

# 2009 NTDTV International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Competition

## Rules and Regulation

### Mission

The mission of the “International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Competition” is to bring forth the essence of Chinese martial arts, provide contestants with an opportunity to advance their martial arts skills, and help improve contestants’ moral conduct based on Martial Arts principles. The competition also aims to promote traditional Chinese culture and display true martial arts values to the world.

### Organizer

The “International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Competition” is hosted by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV). NTDTV will broadcast the Competition proceedings around the world.

### Panel of Judges

The panel of judges for this Competition is composed of highly experienced Chinese Martial Arts experts. The Competition’s Organizing Committee has also invited Masters from various martial arts systems to serve as consultants to the Competition.

### Eligibilities and Requirements

1. Competition Categories:
  - A. **Fist Category** (divided into male and female divisions): includes Long Fist styles such as Cha Quan, Hua (flower) Quan, Pao Quan, Hong Quan, Hua (China) Quan, Shaolin, etc. It also includes other external fist styles such as Mian Quan, Tong Bei, Praying Mantis, Fanzi Quan, Ba Chi Quan (Eight Extremes Fist), etc. and internal fist styles such as Ba Gua, Xing Yi, etc.
  - B. **Southern Fist Category**: includes southern fist styles such as Hung Ga, Lau Ga, Choy Ga, Li Ga, Mok Ga, Buddha Style, Crane Style, Wing Chun, etc.
  - C. **Weapon Category**<sup>1</sup> (divided into male and female divisions): includes external weapons such as Sword, Broadsword, Spear, Staff, etc., and internal weapons such as Xing Yi Sword, Xing Yi Broadsword and Xing Yi Spear, as well as Yuanyang Blades, Qian Kun Circular Blades, etc.
2. An internal style form should be limited to 3 minutes and should include a minimum of 45 movements. It should also include most of the traditional techniques of the related style.
3. An external style form should be limited to 1-2 minutes and should include a minimum of 55 movements. It should also include most of the traditional techniques of the related style.
4. Exceptions to the duration limit or movement count requires advanced approval upon registration.
5. Contestants must be well experienced in the category that they apply for. Beginners should not apply. This contest is for advanced martial arts practitioners only.

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<sup>1</sup> Contemporary Wushu soft metal weapons are inappropriate for this competition.

6. Age requirement: Age 10-60. If a contestant's age does not meet this requirement, the contestant may still apply. However, the contestant must include his/her martial arts experience and physical condition in the application in order for the judging committee to consider his/her candidacy.
7. Each contestant can apply for only one form and in only one category for this competition.

## Competition Categories and Procedures

1. The Competition is divided into three rounds: Preliminaries, Semi-finals, and Finals.
2. The preliminaries will be held in Taiwan (Asia-Pacific region) as well as New York (North America region). Contestants may choose to register for either site but not both. Please refer to the registration form for detailed information.
3. The competition categories for all three rounds are:
  - Fist Category (divided into male and female divisions)
  - Weapon Category (divided into male and female divisions)
  - Southern Fist Category
4. The Panel of Judges will determine who will advance to the semi-finals after the preliminaries and who will advance to the finals after the semi-finals.

## Registration

1. Date: Registration begins on March 23, 2009. The registration deadline is July 16, 2009 for Asia-Pacific region and September 18, 2009 for North America region. All contestants must register in advance. This year's competition does not accept on-site registration.
2. Methods of Registration for North America region:
  - 1) Internet: <http://martialarts.ntdtv.com>
  - 2) Email: [martialarts@globalcompetitions.org](mailto:martialarts@globalcompetitions.org)
  - 3) Hotline: 1-646-736-2988
  - 4) Fax: 1-212-918-3479
  - 5) Mail: 229 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street Suite1200 New York, NY 10001, USA. Please address to: *NTDTV International Chinese Martial Arts Competition Organizing Committee.*
3. Methods of Registration for Asia-Pacific region:
  - 1) Hotline: 0800-281-182
  - 2) Cell Phone: 0919-894-892
  - 3) E-mail: [martialarts@ap.ntdtv.com](mailto:martialarts@ap.ntdtv.com)
  - 4) Fax: 03-458-9663
  - 5) Mail: 32499 Zhongli Post Office, Mail Box 27-93
4. Application Package:
  - 1) All applicants must fill out the Registration Form (downloadable at [martialarts.ntdtv.com](http://martialarts.ntdtv.com))
  - 2) All applicants may also fill out the Contestant Resume Form (including personal martial arts experience and past awards). Please also provide photocopies of all awards for validation.
  - 3) Contestants must submit two 1x1 inch color photos and a photo copy of a valid ID. A digital file of the photo is preferred.
  - 4) All forms must be legible, signed and filled out in their entirety.
  - 5) The forms can be mailed to the Competition's Organizing Committee via registered mail. All mailed information is non-returnable
5. Registration Fee:

