

TAOLU (TEAM) REGISTRATION
TCAA AUSTRALIAN OPEN TAI CHI TAOLU CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY 15th March 2025
NIAGARA PARK STADIUM, 18 Washington Ave Niagara Park 2250

Entry Closing Date: Sunday 23rd February 2025.

1. Please provide your details in the yellow boxes on pages 1 & 2 and pay registration fee.
2. Email this entire registration form and the payment advice to the Convenor at tcaa.competition@gmail.com
3. Keep a signed hard-copy for your records.

TEAM ORGANISER DETAILS	
First Name	
Family Name	
Number & Street	
City/Suburb	
State	
Post code	
Country	
Phone Number	
Email	
Club / Teacher	

Team Event Registration:

- a. Registered by Team Organiser only.
- b. Each Organiser is limited to maximum of two teams only. If two teams, they can be both Bare Hands, both Apparatus, or one of each.

Team Organiser Responsibility:

- a. Team Organiser is responsible for conduct of team members, and acceptance of the GENERAL WAIVER and INDEMNITY by each Team member.

Safety:

- a. If the performance is with apparatus, the Organiser assures that no fast swinging or whirling actions of the apparatus will be in the sequence.

Prizes: Prizes are applicable for each category: Quan, and Apparatus.

- 1st Prize (Gold medal).
- 2nd Prize (Silver medal).
- 3rd Prize (Bronze medal).

Medals: If placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, **Each member of the team will receive a medal as well as a certificate.**

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STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I, the Team Organiser, have read (or have had translated to me) and have understood and agree with the RULES OF TAOLU and the GENERAL WAIVER AND INDEMNITY, and fully acknowledge that participating in a martial arts competition event is dangerous and can cause serious injuries.

I hereby absolve and indemnify to the extent provided by Law the PROVIDERS from all liability in accordance with the GENERAL WAIVER AND INDEMNITY.

I declare that I have obtained of every team member his/her agreement to the RULES OF TAOLU and the GENERAL WAIVER AND INDEMNITY.

I declare that my submission of this completed form through my email to the TCAA Competition Convenor at tcaa.competition@gmail.com represents my complete agreement to the RULES OF TAOLU and the GENERAL WAIVER AND INDEMNITY.

	REGISTRATION FEES		
<i>FEE per EVENT</i>	TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE (select with X in one yellow box)		
1 st Event \$50	1 Event	\$50	
2 nd Event \$50	2 Events	\$100	

PAYMENT METHOD

Payment method is to be by DIRECT BANK TRANSFER:

Please make Direct Bank Transfer of the “Total Registration Fee” to:

Account Name: Tai Chi Association

BSB: 062-196 AC No: 10604158

*Please use the reference “TEAM25” + “TEAM ORGANISER NAME” in the bank transfer receipt / recipient's statement so your payment can be correctly identified.

*Please save a pdf copy of the payment advice from your banking app as proof of payment.

DESPATCH

Upon payment, please send this entire (6 page) registration form AND the pdf payment advice, by email to tcaa.competition@gmail.com by the entry Closing Date: Sunday 23rd February 2025

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TAO LU (TEAM 1) REGISTRATION			
TEAM 1 NAME:			
Bare Hands (2-6 mins) Apparatus (2-6 mins): <i>(delete not applicable)</i>	(State Bare Hands style or Apparatus type) X		
(Team size min 4, max 10 persons. Over/under team size will be penalized -1.0)			
I, a Team Member, append my signature to indicate that I have read (or have had translated to me) and agree to the GENERAL WAIVER and INDEMNITY terms below.			
	Team Member Name	Member Signature	Witness Signature
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**Team Organiser to dispatch soft copy to the Convener at tcaa.competition@gmail.com.
A paper copy with member signatures must be retained by Team Organiser.**

GENERAL WAIVER and INDEMNITY

In all cases except where inconsistent with the Laws of Australia, the Team Member for him/herself, his/her executors, administrators, dependents and other personal representatives, hereby absolves and indemnifies to the extent provided by Law the Tai Chi Association of Australia (TCAA) 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 Team Member's 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 event or in connection with the event or in any way caused by, or arising out of, any activity carried on by the Indemnified.

The Team Member agrees to occupy and use, at their own risk, the premises that the TCAA leased and release to the full extent permitted by Law the Indemnified from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accident or damage to property or injury or death to the Team Member while participating in a martial arts competition/event/contest conducted by the TCAA.

The Team Member hereby grants consent for any photographic or video image of his/her performance to be used by the TCAA or any entity that the TCAA so authorises. The Team Member agrees to make no claim for the use of his/her image and/or performance at this Event.

The Team Member agrees to comply with all instructions issued to enable the conduct of this Competition, and for the protection of persons at the Venue in respect of any communicable diseases.

SCHEDULE 1. In addition to the Tai Chi Association of Australia (TCAA), the providers in respect of this Agreement include:

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- (b) All State and Territory branches of the TCAA.
- (c) The Management, staff and owners of the Venue.

