

2020 TIGER CLAW ELITE KUNGFUMAGAZINE.COM ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE BASICS

2020 Tiger Claw Elite KungFuMagazine.com Online Championship - A Benefit for KungFuMagazine.com. This will occur over 5 weeks on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/KungfuMagazinedotcom>. As you might have seen, online tournaments are happening during the pandemic. Ours is a little different.

We are only doing Grand Champions and limiting competitors to 30 entries per age division. We have 5 age divisions and we'll run one every week starting in mid-November. We are using our same divisions as our 2019 Tiger Claw Elite KungFuMagazine.com Championship: Traditional Kung Fu, Songshan Shaolin, Modern Wushu, or Tai Chi & Internal.

Below is the schedule (Note that the NOV 24 deadline is earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holiday:

| Age bracket | Submission deadline WED | Video Posted FRI | Scoring deadline MON | Awards presentation TUE |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| KIDS: 13 and under | NOV 18 | NOV 20 | NOV 23 | NOV 24 |
| TEENS: 14-17 | NOV 24 TUES | NOV 27 | NOV 30 | DEC 1 |
| YOUNG ADULTS: 18-24 | DEC 2 | DEC 4 | DEC 7 | DEC 8 |
| ADULTS: 25-30 | DEC 9 | DEC 11 | DEC 14 | DEC 15 |
| ELDERS: 31+ | DEC 16 | DEC 18 | DEC 21 | DEC 22 |

We will award Grand Champion trophies to the top scorers in every age and style division. We will also award an Overall Grand Champion to the top scorer between the four styles in every age division. We will offer a special prize for the Best School and People's Choice Champion for the competitor that gets the most views within a specified window of time.

We hope you will join us in this endeavor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jonny Oh, President, Tiger Claw

Gigi Oh, Publisher Emeritus, Kung Fu Tai Chi

Gene Ching, Publisher, KungFuMagazine.com

Once the application process and video submission is complete, and the payment is accepted, competitors will receive a confirmation email. Note that due to the competitor cap, some last-minute applicants may be denied.

By entering the competition, all competitors grant KungFuMagazine.com the right to post their videos on KungFuMagazine.com's YouTube channel. They will be processed and posted as per the competition schedule below:

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TIME LIMITS AND VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

Violation of any of these rules are grounds for deductions or disqualification without refund.

Videos must be at least 1 minute minimum and 2 minutes maximum.

In all videos, the competitor must appear before a neutral background.

The video must be one continuous long take shot. No edits or cuts permitted.

The video must be in real time – no speeding up or slowing down the footage.

The entire body of the competitor must be visible during the entire video.

The video must be exclusively made for this 2020 Tiger Claw Elite KungFuMagazine.com Online Championship. No videos from past competitions or demonstrations permitted.

The video must only feature the competitor. No other persons may appear.

NO MUSIC IS PERMITTED ON THESE VIDEOS.

DIVISION DEFINITIONS

All judging of forms competitions is very subjective on the part of the judges; each judge is reminded that he or she must set any personal preferences regarding the martial arts aside and maintain an open mind and a fair and subjective spirit when scoring. The 4 main solo divisions are Traditional Kung Fu (傳統), Songshan Shaolin (嵩山少林), Modern Wushu (武术) and Tai Chi/Internal (太极/内家).

Traditional Kung Fu Forms (傳統)

The intent of a Traditional Kung Fu Forms Division is to help perpetuate and preserve the original essence and strength of the art. Even though many individuals may study the same style, there may be minor differences in the way they perform a form/set due to different lineage or philosophy, but the majority will agree that each system has a core principle it follows (example: Hung Gar - Strong low stances, powerful connection to the ground, Wing Chun

– Trapping hands, inside fighting). All traditional forms must descend from a specific lineage to distinguish them from modified Modern Wushu versions, including animal styles. The traditional dividing line between the northern and southern Chinese martial arts is the Yangtze River. The Northern Kung Fu divisions contain the original Chin Woo (精武), Huaquan (華拳), Chaquan (查拳), Paoquan (炮拳), Hongquan (洪拳), Northern Shaolin (北少林拳), Chuoqiao (戳腳), Eagle Claw (鷹爪派), Northern Praying Mantis (北螳螂拳), etc. The Southern Kung Fu divisions contain the 5 family styles: Choy Gar (蔡家), Hung Ga (洪家), Lau Gar (刘家), Li (Lee) Family (李家) and Mok Gar (莫家) and Choy Li Fut (蔡李佛), Wuzuquan (五祖拳), Wing Chun (詠春), Hakka (客家), Southern Praying Mantis (南螳螂拳), Bak Mei (白眉), etc. All competition in a Traditional Division will maintain and reinforce the core principle which is the combat aspects and signature move(s) that are recognized as the trademark of the system. Competitors with any movement in a form that breaks the core principle of the style it is intended to represent will be subject to reduction in their score and possible disqualification.

