



OPEN TAI CHI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Open to all Tai Chi enthusiasts



**1st June 2019 (SATURDAY)
9.00am to 5.00pm**

**SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE
Darlington Road,
DARLINGTON, NSW 2008**

Registration Closing Date: 5th May 2019 (SUNDAY)

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REGULATIONS

1. REGISTRATION

- a. Athlete registration is by completion and posting of the Registration Form(s) at pages 9-14 of these Regulations.
- b. The completed Registration Form must be posted (if printed copy) or emailed (if scanned copy) by the closing date **5th May 2019 (SUNDAY)**.

2. QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY

- a. Open to all Tai Chi enthusiasts.
- b. Each athlete must submit by the Closing Date **5th May 2019 (SUNDAY)** the required Registration forms and pay the designated fees.
- c. TaoLu (form/routine). Each athlete may register up to three (3) TaoLu events.
- d. Push Hands. An athlete may register in the Push hands event if age will be between 18 and 55 years on **1st June 2019 (SATURDAY)**. Eligibility to participate in the Push hands event is conditional upon the athlete having attained a grading of at least **7.0** in a Bare Hands Tai Chi TaoLu_event at this or previous championships.

3. VENUE

- a. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE, Darlington Road, DARLINGTON, NSW 2008.
- b. The TaoLu (routines) competition will be performed on the hard wooden floor surface of the Venue.
- c. The Push Hands competition will be conducted on rubber mats.

Note: Athletes are advised to have warm clothing available as the Venue is not heated.

4. ATHLETE ARRIVAL

- a. **All athletes must arrive at the Venue by 8:30 am 1st June 2019 (SATURDAY)** for TaoLu briefing and opening announcement.
- b. Athletes participating in Push Hands will additionally be briefed and weighed in the morning from 9:00 am.

5. RULES - TAOLU

- a. **TaoLu Events**. The following types of events are available for participation:
 - 1) **"Standard Competition" Forms**: The sequence is a standardized routine known by a specific name, recognized by the IWUF, and choreographed to fit within the time frame specified for it in the Registration Form.
 - 2) **"Traditional" Forms**: The sequence is non-standard, composed by the performer or by others. It must be only one (ie NOT a mix) of the major Tai Chi styles, ie Sun, Wu2(吴), Wu3/Hao, Yang, or Chen. It must display a variety of movements (ie must not be repetitive of a few moves, have at least two leg techniques and at least one punch). Performance time must fit within the time frame specified for it in the Registration Form.
 - 3) **"Other" Forms**: The style is not one of the five major Tai Chi styles included in "Traditional" above. It must nevertheless be "taichi-like", and fit within the time frame specified for it in the Registration Form. Mixed styles are included as "Other" Forms.
- b. **TaoLu Judging Rules**.
 - 1) The Championship will adopt the "Rules for International Taolu Competition" endorsed by the IWUF in 1999. These Rules can be obtained at <http://taichiaustralia.com/docs/TCAA-Taolu-Competition-1999.pdf>

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- 2) In essence, the quality of performance is the main factor taken into consideration. In the "Traditional" and "Other" events, the quality of the sequence is additionally taken into account.

c. Divisions.

- 1) Age.
 - a) up to 14 years (Junior)
 - b) 15 to 17 years (Youth)
 - c) 18 to 45 years (Adult1)
 - d) 46 to 59 years (Adult2)
 - e) over 60 years (Senior).
- 2) Gender. Division by gender are:
 - a) male
 - b) female.

d. Athlete Costume and Foot Wear

- 1) Costume. Wear appropriate Tai Chi/Kung Fu costume, however no distinguishing name and/or logo of any school and/or organization will be permitted. Penalty will be one (1) full point deducted from final score by Head Judge.
- 2) Footwear. Martial arts style athletic or any rubber-soled sports shoes or sneakers must be worn. Performance with bare feet is not permitted. Heavy or armoured (caps/soles) footwear are not permitted.

e. Awards

- 1) TaoLu (Forms) Events:
 - a) 1st Prize (Gold medal).
 - b) 2nd Prize (Silver medal).
 - c) 3rd Prize (Bronze medal).

Note: *If an event has less only 1 or 2 contestants, prize(s) will be according to the grade attained:*
8.5+ 1st Prize;
8.3+ 2nd Prize;
7.8+ 3rd Prize;
below 7.8 no prize.
- 2) TaoLu Overall Competition Champion:
 - a) Male (A Trophy and Gold medal).
 - b) Female (A Trophy and Gold medal).