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TAO LU (TEAM 2) REGISTRATION			
TEAM 2 NAME:			
Bare Hands (2-6 mins) Apparatus (2-6 mins): <i>(delete not applicable)</i>	<i>(State Bare Hands style or Apparatus type)</i> X		
(Team size min 4, max 10 persons. Over/under team size will be penalized -1.0)			
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RULES OF TEAM TAOLU
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1. QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY

- a. Open to all Tai Chi enthusiasts.
- b. Each Team Organiser may register up to two (2) TaoLu Team events. The teams may be both Bare Hands, or both Apparatus, or one Bare Hands, and one Apparatus

NOTE: The TaoLu (routines) will be performed on the hard wooden floor surface of the Venue.

NOTE: Performers are advised to have warm clothing available between performances as the Venue is not heated.

2. PERFORMER ARRIVAL

- a. All performers must arrive at the Venue by 8:30 am on the Day for procedural briefing and opening announcements.

3. PERFORMANCE DURATION & TEAM SIZE

- a. All Team Performance Duration: **2-6** mins.
- b. Minimum team size is **4**; maximum is **10** persons.

NOTE: Accompanying music must be provided to the Sound System Manager in USB 2.0 or 3.0 memory stick.

4. DIVISIONS.

- a. Divisions are **Bare Hands**, and **Apparatus**. Gender or age division is not applicable for teams.

5. TAOLU JUDGING RULES.

- a. 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>
- b. The performance score will be high for featuring:
 - 1) clear control with fluid power,
 - 2) high degree of “soong”, and
 - 3) accurate coordination between team members, and with the music.
- c. Points will be deducted for forgetting, loss of balance, wardrobe malfunction, out of bounds, and apparatus malfunction.
- d. The judging panel will consist of Head Judge and five judges.
- e. The Head Judge will confer with judges (if required) to harmonise the scores, and shall apply any deductions and shall announce the final score attained by each team.

6. PERFORMER COSTUME AND FOOT WEAR

- a. **Costume.** Wear appropriate Tai Chi/Kung Fu costume, however no distinguishing name and/or logo of any school will be permitted. Penalty will be one (1) full point deducted for inappropriate costume from final score by Head Judge.
- b. **Footwear.** Rubber-soled martial arts style athletic or any sports shoes or sneakers must be worn. Not permitted on the arena surface are:
 - 1) Abrasive or metal studded soles.
 - 2) Armoured caps.

7. COURT PROCEDURE

- a. **Reporting at Arena.** Team organiser should check the performance sequence posted up in the Hall, and report to the Marshall of the Arena at least one performance before their own performance.
- b. **Waiting.** The Team Lead will chose the side of the arena from which the team will enter the arena.
- c. **Call.** Upon being called by the arena Head Judge, Team Leader shall salute, and walk with team towards their starting positions in the arena.

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- d. **Saluting within Arena.** No salute is expected within the Arena at start and end of Performance.
 - e. **Performance Starting.** The Head Judge will signal or ring a bell to begin the performance, whence the team's music will commence. Commencement time begins when the team makes the first movement.
 - f. **Time Warning Bell.** A bell or whistle will sound ONE minute before the maximum time limit. No bell will sound at the passing of the maximum time. Finishing under the minimum duration could result in disqualification; points will be deducted if over the maximum duration.
 - g. **Performance Ending.** Performance time ends when the team completes the "closing form". No saluting is expected to be given.
 - h. **Exiting Arena.** Upon finishing, the team will turn towards the side waiting-area, walk to it and wait, facing the Head Judge.
 - i. **Final Score Announcement.** Upon the team's score being announced by the Head Judge, the team leader will salute and step back from the arena-entry spot. The team may then retire.
- 8. AWARDS**
- a. **Prizes:** Prizes are applicable for each category: Quan, and Apparatus.
 - 1) 1st Prize (Gold medal).
 - 2) 2nd Prize (Silver medal).
 - 3) 3rd Prize (Bronze medal).

Note: Medals will be awarded for placings regardless of how many teams competing.
- 9. APPEALS**
- a. No dispute of the value of score is permitted.
 - b. Should a team leader believe an identification error has been made, the team leader may raise a hand immediately to gain the attention of the Head Judge.
 - c. The Head Judge must halt the proceedings and consult with the team leader and all judges to determine if a mistake has indeed been made and, if so, make the correction.
 - d. The Head Judge's decision on the spot will be final, and no further appeal is available.
 - e. An appeal raised after the start of the next team's performance will NOT be entertained.
- 10. COVID-SAFE RESTRICTION**
- a. If the Government of NSW rules for Covid Control prevailing on the Day should render the Competition impossible or impractical or meaningless, TCAA will cancel or defer the Competition, and advise all performers and officials as soon as the decision is made.
 - b. If the Competition is cancelled or deferred, all fees paid will be refunded or held for the next competition according to the registrants' option.
- 11. COVID RULES COMPLIANCE**
- a. The TCAA, in organizing this Event, is required to comply with all Covid restrictions required by both the Venue and the NSW Government.
 - b. The TCAA will make all efforts necessary to conduct the Event in a Covid Safe manner required on the Day. All participants, observers, helpers, and officials will be required to comply, failing which they will be required to cease attendance as required by the Government/Venue Covid restrictions.