



WUSHU ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (WAI)

SELECTION POLICY

20TH ASIAN GAMES – 2026

The Wushu Association of India shall be organizing the Selection Trials for the finalization of the Indian Wushu Team for the forthcoming Asian Games 2026. All State Units, Union Territories, and Departmental Organization teams will be participating in the said selection trials.

To finalize the Indian Wushu Team for the 20th Asian Games (2026), the selection process will be conducted in two phases:

1. **Preliminary Selection Trial**
2. **Final Selection Trial**

In between these two phases, Ranking Tournaments will be held to assess athletes' performances and rankings.

1. SELECTION STRUCTURE

- Phase 1: Preliminary Selection Trial
- Conducted before the start of the National Coaching Camp (NCC).
- Athletes selected:
- Sanda: 1:4 ratio (1 weight category: 4 athletes)
- Taolu: 1:4 ratio (1 Event: 4 athletes)
- The top 8 athletes per event/Weight category will be shortlisted during the Preliminary selection trial.
- Ranking Tournament will be held after every 2 months.
- Purpose: To determine athletes' performance and finalize rankings.
- Athletes not in NCC but performing exceptionally in Ranking Events may be inducted into NCC by replacing lower-ranked athletes.

- Phase 2: Final Selection Trial
- Conducted in June 2026 (tentative), before submission of the final entry by name.
- The Rank 1 athlete during the Ranking event or final selection trial will be selected for the Asian Games.
- Rank 2 athlete will act as a standby in case of injury/unavoidable circumstances.

Note:

In case any athlete, who has been maintaining a top position in the Ranking till the final selection trial, loses in the final bout of the trial, the Selection Committee shall carefully scrutinize all relevant parameters before finalizing the team for the Asian Games 2026.

2. CAMPER REPLACEMENT & STANDBY POLICY

- The Selection Committee will maintain a standby list of athletes for NCC inclusion in case of injury or other unavoidable issues.
- Weed-Out Policy:
- The National Chief Coach, with input from other coaches, may recommend removing campers based on poor performance, indiscipline, or misconduct, Supporting records/diaries must be submitted to the Selection Committee for action.

New Induction:

In case of injury to any athlete, other valid reasons, or if a player's performance in the continuous O2 ranking events is found to be below the required standard, the Selection Committee may recommend conducting an open selection trial in the respective weight category/event to identify the best athlete to replace the recommended player.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TRIALS

- Mandatory Documents:
- Medical Fitness Certificate
- Waiver of Liability Form (signed by parent/guardian)
- Valid Insurance
- Fitness Test Requirements:
- Must pass Physical Fitness Test to proceed to Skill (Specific) Test
- Unfit athletes will not be allowed to continue in trials

4. DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

SANDA

- Knockout/Round Robin Format
- Ranking based on the number of bouts won
- IWUF 2024 rules to be applied

TAOLU

Rules: IWUF 2024 Taolu rules

- Judging Focus:
 1. Quality of movements
 2. Degree of difficulty
 3. Overall performance
- Scoring Benchmarks:
- Minimum score to qualify: 9.50
- Advanced requirements for senior male and female competitors (e.g., dynamic connections, high-level jumps)

This is for the Chang group, all events male-female and the Nan Group, all events male-female.

* For male athletes' degree of difficulty

value is very high standards like 720 + connection or either from new rules dynamic + dynamic from b grade value jumps and connection

for example - 312a+324b+1

For female 1 jump compulsory from grade b and

connection for example, 324b+1 and any

connection

from dynamic + dynamic + connection
for example- 312a+324a+1

For Taijiquan and Taijijian

for male 312a+324c+5 is compulsory

or any jump or balance+ connection from grade b is compulsory for female 312a+324b+5 is compulsory

or any jump or balance + connection from grade b is compulsory

overall performance is the most important

The above details are the benchmark for the qualification for enrolment in the ranking series.

5. RANKING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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S.NO	RANKING EVENT	MONTH	REMARKS
1.	Ranking event 1	August 2025	Open selection trial. 17th WWC athletes are exempted and enrolled directly into NCC.
2.	Ranking event 2	Oct-Nov 2025	Only selected athletes will participate. ranking based on performance.
3.	Ranking event 3	Jan-Feb-2026	Only selected athletes will participate. ranking based on performance.
4.	Ranking event 4	April 2026	Only selected athletes will participate. ranking based on performance.
5.	Ranking event 5	June 2026	The top-ranked player will be shortlisted for the Asian games; moreover in case of any injury or any unavoidable circumstances, rank 2 athlete will act as stand by player.

6. FINAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- All shortlisted athletes must undergo:
- Medical Test
- Fitness Test
- Skill Test
- Final Selection based on the Ranking

7. MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING NORMS

- Medical Tests Required:
- Taolu: BP & ECG
- Sanda: BP, ECG & EEG
- Anti-Doping:
- WAI will request NADA to conduct random sampling during selection trials
- Athletes found using prohibited substances (WADA/NADA list) will be immediately disqualified and barred from the NCC

8. TRANSPARENCY & COMMUNICATION

- All directives, selection policies, and ranking information will be:
- Circulated among all affiliated units, players, and coaches
- Uploaded on the WAI website: www.indiawushu.com
- Selection communications will be shared with:
- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS)
- Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- SAI will be requested for the observer deputation on all Ranking event/Selection trial

9. VIDEO MONITORING

- All Sanda bouts and Taolu events during selection trials will be video graphed for record-keeping and review.

This policy aims to ensure fairness, transparency, and high-performance standards for the selection of the Indian Wushu team for the 20th Asian Games – 2026.