- 1) North America Region<sup>2</sup>:
  - Registering one month prior to the competition date: US\$50.
  - Registering within one month of the competition date: US\$60.
  - Method of payment: cash, traveler's check, money orders or credit card. Please make checks payable to "New Tang Dynasty Television".
- 2) Asia-Pacific Region:
  - Registration fee is NT\$300 (New Taiwan dollar) for a student with a valid student ID, and NT\$1,200 for non-students. Also, an 20% discount is available for group registration of 10 or more persons.
  - Method of payment: post office account transfer, wire transfer, check, cash, etc.
    - i. Within Taiwan: Please use the post office account transfer. The account number is: 50105684. Account name: NTD Asia-Pacific TV Company Ltd.
    - ii. Outside of Taiwan: Please download and fill out the Registration Form to register through mailing, fax or E-mail and pay the registration fee on the competition site.
6. Registered Express Mail Fee: For contestants who need U.S. entry visa, please indicate this on the competition registration form. Also, please pay US\$25 Registered Express Mail Fee for visa documents mailing.

## Award Placement

The Competition is divided into following categories: Fist Category (male division and female division), Weapon Category (male division and female division), and Southern Fist Category. Each of the five divisions will have 1 Gold Award, 1 Silver Award and 1 Bronze Award and multiple Honorable Mention Awards.

- Gold Award winners will receive a Liucui Titanium Sword<sup>3</sup> with US\$5,000
- Silver Award winners will receive a Zhanlu Sword with US\$3,000.
- Bronze Award winners will receive a Yitian Sword with US\$1,000.

## Scoring Criteria

1. Any competition form must conform to the traditional martial arts characteristics of the related martial arts style.
2. The Panel of Judges will evaluate each contestant's performance according to the characteristics of the related martial arts style.
  - The Scoring Criteria of the Internal Fists / Weapons include movement quality, content, power, coordination, structure, layout, style, energy and rhythm.
  - The Scoring Criteria of the External Fists / Weapons include body posture and coordination, clarity, strength and fluid motion, content and style, focus and rhythm.

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<sup>2</sup> In general, a contestant's registration becomes valid only after the registration fee is paid. For individuals who cannot prepay the registration fee due to special circumstances may delay their payment by submitting a written request to the competition organizing committee. However, an additional US\$20 late fee will be charged if the payment is made on the competition site.

<sup>3</sup> The swords received by Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners are hand-crafted by renowned Asian sword smiths. The Liucui Titanium Sword is worth US\$6,000, the Zhanlu Sword is worth US\$3,000, and the Yitian Sword is worth US\$1,000.

- Long Fist forms will require a minimum of three types of jumps (i.e. single/double jump kick, spring kick, etc.) or acrobatics/flips (aerial cartwheel, spinning crescent kick or tornado kick, butterfly kick, etc). Traditional hand forms without acrobatic techniques such as Ba Chi Quan (Eight Extreme Fists) or Tong Bei will not require jumps or acrobatic techniques.
3. Martial Arts Ethics: Contestants should formally greet the judges before and after their form demonstration (such as bowing, baoquan, or pairing palms). Contestants should place the Martial Arts moral code as the top priority and conduct themselves with proper etiquette. Any inappropriate behavior will result in disqualification from the competition.
  4. Contestants should finish the movements within the allotted time. Going over or below the time limit will result in score deduction.
  5. The Panel of Judges has the right of final interpretation about the result of this competition.

## **Date and Location**

- Asia Pacific Preliminaries: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Taiwan.  
Taipei Mingde Junior High School (50 Mingde Road, Beitou District, Taipei, Taiwan)
- North America Preliminaries: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, New York, U.S.A.  
Semi-Finals and Finals: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, New York, U.S.A.  
Baruch College (55 Lexington at 24<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10010)

## **Miscellaneous**

1. Upon registration, contestants acknowledge the validity of the Rules and Regulations for the Competition.
2. Contestants must follow the arrangements by the Competition's Organizing Committee.
3. The Committee has the right to revoke violators' eligibilities and the prizes awarded.
4. All contestants must be present at the award ceremony to receive their awards. No representative will be allowed. Awards of the absent contestants will be deemed as abandoned.
5. The decisions of the Panel of Judges for all rounds shall be final. The Panel of Judges does not accept appeals.
6. New Tang Dynasty Television is entitled to all copyrights of audio and video products made during the Competition.
7. Contestants will take personal responsibility for any accident or injury that occurs during the course of the competition.
8. The Competition's Organizing Committee shall have the ultimate authority to interpret the Rules and Regulations for the Competition and have the right to make any changes to them as necessary.

**The Organizing Committee of NTDTV  
International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Competition**

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