(NOTE: Available only to athletes registered for three TaoLu individual events, of which at least one must be a Weapons event. Award is based on total points for the three events.

Trophies are kindly donated by Damon Bramich in honour of his Sifu Fu Sheng Yuan.)

f. Appeals

- 1) Should an athlete believe a judging mistake has been made, the athlete may raise a hand immediately to gain the attention of the Head Judge.
- 2) The Head Judge must halt the proceedings and consult all judges to determine if a mistake has been made and if so, make the correction.
- 3) The Head Judge decision on the spot will be final, and no further appeal is available.
- 4) An appeal after the next performance starts will NOT be entertained.

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6. TCAA PUSH HANDS RULES "MOVING-STEP"

a. General.

- 1) This TCAA Push Hands Competition will be a "MOVING-STEP" event.
- 2) These Rules are applicable to this TCAA Competition only.
- 3) These Rules for Push Hands have been designed to maximize realism without compromise on safety.

b. Age and Fitness.

- 1) Age. Contestants must be between 18-55 years old (reached 18th birthday and not have reached 56th birthday on **1st June 2019 (SATURDAY)**).
- 2) Fitness. The athlete must be fit enough to compete without injury to him/herself given the rules of "MOVING-STEP". The Referee(s) reserve the right, before or during a bout, to require an athlete to withdraw from contest if they consider the athlete is at risk of injury due to weakness or injury; **absolutely no appeal permitted.**

c. Divisions.

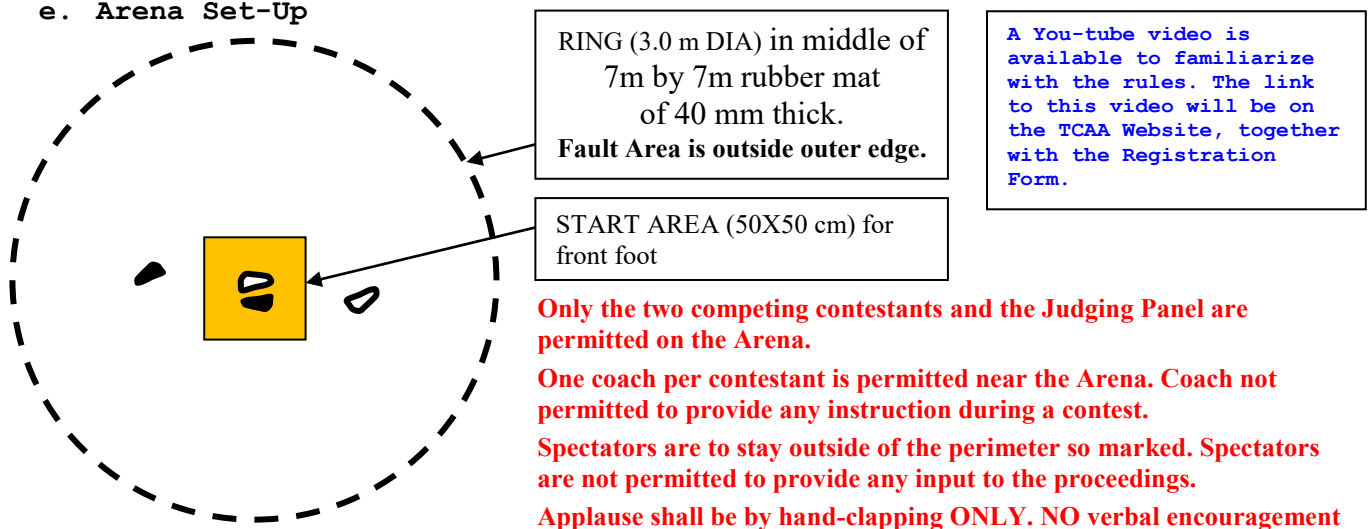
- 1) Gender:
 - a) male
 - b) female.
- 2) Weight. The weight divisions (kilograms) are:
 - a) 55 or below
 - b) 56-65 kilograms
 - c) 66-75 kilograms
 - d) 76-85 kilograms
 - e) 86 or over kilograms.

