



14th World Wushu Championships Set to Dazzle Sports World, September 28 - October 3 in Kazan

The world's top wushu athletes gather in Russia for the International Wushu Federation's most elite signature event.

(Kazan, September 27, 2017) -- The **14th World Wushu Championships (WWC)** will be held from September 28-October 3 in Kazan, (Republic of Tatarstan), Russian Federation. This signature IWUF event, held every two years, will attract nearly 900 participants from 64 countries and regions.

The World Wushu Championships (WWC), hosted by the **International Wushu Federation (IWUF)**, features the highest competitive level within the sport. The championships take place biennially, with this 14th edition of the event organized by the Russian Wushu Federation under the auspices of the IWUF. All the dazzling martial arts action can be found live streaming on the IWUF's Youtube channel.

The International Wushu Federation was officially recognized by the IOC in 2002 during the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. IWUF has held official wushu tournaments as part of the IOC culture and education program in conjunction with the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and at the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games (YOG). In 2015 wushu was shortlisted as one of eight sports nominated for recommendation as an additional sport at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The IWUF is currently preparing to bid for wushu's inclusion in the 2024 Olympic Program.

The competition venue of the 14th WWC will be the Gymnastics Centre, located in Kazan, with a capacity of 3,200 spectators. The arena has been used for many international events, including the Rhythmic Gymnastics Russian Cup & Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Championship, as well as the 27th Summer Universiade.

The competition events of the 14th WWC consist mainly of two main disciplines, namely, Taolu (barehand events, weapon events and duel events) and Sanda (full-contact fighting.) Taolu events include: Changquan (longfist), Nanquan (Southern fist), Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan), Daoshu (broadsword), Jianshu (straight sword), Gunshu (staff), Qiangshu (spear), Nangun (Southern staff), Nandao (Southern broadsword), Xingyiquan (shape & intent fist), Baguazhang (eight trigrams palm), Shuangjian (double straight swords), Dadao (halberd) and Duilian (Choreographed sparring duel.) Sanda full-contact fighting has 11 categories for men's events and 7 categories for women's events. Sanda competition in the World Wushu Championships offers some of the most exciting fights in martial arts competition, with a combination of scoring

from punches, kick, sweeps, throws and throwing the opponent off the stage. Top fighters from Russia, Iran, China and many other countries will be competing to be world champion at this event.

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