



**OCT 10-12**  
**Washington, DC Area**

**Technical Handbook**

# INTRODUCTION

The 2nd US Open Pencak Silat Tournament and Festival will be held from October 10–12, 2025, in Herndon, Virginia. This international event will feature both competitive matches and cultural showcases, including workshops and a Batik exhibition. The venue is conveniently located near Washington Dulles International Airport and just 30 minutes from Washington D.C. Participants are encouraged to join this unique celebration of martial arts, tradition, and global community.



The USA Pencak Silat Federation (UPSF) is a non-profit (Tax ID: 46-2518844) Pencak Silat association in the USA. UPSF is organized for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3). Specifically, the organization will provide educational programs and awareness to the public regarding the fighting art of Silat, as well as provide charitable giving to other non-profit organizations.



Pencak Silat is a traditional martial art originating from Southeast Asia, known for its striking, grappling, and weapon-based techniques. It combines physical combat with artistic movement, cultural expression, and deep philosophical roots. Practiced worldwide, Pencak Silat promotes discipline, self-defense, and respect for heritage.



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# THE TOURNAMENT

The 2nd US Open Pencak Silat Tournament and Festival is open to all Pencak Silat teams and schools, regardless of organizational affiliation. Both junior and senior divisions are welcome to compete. Our goal is to promote open, inclusive competition and the spirit of unity through Pencak Silat. The three-day event will feature digital scoring powered by EventSilat for accurate and transparent results. All matches will follow the official rulesets established by PERSILAT.

**All categories of Tanding, Tunggal, Ganda and Regu will be competed for Junior and Senior categories, male and female.**



# 2025 OCTOBER SCHEDULE

  
**10th**

## Technical Meeting and Balloting

This session will clarify competition procedures, rules, and safety protocols. Team managers and coaches are required to attend to ensure accurate athlete registration and understanding of event logistics. Balloting will determine match pairings and performance orders for Seni events.

  
**11th**

## Tanding Competition

Athletes will compete in their respective weight and age categories following PERSILAT rules. The Seni (artistic) division will showcase the beauty and precision of Pencak Silat forms, both solo and in teams. Scoring will be conducted digitally using the EventSilat system to ensure transparency and accuracy.

  
**12th**

## Seni Competition / Finals

The final day will feature championship matches and the top artistic performances. Medals and special recognitions will be awarded during the official closing ceremony. Participants will be honored for their skill, sportsmanship, and dedication to the martial art of Pencak Silat.

## Member Countries Invited

Some of the countries invited: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darusalam, Canada, Suriname, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, Egypt, France, India, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and more!

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

Herndon is serviced by Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), located just 10 minutes away. All participants are advised to arrive through IAD for the most convenient access to the venue and accommodations. Most international travelers can enter the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program or by applying for a B-2 tourist visa. It is recommended to check entry requirements based on your nationality at <https://travel.state.gov>.



## *Elden Suites*

### Competition Venue and Festival

The event will take place in a spacious facility offering approximately 5,000 square feet of space. The layout includes various rooms designated for competition, workshops, and cultural exhibits. Two 8m x 8m rings will be set up for the tournament, with additional rooms allocated for festival activities and demonstrations.

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## *Hotels*

### Walking Distance from the Venue

**Courtyard by Marriott Herndon Reston** – 533 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170. Comfortable rooms, on-site restaurant, fitness center, and business amenities.

**Hyatt House Herndon/Reston** – 467 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170. Spacious suites, complimentary breakfast, fitness center, and seasonal outdoor pool.

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## *Tourism*

### Visit Iconic Capitol Destinations

Just a 40-minute metro ride from Herndon, visitors can explore the heart of Washington D.C. and its many iconic landmarks. Popular sites include the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, and the Lincoln Memorial, all easily accessible from the National Mall. The Smithsonian museums, offering free entry, provide an enriching cultural experience for all ages.





## *Juniors (14-17)*

### Tanding & Seni

Juniors (ages 14–17) may compete in both Tanding (match) and Seni (artistic) divisions. These categories provide young athletes an opportunity to demonstrate both technical skill and expressive performance.