(NOTE: Weigh-in will be conducted on the Day in the morning, whereupon the draw will be finalized.)

d. Athlete Costume and Footwear.

- 1) Tops. Push Hands athletes shall wear long-sleeves or short sleeves tops that do not expose the torso. Tops made of valuable or easily damaged material are to be avoided; damage will be own liability.
- 2) Footwear. Rubber-soled sports shoes or sneakers must be worn. Performance with bare feet is not permitted. Heavy or armoured (caps/soles) footwear are not permitted.
- 3) Protective Equipment. Athletes may wear protective equipment for groin, eye or mouth of their own supply. Female athletes may wear additional chest protective wear of their own supply.

e. Arena Set-Up



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f. Contest Rules

- 1) **Objective**. A contestant shall, using legal hand contact on legal target areas of the opponent's body, without Illegal Techniques, force the opponent into a fault to score points in accordance with paragraph 6.f.10): Scoring Points - Faults, and win in accordance with rules at paragraph 6.f.12): Winning the Contest.
- 2) **Contest Structure**
 - a) **Single Elimination**. Push Hands contests will be by single elimination. The Organisers will pair off the opponents for each contest within each weight division.
 - b) **Contest**. Each contest will consist of **two** rounds.
 - c) **Round**. Each round will be of **60** seconds (nett) duration, with a 1 minute break in between.
 - d) **Bout**. Each round will consist of a series of bouts. A bout is completed when:
 - i) Contact is lost between the contestants.
 - ii) Any point is scored or lost.
 - iii) A "no-score" is declared by the Referee(s).
 - iv) Stopped for any reason.
- 3) **Legal Contact**. Only palms, arms and shoulders are permitted for placement on the opponent's legal target areas to control the opponent. Contact with point of the elbow is NOT legal.
- 4) **Legal target areas**. Palms, arms and shoulders may only contact with the opponent on their arms, and the torso below the base of the neck but above the bladder and the coccyx.
- 5) **Illegal Techniques**. The following are SERIOUS VIOLATION:
 - a) **Strike**, defined as contacting with **impact**, be it with hand, fingers, arm, elbow, shoulder.
 - b) **Forming Fists** during the contest.
 - c) **Point of Elbow** applied on opponent.
 - d) **Force a locked joint** (Chin Na).
 - e) **Knee-Locking** (of opponent's).
 - f) **Kick**, (any impact with foot or knee on the opponent above the ankle, where the attacking foot has left the ground.)
 - g) **Illegal Attack**:
 - i) Attack NON-legal target area.
 - ii) Attack using NON-legal contact.
 - iii) Attack before "Start" command.
 - iv) Attack after "Stop" command.
- 6) **Disqualification**: A contestant may be disqualified for any one illegal technique. A disqualification must be approved by the Head Judge.

NOTE: An act may not be considered a disqualifying act if it is deemed to be caused by the opponent.
- 7) **Bout Starting Position**.
 - a) The front foot is placed adjacent to the opponent's within a common central square.
 - b) The back foot is placed backwards but must remain within own side of the ring.
 - c) **More than half the weight** must be on the back foot.
 - d) The forward hands shall be contact at the wrists in crossed X position vertically above the centre of the common square, with hands at **stomach** level
 - e) The rear hand is in contact with the elbow of the opponent's forward hand.

