKWF website (www.akwf.com) and that I have read the Anti-Doping Policy and I agree to abide by it;
- d) agree to cover all costs associated with my participation in the team including but not limited to airfares, accommodation, meals, travel insurance, competition insurance, entry fees, uniform, training fees and any other costs as shall be associated with my role on the team. I understand that I will not be eligible to travel with the team if I have any monies outstanding on the date of departure of the team;
- e) agree that should I not be able to complete my obligations as a team official, I will advise the Wushu Secretary-General, National Head Coach and National Team Manager as soon as is practicable, and cover any costs that may be associated with my withdrawal from the team;
- f) agree to fulfil my responsibilities outlined in the Selection Policy and must immediately inform the AKWF of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on my ability to perform as an official;
- g) consent to the use of my image in media releases, television broadcasts and other publicity arranged by the AKWF in relation to me being an official;
- h) agree to obtain any insurance required by the AKWF; and
- i) agree that the Australian Kung Fu (Wu Shu) Federation, Inc., and its sponsors, suppliers, employees, volunteers, agents, athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, and executive members shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injuries occurring as a result of carrying out my duties as team official.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

**An official may be removed from the National Wushu Team, if in the opinion of the AKWF that the AKWF National Wushu Team Selection Policy has not been observed or this Agreement has been breached.**

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER AGREEMENT**

I,.....(full name)

of.....(address), do

- a) hereby acknowledge my acceptance to the position of observer in the Australian National Wushu Team (herein called as “the team”) competing in the xxxx Wushu Championships – Location, Country;
- b) agree to have read and to abide by the AKWF National Team Selection Policy and the National Team Observer Code of Conduct;
- c) agree to cover all costs associated with me accompanying the team including but not limited to airfares, accommodation, meals, travel insurance, competition insurance, entry fees, uniform, training fees and any other costs as shall be associated with my role on the team. I understand that I will not be eligible to travel with the team nor compete in events if I have any monies outstanding on the date of departure of the team;
- d) agree that should I not be able to complete my obligations as an observer, I will advise the Wushu Secretary-General, National Head Coach and National Team Manager as soon as is practicable, and cover any costs that may be associated with my withdrawal;
- e) agree to immediately inform the AKWF of any illness or injury that could reasonably distract members of the National Team from continuing to perform at a standard on which he or she was selected to the National Team;
- f) consent to the use of my image in media releases, television broadcasts and other publicity arranged by the AKWF in relation to me being a team observer;
- g) agree to obtain any insurance required by the AKWF; and
- h) agree that the Australian Kung Fu (Wu Shu) Federation, Inc., and its sponsors, suppliers, employees, volunteers, agents, athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, and executive members shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injuries occurring as a result of being a team observer.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Witness Signature: ..... Witness Name: .....

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Name (for all persons under 18 years old): .....

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature: ..... Date: .....

**An observer may be removed from the National Wushu Team, if in the opinion of the AKWF that the AKWF National Wushu Team Selection Policy has not been observed or this Agreement has been breached.**

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The National Team Athlete Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standard of behaviour which all athletes must abide whilst assembled, travelling or competing as part of the National Team.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches and team officials.
2. At all times be fair, considerate, honest, and courteous in all dealing with others and observe all local customs and laws.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow athletes and competitors.
4. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
5. Refrain from any form of harassment and behave in a manner that will not cause offence to others.
6. Disclose to a team official any illness or injury that may adversely affect performance.
7. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
8. Behave in a mature, responsible and professional manner that does not bring the athlete, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute.
9. Behave in a manner which does not result in actions that could become dangerous to me or others.
10. Abide by the set curfew for evenings including bed time/lights out. Spending the night other than your designated room is prohibited at all times.
11. Not have any person in my room after curfew except as assigned by the Team Management.
12. Consumption or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants is prohibited at all times.
13. Operate within the rules of the sport of wushu.
14. Follow all directions at all times given by any team official and competition officials and to follow procedures established.
15. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the AKWF, team officials and competition officials, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
16. Attend all activities planned on the athletes' behalf including, but not limited to, media events, banquets, photo sessions, or parties.
17. Attend all team meetings and trainings promptly when required and be present at the competition venue at the designated time for all events and all pre-competition ceremonies.
18. Be neatly dressed in team uniforms throughout the competition.
19. At all times maintain an appropriate professional relationship with all athletes, team officials and competition officials.
20. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.

## **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The National Team Officials Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standard of behaviour which all officials must abide whilst assembled or travelling as part of the National Team.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches and team officials.
2. At all times be fair, considerate, honest, and courteous in all dealing with others and observe all local customs and laws.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
4. Refrain from any form harassment and behave in a manner that will not cause offence to others.
5. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards the national team members.
6. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
7. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
8. Behave in a mature, responsible and professional manner that does not bring the official, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute.
9. Behave in a manner which does not result in actions that could become dangerous to myself or others.
10. Consumption or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants is prohibited at all times.
11. Maintain strict impartiality and avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
12. Operate within the rules of the sport of wushu.
13. Cooperate with the AKWF, team officials and competition officials and to follow procedures established.
14. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the AKWF, team officials and competition officials, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
15. Attend all activities planned on the officials' behalf including, but not limited to, media events, banquets, photo sessions, or parties.
16. Attend all team meetings promptly when required and be present at the competition venue at the designated time for all events and all pre-competition ceremonies.
17. Be neatly dressed in team uniforms throughout the competition.
18. At all times maintain an appropriate professional relationship with all athletes, team officials and competition officials.
19. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
20. Provide chaperones for junior athletes at all times during the competition. Team officials shall accompany the junior athletes to all scheduled functions.

## **APPENDIX 15 – NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER CODE OF CONDUCT (SAMPLE)**

# **AUSTRALIAN KUNG FU (WU SHU) FEDERATION**

## **NATIONAL TEAM OBSERVER CODE OF CONDUCT**

The National Team Observer Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standard of behaviour which all observers must abide whilst assembled or travelling as part of the National Team.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches and team officials.
2. At all times be fair, considerate, honest, and courteous in all dealing with others and observe all local customs and laws.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
4. Refrain from any form of harassment and behave in a manner that will not cause offence to others.
5. Refrain from any form of criticism or abuse towards the national team members.
6. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
7. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
8. Behave in a mature, responsible and professional manner that does not bring the observer, the sport of wushu, the National Team, the AKWF or any of its sponsors into disrepute.
9. Behave in a manner which does not distract or prevent any athlete from performing at a standard on which the athlete was selected to the team.
10. Behave in a manner which does not distract or prevent any team official from performing their duties.
11. Behave in a manner which does not result in actions that could become dangerous to myself or others.
12. Do not get involved or interfere with team management matters and pre-competition training at all times.
13. Do not act or portray that you hold any form of official position in the national team.
14. Consumption or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants is prohibited at all times.
15. Respect the rules of the sport of wushu.
16. Follow all directions given by the AKWF, any team official and competition officials at all times.
17. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the AKWF, team officials and competition officials.
18. Be neatly dressed throughout the competition.
19. At all times maintain an appropriate professional relationship with all athletes, team officials and competition officials.
20. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.