## *Adults (18-35)*

### Tanding & Seni

Adults (ages 18–35) may compete in the senior divisions for both Tanding and Seni. This category is designed for experienced athletes to display advanced techniques, strength, and strategy.

# Competition Categories



## *Tanding*

### Silat Sparring



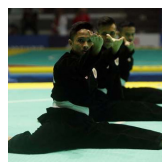
## *Tunggal*

### Standard Form



## *Ganda*

### Fighting Skit



## *Regu*

### Team Form

The Seni (artistic) divisions include Tunggal (solo performance), Ganda (paired performance), and Regu (team performance), available for both male and female participants. Each category allows athletes to demonstrate technique, rhythm, expression, and mastery of traditional Silat forms. These performances are judged according to official standards for accuracy, energy, and artistic presentation.

# PRICING

Competitor registration is \$65 per person if completed by August 10, 2025; after that, the fee increases to \$85. Spectator early bird tickets are \$15 for single-day access if purchased by August 10, and \$20 afterward. A 3-day spectator pass is available for \$30. All spectator tickets include full access to both the competition and the Silat Festival activities.



## Early Registration: \$65

Competitor registration for the 2nd US Open Pencak Silat Tournament and Festival is set at \$65 per athlete if completed by August 10, 2025. This early registration rate offers participants significant savings and helps organizers ensure a smooth and well-prepared event. Teams are encouraged to complete their registration as early as possible to take advantage of this discounted fee.



## Late Registration: \$85

After August 10, the competitor registration fee will increase to \$85 per person. This fee covers access to all competition areas, digital scoring systems, and full participation in both Tanding and Seni categories as applicable. Late registration may also limit access to certain preferred divisions or categories due to scheduling constraints.

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# COMPETITOR LIMIT

## 100 Competitor Limit

To ensure the tournament can be completed within the two-day schedule, we are limiting the total number of competitors to 100. This allows us to manage match flow, ring assignments, and judging responsibilities effectively. We are expecting approximately 10 teams, each bringing around 10 competitors. Teams are encouraged to register early, as spaces will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Exceptions to the 100-competitor limit may be made for teams that also bring certified Wasit and Jury members to assist with officiating. This policy ensures a fair and efficient event while maintaining the quality of the competition.





# SILAT FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct 11, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Silat Festival is a vibrant celebration of the rich cultural and artistic traditions of Pencak Silat. Much like our 2023 festival, attendees can expect captivating demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and an immersive introduction to the depth and beauty of Silat beyond competition. Participants will have the rare opportunity to train with respected masters, learn traditional forms, and gain insight into the philosophy and heritage that shape the martial art.



## Workshops

Workshops will be open to all experience levels and will cover a variety of Silat styles and techniques, including self-defense, traditional weapons, and creative movement. In addition to the physical training, the festival will host cultural showcases such as the Batik exhibition, highlighting the connection between Indonesian textile artistry and martial identity. These experiences foster not only skill development but also cultural appreciation and community bonding.



## Learn about Silat

Whether you are a beginner, an advanced practitioner, or simply a fan of Southeast Asian heritage, the Silat Festival welcomes you. This dynamic gathering aims to celebrate diversity, preserve tradition, and inspire a deeper connection to the roots of Pencak Silat. Come for the competition, stay for the culture.

# DEADLINES

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## **Entry by Number (Due July 10, 2025):**

This form indicates how many competitors, coaches, and staff your team plans to bring. It helps organizers manage logistics and allocate space accordingly.

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## **Entry by Name (Due August 10, 2025):**

This submission includes the full list of athletes, coaches, and officials along with their competition categories. Teams must complete this step to finalize participation and secure their spots.

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## **Early Bird Registration (Due August 10, 2025):**

Competitors who register by this date will receive a discounted rate of \$65 per person. Early registration also provides priority in scheduling and category placement.