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- f) After every bout, the front foot (and hands) will change to the alternate foot.
- 8) **Bout Start.**
- a) There will be no preliminary non-attacking movement under these TCAA Rules.
 - b) Upon the order "Start" by the Referee(s), the contestants may attempt to unbalance each other to gain points with legal moves as provided for in paragraph 6.f.6): Scoring Points.
- 9) **Bout Stop.**
- a) At a Referee(s) command "Stop" or **Whistle** by a judge, STOP and FREEZE movement; Referee(s) will direct the disengagement.
 - b) Any movement after the command "Stop" that is deemed potentially dangerous may result in disqualification.
 - c) The Referee(s) may command a "Stop" if the contestants have disengaged and Referee(s) deems that uncontrolled re-engagement by the contestants themselves may result in an accident.
 - d) Faults following after a "Stop" command are not valid.
- 10) **Scoring Points - Faults**
- a) **1 point:**
 - i) One foot (sole) of opponent forced out of the Ring, touching ground.
 - b) **2 points:**
 - i) Both feet of opponent forced out of the Ring to touch the ground outside together or in quick succession, but **not** fall*.
 - ii) The opponent falls* within the Ring.
(*Fall: A part of the body other than sole touches the ground.)
 - c) **3 points:**
 - i) The opponent falls* outside the Ring.
 - d) **NO points:** If immediately after causing the opponent to fault, the contestant also faults, whether due to own imbalance/momentum or caused by the opponent's legal moves before his/her fault, NO point is gained or lost by either contestants.
(If CONTACT IS LOST after faulting an opponent, further attack will not be awarded any higher points.)**
- 11) **Losing Points - Penalties**
- a) **Loss of 1 point:**
 - i) Attacking before the Lead Referee starts the bout.
 - ii) Attacking after a **Stop** command.
 - b) **Loss of 1 point after first warning:**
 - i) "Hugging" or "hanging on" the opponent for longer than 2 seconds.
 - ii) Clutching the opponent's hand for longer than 2 seconds.
 - iii) Clutching the opponent's clothes.
 - iv) Avoiding engagement.
- 12) **Winning the Contest.**
- a) **Attains 10 Points.** If at any time during the contest, a contestant gains 10 points or more, this contestant will be declared the winner.
 - b) **Higher Points.** At the end of the nett contest time, the contestant with the higher points wins.
If the points are equal, the lighter contestant is the winner.
 - c) **Opponent Withdrawal.** A contestant is declared winner if the opponent withdraws for reasons not caused by an illegal technique on him/her.

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- d) **Opponent Disqualification.** A contestant is declared winner if the opponent is disqualified.
- e) **Injury.** A contestant shall be awarded winner if s/he is injured due to the opponent's illegal technique and as a result cannot continue to contest.

NOTE: The existence of these Rules does not limit a case of battery and/or damages to be brought if an athlete wilfully acts with a serious violation causing injury. Video footage will be made available if properly subpoenaed.

g. Awards.

- 1) 1st Prize (Gold medal).
- 2) 2nd Prize (Silver medal).

h. Judges Panel.

- 1) The judging panel during any contest shall comprise of:
 - a) Two Referees (both on Arena but taking turns to lead)
 - b) Two Lines Judges
 - c) A Head Judge.
 - d) Assistant Head Judge (optional)
 - e) One Timekeeper
 - f) One Scorekeeper
- 2) The Referee(s)' primary responsibility is to:
 - a) Start each bout
 - b) Stop each bout due to:
 - i) Loss of contact.
 - ii) Occurrence of illegal techniques.
 - iii) Occurrence of penalties.
 - iv) Occurrence of faults.
 - c) Award (upon consultation with judging panel, using video evidence if disputed):
 - i) Penalty points.
 - ii) Fault points.
 - iii) Disqualification (consultation with and approval of Head Judge).

NOTE: Referees shall be pre-qualified by the Head Judge.

- 3) Each Lines Judge's primary responsibility is to:
 - a) Note occurrence of faults, and blow the whistle.
- 4) The Head Judge's responsibility is to:
 - a) Ensure that the Referees and Lines Judges comply strictly with these Push Hands Rules.
 - b) The Head Judge may dismiss any official unable to perform their duty objectively.
 - c) Take charge immediately of any appeals.
 - d) Present medals and certificates.
- 5) All officials of the contest may blow a whistle to halt should an illegal technique go unnoticed by the Referee(s).

i. Appeals (Push Hands)

- 1) **Serious Violation.** Should a Contestant or coach believe a **Serious Violation** has been made by his/her opponent, but missed by the Referee(s) and Lines-Judges:
 - a) The Contestant or coach is to raise a hand immediately to gain the attention of the Head Judge, calling "**Serious**".

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- b) The contest **must** be suspended immediately, and the Head Judge with judges and referees **must** listen to the alleged serious violation, must watch video footage and must award a decision. **(Note: The Head Judge must firmly prohibit participation by spectators in any appeal.)**
 - c) The Head Judge's decision will be final, and no further appeal is available.
 - d) If the Disqualification is upheld, the complainant shall be the winner. If the Disqualification is not upheld, the complainant will be declared as having lost the contest.
- 2) **Late Appeal**. An appeal after the contest winner has been declared will NOT be entertained.

7. UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

- a. The TCAA being an Associate Member of the KWA will abide by the Zero Tolerance Policy towards unsportsmanlike, disruptive and unprofessional behavior as per the KWA policy.
- b. Athletes will be immediately disqualified from the event for conduct which the Head Judge of that event considers to be unsportsmanlike, disruptive or unprofessional. This conduct may include, but not be limited to cheating, dishonesty, failing to comply with the reasonable directions of an official, jeering, interference with the activities of competition officials, publicly criticizing judges' decisions outside the appeals process laid down in this document and any other form of behaviour likely to bring the sport into disrepute.
- c. In the event of a complaint about the conduct of an athlete, the Head Judge must be notified as soon as possible of the incident. It is the Head Judge's responsibility to advise the athlete on the spot, that he/she will be disqualified.
- d. Other persons present at the Venue may be expelled from the Venue for conduct which the Organiser and/or Head Judge finds unacceptable.
- e. Expression of appreciation or encouragement shall be by hand-clapping only. No verbal expression of approval or disapproval is permitted.

8. FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

- a. During an event, NO flash or artificial lighting from any equipment of a spectator or athlete is permitted. Any offender will be immediately removed from the Championship venue.
- b. During the prize giving, taking photographs with flash is permissible.

9. ENTRANCE FOR SPECTATORS

- a. There will be no fee charged on spectators.
- b. Spectators will be required to comply with rules pertaining to Unacceptable Behaviour and Flash photography
- c. Expression of appreciation or encouragement shall be by hand-clapping only. No verbal expression of approval or disapproval is permitted.

10. ENQUIRIES

- a. All enquiries directed to Ken Goh, Championship Organiser, Mobile 0404 462 657, or E-mail: gohkeny@gmail.com.

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TAI CHI REGISTRATION FORM

TAO LU REGISTRATION

Event Select (X) maximum of THREE (3) INDIVIDUAL events	Gender (Select)	Age (select ONE)	
BARE HANDS (QUAN)			
1. Bare Hands Group (see Note %) 3-6 mins GROUP NAME here. (Attach members' names, size 4-10) (Note: Only one medal per group.)	()	A registrant may choose to be in "Open", even if not in that age bracket of 18-45 yrs. Child () up to 14 Youth () 15 to 17 Open () 18 to 45 Adult2 () 46 to 59 Senior () 60 & +	
2. Tai Chi 24 Forms 4-5 mins	()		
3. Standard Competition Forms			
Combined 42 5-6 mins	()		
Yang 40 5-6 mins	()		
Chen 56 5-6 mins	()		
Sun 73 5-6 mins	()		
Wu2 (Family) 45 5-6 mins	()		
Wu3/Hao (Martial) 46 5-6 mins	()		
4. Traditional			
Yang Family Style Traditional 3-6 mins	()		
Wu2 Family style Traditional 3-6 mins	()		
Wu3 (martial) style Traditional 3-6 mins	()		
Sun style Traditional 3-6 mins	()		
Chen styles Traditional 3-6 mins	()		
5. Other "internal" style (Specify style) (One per participant only.)			
3-6 mins	()		
WEAPONS (JIAN and Others)			
6. Weapons Group (see Note %) 1-4 mins GROUP NAME here. (Attach members' names, size 4-10) (Note: Only one medal per group.)	()		
7. Jian Standard Competition			
Jian 42 Competition 3-4 mins	()		
Jian 32 Competition 3-4 mins	()		
8. Jian, Traditional (Specify style)			
3-4 mins	()		
9. Other Apparatus (Specify apparatus & style) (One per participant only.)			
1-4 mins	()		

% Group Event Registration: By Team Leader only. Gender/age not relevant. Team size 4 to 10. Team members' names to be provided on attached list. Team Leader is responsible for conduct of team members. Only one medal per group; every member receives a certificate.

%1 Group Music: Team may perform to music of their own provision.

%2 Individual Music: Individual event - NO music permitted.

%3 Overall Competition Champion: Must have three TaoLu individual events, one of which must be a "Weapon".

%4 Timing: Performing time commences for both performers on the Arena as soon as the performer in front begins to move. (The Head Judge may opt to signal or ring a bell to begin.) Performance time ends for a performer when s/he completes the "closing form".

Warning Bell: A bell will sound when the **minimum** time is reached. No bell for when the maximum time limit is passed. Note that points will be deducted for finishing under or over time.

