

Competition Format and Rules

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Youth Olympic Competition Format

The Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games Wushu Taolu programme consists of two events for each gender, the Changquan combined event and the Taijiquan combined event.

12 athletes participate in each event.

In a Changquan combined event, each athlete will perform a Changquan routine and a Gunshu routine. In a Taijiquan combined event, each athlete will perform a Taijiquan routine and a Taijishan routine.

The combined results of both routines will determine the ranking.

There are two phases: Preliminary and final.

Start order in the preliminary round is determined by a draw.

The top eight ranked athletes from the preliminary round advance to the final (including all tied for eighth place after all tie breaking rules have been applied).

Start order in the final will be in reverse order of the preliminary round results. In the case of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Differences between the World Junior Wushu Championships and the Summer Youth Olympic Games

Events Setting

The World Junior Wushu Championships is an individual event competition.

The Wushu Taolu competition at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games is a combined event.

Age Groups Differences

The World Junior Wushu Championships is divided into three age groups, including Youth Group (15-17 years old), Junior Group (12-14 years old), and Children's Group (under 11 years old). In the Youth Group, there are a total of 24 individual events for both men and women.

The athletes participating in the Wushu Taolu competition at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games must be between 15 and 17 years old at the time of Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games. Any athlete who has not turned 18 by the date of the closing ceremony will remain eligible to compete (i.e. an athlete who is 17 years, 11 months, and 29 days old on the closing day qualifies). The competition includes two combined events per gender, totaling four individual events for both men and women.

Competition Format Differences

In the World Junior Wushu Championships, when the number of participants in an individual event exceeds 50 athletes, they will be divided into several groups for preliminaries. The finals consist of 12 athletes. Equal numbers of top finishers from each group will qualify for the finals.

The preliminaries and finals format will be conducted at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games. Each combined event preliminary has 12 participants, with the top 8 advancing to the finals.

Changes since Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games

Wushu Taolu is on the programme for the first time in Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

Sport Rules and Procedures

The athletes' score is the sum of their quality of movements score (execution score) and overall performance score (performance score).

During an athlete's routine performance, a minimum of two out of the three group A judges identify and deduct for movement technique execution and/or other errors that contrast with the specifications and requirements. When the deduction is confirmed these points are deducted. The athlete's quality of movements score (execution score) will be the full quality of movements value less the total of deductions.



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The five group B judges award an overall performance score based on their assessment of the athlete's entire routine performance. The athlete's performance score is the average of three judges' scores after discarding the highest and the lowest judge's scores.

Head Judge's Deductions

Changquan and Gunshu routines:

- Deductions will be made for routines which are under time or over time, as follows:
  - By up to two seconds (inclusive)
  - By more than two seconds up to four seconds
  - By more than four seconds up to six seconds, etc.

Taijiquan and Taijishan routines:

- Deductions will be made for routines which are under time or over time, as follows:
  - By up to five seconds
  - By more than five seconds up to ten seconds
  - By more than ten seconds up to fifteen seconds, etc.

Should an athlete's routine not meet the choreography requirements, point deductions will be made in accordance with the choreography deduction standards.

Tie Break Rules

Tied scores will be handled in the following order:

In the preliminary round:

- The athlete with the higher overall performance score will be ranked higher
- If still tied, the athlete who has the higher lowest-discarded overall performance score will be ranked higher
- If still tied, the final ranking will remain a tie

In the final:

- The athlete with the higher overall performance score will be ranked higher
- If still tied, the athlete who has the higher lowest-discarded overall performance score will be ranked higher
- If still tied, the athlete with the higher preliminary round ranking will be ranked higher

Appeals

The Jury of Appeals comprises a chairman and two members. All decisions and rulings made by the Jury of Appeals are final.

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