



NEW ZEALAND KUNG-FU WUSHU FEDERATION (Inc)

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National Sport Organisation (NSO) for Kung-Fu Wushu in New Zealand
New Zealand's Official Representative to the International and Oceania Wushu Federations



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Wushu Greetings

2020 Event Update

I hope you and your families are all safe and well as we continue to navigate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. I appreciate it has been a while since you have heard from the Federation, so hopefully this letter will bring you up to date on developments.

The Federation Executive [Glen Keith, Terry Hill, Wei Zhao, Peter Gordon, Julian Paul] held an online Zoom meeting on Sat 9 May 2020, at which the following was discussed.

1. The 2020 Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championships will be rescheduled for Sep 2021. More information to follow.
2. The Federation will look to hold a National Kung-Fu Wushu Championship in late Nov or early Dec 2020. The Taolu and Sanda categories may be run on different days and in different locations in New Zealand. The event will be subject to funding availability and any Covid-19 requirements that may be in force at that time.
3. The Federation will look to celebrate the International Wushu Federation's World Wushu-Kungfu Day on Sat 8 Aug 2020. In addition to any activities run by individual clubs, the Federation is planning to upload on its website, a special 'historical' video on the origins of Chinese martial arts, as well as a locally produced video covering the activity and achievements of the Federation to celebrate its 30-Year anniversary. Other activities may include wushu webinars-seminars run by Head Taolu Coach 'Wei Zhao' and Head Sanda Coach 'Terry Hill'. More information to come.

Chinese Wushu Association (CWA) Duan Wei Grading System

The Executive also discussed the introduction of a Federation run CWA Duan Wei Grading System. The Federation has signed an Agreement of Cooperation with the CWA and will provide more information when discussions with CWA have concluded.

Wushu Coach Accreditation Programme

The Executive discussed the possibility of introducing a Federation developed and administered, Wushu Coach Accreditation Programme for Taolu and Sanda. It was felt such a programme would be in keeping with other New Zealand national sport bodies

and have good standing with agencies such as Sport New Zealand and Registered Exercise Professionals (REPs).

The conversation arose from the desire to 'self-regulate' before any moves were made by Government to regulate the wider martial arts industry in New Zealand. As a comparison, Australian martial arts, including Wushu, is regulated through the Australian Martial Arts Industry Association, which is aligned to the Australian Sports Commission. The Federation will release more information on this initiative as it develops.

IWUF Online Wushu Classroom

During the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response to the call of wushu enthusiasts, the International Wushu Federation is going to launch an Online Wushu Classroom Project on **May 15, 2020**, free of charge to all global wushu practitioners and the general public. IWUF believe their online teaching courses will inspire all wushu athletes, coaches, and wushu enthusiasts from around the world, and will help guide everyone to strengthen their physical fitness. Wushu has long been known to greatly improve people's health and well-being, and now especially in this difficult time we hope these courses will bring a boost of physical and mental health to wushu enthusiasts around the world.

The IWUF Online Wushu Classroom will offer exciting and informative virtual classes live on Zoom and subsequently archived on the IWUF YouTube channel WushuTV.

Here is a summary of what to expect:

1. Activity Type: Live Streaming & Video Recording; Workshop & Lecture
2. Duration: one hour for each session
3. Instructors: World-class wushu coaches, judges, athletes, teachers and experts from different countries and regions.
4. Topics: Competitive wushu, traditional wushu, wushu culture, etc.
5. Platforms: Zoom; Wushu TV Zoom ID:709156 9636; Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7091569636> Wushu TV: <https://www.youtube.com/user/iwufwushu>.

Click below or copy and paste the link into your browser to view a copy of the letter received from the International Wushu Federation covering **IWUF Online Wushu Classroom**: http://www.wushu.org.nz/uploads/6/3/9/3/6393086/iwuf-mec-2020-02_debut_of_the_iwuf_online_wushu_classroom.pdf

Kind regards



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