

# British Council for Chinese Martial Arts

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Official Governing body for Chinese Martial Arts in UK



Traditional Taolu  
Competition Rules

2024

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## ***Judging Principles.***

### ***Entries.***

In the pursuit of fairness, competitors will be judged equally on the quality of their performance on the day. They will not be discriminated against because of the style that they are practising i.e. any style should be able to win.

Entries will be accepted from members of all groups who have returned the 'traditional' registration form and subsequently been notified of their acceptance. Entry by others will be entirely at the discretion of the chief referee.

All routines entered will be judged according to ***2019 IWUF Traditional Wushu Competition Rules & Judging Methods.***

Routines entered into the wrong category will not be marked.

Dishonesty when submitting details will result in a group being struck off this list

### ***Formation of judging panel:***

- If possible, all judges will be from different clubs.
- One (1) Chief Referee
- Judging Panel: One (1) Head Judge, three to five (3-5) Scoring Judges. Several Judging Panels may be set according to the scale of competition
- will be discounted, the remaining scores will be averaged to find a final score.
- The head judge will supervise the judges and apply deductions but will not score if there are sufficient number of judges.
- Judges displaying bias or gross incompetence will be replaced.
- Judges will be appointed by the chief referee. The composition of a judging panel will not be changed until a category has finished.

### ***Appeals / complaints:***

These will be dealt with according to the BCCMA appeals procedures as detailed in the competition pack.

### ***Feedback for competitors:***

Due to time considerations, judges will not be obliged to give feedback but may do so if they wish.

## ***Weapons:***

- Weapon inspections will take place before weapon categories begin.
- All weapons should conform with IWUF technical standards and requirements.
- Competitors will have the option of replacing their weapon and thus still being able to compete with no penalty.
- Weapons deemed too dangerous will not be allowed.

## ***Competition categories:***

### Age Category Descriptions

- Small Children's Age Group (Group A): 8 years of age (including 8) and below.
- Children's Age Group (Group B): Between 9 years of age and 11 years of age (including 11).
- Youth Age Group (Group C): Between 12 years of age and 17 years of age (including 17)
- Junior Age Group (Group D): Between 18 years of age and 39 years of age (including 39).
- Adult Age Group (Group E): Between 40 years of age and 59 years of age (including 59).
- Senior Age Group (Group F): 60 years of age (including 60) and above.

## ***Time limits:***

### Specific Routine Time Limits

- Individual events and duilian (choreographed sparring) routine durations must be between 40 seconds and 2 minutes in total (excluding Taijiquan, Taijijian, and Gongfa).
- Taijiquan routine durations must be between 3 and 4 minutes in total.
- Taijijian routine durations must be between 3 and 4 minutes in total .
- Gongfa event routine durations must be between 2 and 3 minutes in total
- Group routine durations must be between 3 and 4 minutes in total.
- Performance event routine durations must be between 3 and 4 minutes in total.

## ***Jewellery:***

In the event that the judges consider that a competitor's jewellery poses a health and safety risk, they will require that it be removed.

An inappropriate amount of jewellery will result in loss of marks.

## ***Dress Code:***

Athletes should wear competition uniforms with athletic, event, or cultural characteristics, and appropriate kungfu / wushu shoes.

## ***Traditional Routines: Scoring Methods.***

- Each event has a possible total score of 10 points.

- Scoring Judges shall confirm the level of the performance executed by on-site athlete(s) according to his/her skill level, comparing it to the "Regulations for General Grading Criteria." Points shall be deducted if "Other errors" were committed during his/her performance. 2 digits will be counted after the decimal point of the scores displayed by scoring judges, with the final digit 0 to 9, and the third digit after the decimal point is invalid.
- In the case of 3 scoring judges, the average of the 3 judges' scores is the athlete's Actual Score.
- In the case of 4 scoring judges, the average of the 2 median scores is the athlete's Actual Score.
- In the case of 5 scoring judges, the average of the 3 median scores is the athlete's Actual Score.
- If the actual score appears to be significantly unreasonable, the Head Judge may award additions or deductions before an athlete's final score is displayed.
- The Head Judge may make score adjustments from 0.01 to 0.05.
- The Head Judge may make score adjustments from 0.05 to 0.1 with the approval of the Chief Referee.
- The Head Judge deducts the "deduction points of Head Judge" from the athlete's Actual Score and adds the "Head Judge's adjusted score," the result of which is the athlete's Final Score.

### ***Head Judge's Deductions.***

- The time it takes the athlete to complete the routine: If it is less than the specified time or exceeds the specified time by a total time of within 5 seconds (including 5 seconds), 0.1 points will be deducted; if it is less than the specified time or exceeds the specified time between 5 and 10 seconds (including 10 seconds), 0.2 points will be deducted; if it is less than the specified time or exceeds the specified time by more than 10 seconds, 0.3 points will be deducted. At most 0.3 points may be deducted for time.
- Should an athlete fail to complete his/her routine within the specified time and the total deduction by the Head Judge has reached 0.3 points, the Head Judge shall notify athlete promptly to end his/her performance. This case shall be regarded as the athlete finished his/her routine.
- Should the athlete have not completed his/her routine for his/her own reasons, she/he may restart once with the consent of the Head Judge. After his/her performance is finished, the Head Judge shall deduct 1 point from the athlete's score. Athletes who could not completed 10 their routine for reasons beyond their control may restart his/her routine once without penalty points at the Head Judge's discretion.
- Should the number of athletes in the Group Event be fewer than the number specified in the competition regulations, 0.5 points shall be deducted for each athlete missing.
- In any traditional wushu taolu performances, should there appear any Degree of Difficulty Movement in the B-level and above as stipulated in the "Wushu Taolu Competition Rules" (2019) approved by the International Wushu Federation, 1 point will be deducted for each occurrence.

## Grading for Overall Performance and Score Range

	<b>Level</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Score Range</b>
<b>Advance</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9.50 – 10.00</b>
	<b>Middle</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.49</b>
	<b>Lower</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.50 – 8.99</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8.00 – 8.49</b>
	<b>Middle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7.50 – 7.99</b>
	<b>Lower</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.00 – 7.49</b>
<b>Beginner</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6.50 – 6.99</b>
	<b>Middle</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.00 – 6.49</b>
	<b>Lower</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5.00 – 5.99</b>

### ***Behaviour Code.***

Competitors, coaches etc are expected to behave with a degree of respect appropriate to Chinese martial arts. Failure to do so may result in a penalty to competitors' scores or disqualification, decided at the discretion of the head judge or chief referee.

The right of interpretation of this document belongs solely to British Council for Chinese Martial Arts. For more details of the rules and regulation, please refer to *IWUF Traditional Wushu Competition Rules and Judging Methods (Trial) 2019 – Final* on the following link: <https://bccma.com/rules/>