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## **Late Registration (August 11–August 31, 2025):**

Late registration will be accepted at the standard rate of \$85 per participant. Space is limited, and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the 100-competitor limit is reached.

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## **Payment Deadline (Due September 5, 2025):**

All registration payments must be completed by this date to confirm participation. Unpaid entries risk forfeiture from the tournament roster.

## *Submit Information*

All information, whether for Entry by Number, Entry by Name and Payment should be done using our website and submitting using links provided there:

**[www.usasilat.org/usopen](http://www.usasilat.org/usopen)**

## *Join our Whatsapp group*



Stay connected and up to date by joining our official WhatsApp group for the 2nd US Open Pencak Silat Tournament and Festival. This group will provide important announcements, event reminders, and real-time updates during the tournament.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HgL1nfo7i348OufMoLJboo>



# 2025



## Our Success

The USA Pencak Silat Federation has grown into one of the most active Silat organizations in North America. We have successfully hosted multiple national and international events, including the inaugural US Open and multiple Silat Festivals. Our athletes consistently represent the U.S. at international competitions, earning recognition and medals. UPSF has expanded Silat programs across states and built partnerships with schools, instructors, and cultural institutions. Through dedication and community building, we continue to elevate Pencak Silat's presence and accessibility across the country.



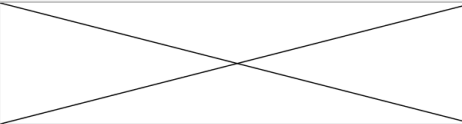
# Junior Weight Classes

Junior athletes (ages 14–17) will compete in Tanding divisions organized by weight class to ensure fair and balanced matchups. Weight categories will follow the official PERSILAT guidelines, ranging from under 39kg to over 83kg for both male and female divisions. Specific class divisions and registration instructions will be provided upon confirmation of entry.

MALE	CLASS	FEMALE
Under 39kg	< 39	Under 39kg
Over 39kg to 43kg	A	Over 39kg to 43kg
Over 43kg to 47kg	B	Over 43kg to 47kg
Over 47kg to 51kg	C	Over 47kg to 51kg
Over 51kg to 55kg	D	Over 51kg to 55kg
Over 55kg to 59kg	E	Over 55kg to 59kg
Over 59kg to 63kg	F	Over 59kg to 63kg
Over 63kg to 67kg	G	Over 63kg to 67kg
Over 67kg to 71kg	H	Over 67kg to 71kg
Over 71kg to 75kg	I	Over 71kg to 75kg
Over 75kg to 79kg	J	Over 75kg to 79kg
Over 79kg to 83kg	K	
Over 83kg to 87kg	L	
Over 87kg to 100kg	OPEN 1	Over 79kg to 92kg
Above 100kg	OPEN 2	Above 92kg
ARTISTIC EVENTS		
Single		Single
Double		Double
Team		Team

# Senior Weight Classes

Junior athletes (ages 14–17) will compete in Tanding divisions organized by weight class to ensure fair and balanced matchups. Weight categories will follow the official PERSILAT guidelines, ranging from under 39kg to over 83kg for both male and female divisions. Specific class divisions and registration instructions will be provided upon confirmation of entry.

Male	Event	Female
Below 45kg	>45	Below 45kg
Above 45 – 50 kg	A	Above 45 – 50 kg
Above 50 – 55 kg	B	Above 50 – 55 kg
Above 55 – 60 kg	C	Above 55 – 60 kg
Above 60 – 65 kg	D	Above 60 – 65 kg
Above 65 – 70 kg	E	Above 65 – 70 kg
Above 70 – 75 kg	F	Above 70 – 75 kg
Above 75 – 80 kg	G	Above 75 – 80 kg
Above 80 – 85 kg	H	Above 80 – 85 kg
Above 85 – 90 kg	I	
Above 90 – 95 kg	J	
Above 95 – 110 kg	Open 1	Above 85kg to 100kg
Above 110kg	Open 2	Above 100kg
<b>ARTISTIC EVENTS</b>		
Single		Single
Double		Double
Team		Team



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