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PUSH HANDS REGISTRATION

Conditions:

- a. Push hands event is available only to athletes who will be within 18 to 55 years old on **1st June 2019 (SATURDAY)**.
- b. Participation in Push Hands is conditional upon the athlete having attained at least **7.0** points in a Bare Hands form event at previous TCAA Competition or this Competition. Push Hands registrants are encouraged to minimise TaoLu registrations to minimise schedule clashes.
- c. The Organiser (Referee with Head Judge concurrence) reserves the right to conduct a weigh-in and transfer athletes to another division on the spot. No athlete under 86 kg may be transferred into the "86 & over" division.
- d. If any weight/gender division has only 1 registered athlete, the Organiser reserves the right to transfer the athlete into the next HIGHER weight/gender division. An athlete so transferred may opt to withdraw, with Push hands fee refunded.
- e. If a Referee makes a "not-fit-to-contest" evaluation, consulting the Head Judge, the athlete shall be required to withdraw.
- f. The duty of the athlete's coach is to make decisions of withdrawal and appeal only. **Coaching is only permitted during the break between rounds.**

Event	Gender	Weight (kg) (Select ONE)					Attained Bare hands event 7.0 previous year
		55 or less	56-65	66-75	76-85	86 & over	
"MOVING-STEP"	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male						Yes: Year _____ If No: Register this year.
Name of Coach:							

SPECIAL PUSH HANDS AGREEMENT

Push hands is potentially dangerous. I agree with and shall comply with the Rules, and particularly the following:

- 1) **Legal Contact.** Only palms, arms and shoulders are permitted for placement on the opponent's legal target areas to control the opponent. Contact with point of the elbow is NOT legal.
- 2) **Legal target areas.** Palms, arms and shoulders may only contact with the opponent on their arms, and the torso below the base of the neck but above the bladder and the coccyx.
- 3) **Illegal Techniques.** The following are SERIOUS VIOLATION:
 - a) **Strike**, defined as contacting with **impact**, be it with hand, fingers, arm, elbow, shoulder.
 - b) **Forming Fists** during the contest.
 - c) **Point of Elbow** applied on opponent.
 - d) **Force a locked joint** (Chin Na).
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 - g) **Illegal Attack:**
 - i) Attack NON-legal target area.
 - ii) Attack using NON-legal contact.
 - iii) Attack before "Start" command.
 - iv) Attack after "Stop" command.
- 4) **Disqualification:** A contestant may be disqualified for any one illegal technique. A disqualification must be approved by the Head Judge.
 NOTE: An act may not be considered a disqualifying act if it is deemed to be caused by the opponent.

I, the Applicant, have read or have had read or translated to me the above conditions and have understood and agree with the same. I accept that in addition to DISQUALIFICATION, a charge of BATTERY and/or DAMAGES may be brought against me should I wilfully act with serious violations causing injury.

Signed (Applicant)

this (date) day of (month) 2019

Witnessed by (full name)(witness signature)

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REGISTRATION FEES PAYMENT

REGISTRATION FEES (Please write the applicable amount and add the total.)

1st event \$40 _____
2nd event \$30 _____
3rd event \$20 _____
Push Hands \$40 _____
Group BH \$40 _____ (Group Leader only)
Group WP \$40 _____ (Group Leader only)
Total Amount: \$ _____

Group Event Registration by Team Leader only.
Team members' names to be provided on attached list. Team Leader is responsible for conduct of team members.
Gender/age not relevant. Team size 4 to 10.
Only one medal per group. Every member receives a certificate.
Team may perform to music of their own provision.

PAYMENT OF FEES

NOTE: Cash will NOT be accepted.

Payment may be by:

Refund for withdrawal or "no show" by an athlete from an event will not be given except due to "no fault of the athlete".

Direct Transfer (Preferred)

Deposit into:

Name : **Tai Chi Association**
BSB : **062-196** AC No: **10604158**
(make sure BSB & AC No are exactly right)

Description on recipient's statement:
"Comp" and "your FamilyName & Initial"
eg: "Comp Choo K"

Important: Print pdf of the receipt while making direct transfer payment for submission with forms as "Proof of Payment".

OR

Cheque/Money Order

payable to:

Name: **Tai Chi Association of Australia.**

SIGN THE AGREEMENT/WAIVER

- a. Sign the SPECIAL PUSH HANDS AGREEMENT (page 11) if registered for Push Hands, with Witness.
- b. Sign the GENERAL WAIVER form (pages 13 & 14) with Witness.
(Team Leader of a Group signs on behalf of team members.)