- No aerial movements beyond flying kicks. No flying kicks beyond 360 degrees.
- Only two steps are permitted before any flying kick.
- No movements which are strictly gymnastic.
- You must have reached the legal drinking age to perform Drunken Style forms in Traditional Kung Fu Forms division.
- Any form descended from Songshan Shaolin MUST compete in the Songshan Shaolin Form division. Ineligible forms will be determined by the Head Judge. Competitors who violate this rule will be disqualified from the Traditional Kung Fu Forms Division.
- Contemporary forms such as Modern Long Fist (Changquan 长拳) and Southern Fist (Nanquan 南拳) are not allowed in Traditional Kung Fu Forms Division. Ineligible forms will be determined by the Head Judge. Competitors who violate this rule will be disqualified from the event.

Songshan Shaolin Forms (嵩山少林)

Songshan Shaolin Forms include any of the major forms taught as part of the common curriculum at the original Shaolin Temple on Songshan (Song Mountain) today. This includes but is not limited to: Xiaohongquan (小洪拳), Dahongquan (大洪拳), Tongbiquan (通臂拳), Liuhequan (六合拳), Changhuxinyimen (长护心意门), Qixingquan (七星拳), Meihuaquan (梅花拳), Lohanquan (羅漢拳), Taizu Changquan (太祖长拳), Paochui (炮捶), Xinyiba (心意把), Tongzigong (童子功) et. al. This does not include forms that bear the same title which are not descended from Songshan Shaolin. Embellishments such as aerial movements and movements that are strictly gymnastic are permitted, but DO NOT COUNT towards increasing the score. If a competitor attempts any such movement and fails, they will be penalized for the failure and will not be credited if they succeed.

Modern Wushu Forms (武术)

Modern Wushu is an exhibition sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts. Wushu forms are similar to gymnastics and involve martial art patterns and maneuvers for which competitors are judged and given points according to specific rules. The forms comprise of basic movements (stances, kicks, punches, balances, jumps, sweeps and throws) based on aggregate of categories of traditional Chinese martial art styles and can be changed for competitions to highlight one's strengths. Nandu (difficulty standards for international competition 难度) will not be enforced within these divisions.

Tai Chi/Internal Forms (太极/内家)

All judging of forms competitions is very subjective on the part of the judges. Each judge is reminded that he or she must set any personal preferences regarding the martial arts aside and maintain an open mind and a fair and subjective spirit when scoring. The judging parameters will be based on several key principles such as rooting, body flow, body movement, relaxation, etc. Competitors should not simply “perform” their particular routine, but rather display their abilities in these key principles. Many competitors can demonstrate correct postures and form but fail to display to the judges their ability to do their form “internally” rather than as a slower motion “external” form.

GENERAL RULES

• The maximum number of individual events a competitor may register for is 1. A competitor may only submit 1 video.

THIS IS AN ADVANCED COMPETITION ONLY. Any level of competitor is welcome to enter, however this is a GRAND CHAMPION competition and only Grand Champion prizes will be awarded. There is no separation for gender or for empty hand and weapon. Competitors may compete in either empty hand or weapon.

JUDGING

Scoring:

Scoring will be based on performance and level by individual judges. The ranges for levels are between 1-10.

1. Correctness of Form
2. Strength of Stance/Stability
3. Speed - Ultimately, the form must be of actual fighting speed (except Tai Chi/Internal)
4. Power - (Not Muscle Tightness)
5. Spirit - Martial Spirit with sense of opponent
6. Overall Impression
7. If the competitor uses a weapon, body movement coordination with the weapon as well as correct application and familiarity of the weapon will factor into scoring. All weapons of Chinese origin are allowable.

GRAND CHAMPIONS (總冠軍)

The 2020 Tiger Claw KungFuMagazine.com Online Championship will have 20 Division Grand Champions and 5 Overall Grand Champions. First, Second and Third Place trophies will be awarded to each Division in each Age Division.

DIVISION GRAND CHAMPIONS

Traditional Kung Fu (5)

KIDS, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS, ELDERS

Songshan Shaolin (5)

KIDS, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS, ELDERS

Modern Wushu (5)

KIDS, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS, ELDERS

Tai Chi / Internal (5)

KIDS, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS, ELDERS

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPIONS (全能总冠军)

The 2020 Tiger Claw Elite KungFuMagazine.com Online Championship will have 5 Overall Grand Champions. These will be the top scorer of each Age Division Grand Champion across the four styles, so there will be one Overall Grand Champion for KIDS, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS, ELDERS.

In any instances of a tie, the Head Judge will decide the winners.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHAMPION

People's Choice Champion will be awarded to the competitor that gets the most views within a specific time window. This will be from the posting date on our YouTube channel to the Scoring Deadline. One People's Choice Champion will be awarded for each Age Division.

BEST SCHOOL

The Best School will be awarded to the school that provides the most competitors. This will include all competitors across all ages and divisions.