DESPATCH:

Send by **5th May 2019 (SUNDAY)**

- a. Pages 9-14: Registration, (if no Push Hands, omit pg 11)
- b. Payment (cheque/money order) or Proof of Payment

TO:

Email (Preferred) scanned Registration pages and proof of payment to:

gohkeny@gmail.com
with subject titled "2019 TCAA COMP"

OR,

Post Mail to:

**TCAA Championship,
64 Charles Place,
Jannali,
NSW 2226, Australia**

GENERAL WAIVER

**Participating in a Martial Arts Tournament is Dangerous
and can cause serious injuries.**

1. COMPETITOR DETAILS:

Family/Last Name:

Given Name:

Address:

State: Post Code: Country:

2. HEALTH DECLARATION:

Are you prescribed drugs which may impair reaction time or judgment?

YES / NO (please circle)

If Yes, what drugs

Have you suffered any incapacity requiring medical attention in the past 12 months?

YES / NO (please circle)

If Yes, give details

Name and identify any physical impairments, injuries or medical condition that currently affects you:

.....

Are you aware of any health problems that you have that, in the interest of your safety, the TCAA should be advised of?

YES / NO (please circle)

If Yes, give details

3. TAI CHI TRAINING HISTORY

Style 1: Number of years studied:

Name of your Instructor(s):

Style 2: Number of years studied:

Name of your Instructor(s):

4. EXCLUSION OF APPLICANT

Have you ever been excluded from Martial Arts in the past by a medical practitioner or refused participation in a Martial Arts club or Competition/Event/Contest?

YES / NO (please circle)

If Yes, give details

5. WAIVER AND INDEMNITY

In all other cases and except where inconsistent with the Laws of Australia, the Applicant for him/herself, his/her executors, administrators, dependents and other personal representatives, hereby absolves and indemnifies to the extent provide by Law the PROVIDERS (see Schedule 1) and all their servants, agents, employees and other persons under the PROVIDERS control (the "Indemnified") from all liability howsoever arising for injury or damage (including but not limited to the Applicants' person, whether fatal or otherwise, property and personal belongings) however caused including by the negligence of the Indemnified, arising out of or participating in Martial Arts or in connection with Martial Arts or in anyway caused by, or arising out of, any activity carried on by the Indemnified.

I, the Applicant, have been advised and understand that the practice of Martial Arts is potentially dangerous. (continued next page>>)

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GENERAL WAIVER

I, the Applicant, agree to occupy and use the premises that the Tai Chi Association of Australia (TCAA) leased at risk to myself and release to full extent permitted by Law the TCAA, and its agents, servants, contractors and employees and volunteers from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accident or damage to property or injury or death to myself while participating in a martial arts competition/event/contest conducted by the TCAA.

6. MARTIAL ARTS DONE AT APPLICANTS OWN RISK

Any person participating at any martial arts contest/event/competition organized for TCAA are only allowed to do so on the distinct understanding that they do so entirely at their own risk.

7. PERSONAL PROPERTY

I accept that neither the TCAA nor its agents or employees shall be responsible for any loss or damage to such personal property or equipment that I may bring to the competition/event/contest.

8. USE OF IMAGES

I hereby grant my consent for any photographic or video image of my performance to be used by the TCAA or any entity that the TCAA so authorizes. I agree that I will make no claim for the use of my image and/or performance.

9. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I, the Applicant have read or have had read to me the above conditions and have understood the same, I consent to the activities proposed.

Signed (*Applicant*)

this (*date*) **day of** (*month*)**2019.**

In the presence of (*witness name*)

(*signature of witness*)

(*This application must be further signed by a guardian if the Applicant is under the age of 18.*)

GUARDIAN'S CONSENT: (for all persons under 18 years)

I hereby certify and decree that all the information contained in the declarations above is true and accurate.

Signature.....

Relationship to Applicant.....

Address in full

SCHEDULE 1. In addition to the Tai Chi Association of Australia, the providers in respect of this agreement include:

- (a) The Management, staff and owners of Sports & Aquatic Centre, Sydney University.
- (b) All State and Territory branches of the TCAA.
- (c) All TCAA staff, officials and volunteers, including but not limited to the TCAA Championship Committee.