



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF
WUSHU & TAI CHI PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION Inc.**
ABN: 54225882532 Reg. No. A0043555A

This form is to be used for applications for new members or for renewal of membership.

(nominator & seconder are not required for **renewal** of membership)

I, Membership No
(full name of applicant) (for **renewal** of membership)

.....Postcode
(**RESIDENTIAL** address)

Phone at work: Phone at home: Mobile:

Fax: Email address:

Please Print Clearly

Web Site URL Occupation.....

Sex: Male [] Female [] hereby apply to (become a member/renew my membership) of the WUSHU & TAI CHI
Please circle whichever applicable

PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION Inc. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.

Signature..... Date

I, (full name), a **full current member** of Wushu & Tai Chi Practitioners Association Inc, nominate the applicant, **who is personally known to me**, for membership of the association.

Signature of proposer Date

I, (full name), a **full current member** of the Wushu & Tai Chi Practitioners Association Inc, second the nomination of the applicant, **who is personally known to me**, for membership of the association.

Signature of seconder Date.....

Payment: Enclosed is my cheque/money order/bank draft for the amount of \$

Please complete the following:

Name of School..... **Name of Instructor:**

Principal Address of School:

Are you an Instructor? Yes [] No []

If yes, would you like to have your name & contact details included in a list of instructors? Yes [] No []

All questions should be answered

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE WUSHU & TAI CHI PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION Inc:

Individual Member: \$25

Schools having 20 or less members: \$50. Above 21 members: \$75,

(In each case this includes both representatives – **complete two forms, one for each representative**).

- NB:**
1. Fees are due by 1 July each year
 2. An Organisation member must have two representatives, each having one voting right.

Organisation membership entitles members of the organisation to full benefits (other than voting rights) as associate members of WTPA.

Organisation members are required to provide the principal school address together with written advice as to how the school proposes to ensure provisions regarding weapons are to be met, and an undertaking that a copy of the requirements regarding the class exemption will be provided to all Tai Chi & Wushu Sword students. This advice and undertaking should be attached to the application.

If exemption is not required the above paragraph should be crossed out and WTPA membership records will indicate that the exemption does not apply.

Please return this form with payment (cheque or money order) to:
Wushu & Tai Chi Practitioners Association Inc.
PO Box 539 Box Hill, Victoria 3128



WUSHU & TAI CHI PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Co-operation Education Excellence

The WUSHU & TAI CHI PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION Inc (formerly ANWTA) is a independent non-profit association having the principal purpose of furthering the standards of Wushu & Tai Chi in all States of Australia. The association was created by the cooperative efforts of an enthusiastic group of Wushu and Tai Chi schools having the common aim of such improved standards.

It was mainly through the efforts of Master Liu Deming that the sequence of events leading to the formation of the association occurred.

In 1999 Master Liu saw the need for regular competitions within the Wushu and Tai Chi communities and in that year organised the first National Wushu & Tai Chi Championships. Due to the success of this event it has become an annual competition of ever increasing standard and success. With the increasing number of schools involved in the competition a committee was formed to run the event each year. This committee formed the association with broadened aims and activities.

AIMS OF THE WTPA

To encourage, promote, advance and develop the art of Wushu and Taijiquan in Australia;

To conduct, assist or participate in, and in general and to promote club, regional, national and international competition in Wushu and Taijiquan, and to improve the standards of Wushu and Taijiquan in Australia;

To make provision for and contribute towards prizes, certificates or awards to successful competitors in competitions conducted by the Association or those conducted by other organizations, as approved by the committee in a particular case;

To provide sponsorship to successful competitors in State or National competitions who, being members of the Association, are selected to represent their State in National competition, or to represent Australia in International competition;

To strive for governmental, commercial and public awareness and recognition of the Association in particular and the art of Wushu and Taijiquan in general;

To promote health and safety of members;

To link practitioners of Wushu and Taijiquan from various styles and traditions without precedence, whether as individuals or gathered in groups, clubs and organizations across Australia;

To recognize the Australian national peak body of Wushu/Kung-Fu (e.g. Australian Kung-Fu & Wushu Federation Inc, AKWF) and to liaise and co-operate with that body with the aim of promoting, broadening and strengthening the development of Wushu within Australia in accordance with the requirements of the International Wushu Federation (IWUF);

To network/liaise/affiliate with national and international organizations with the aim of broadening and strengthening the Australian Wushu and Taijiquan experience; and

Undertake and/or perform all such activities necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these purposes.

BENEFITS.

The *Control of Weapons Act 1990* (the Act) put in place offences for, among other things, the sale, advertising for sale, possession, use and carriage of prohibited weapons. Significant penalties apply to a breach of these provisions unless an exemption has been granted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.

WTPA holds a class exemption in Victoria (subject to requirements of the Regulations) on behalf of members. WTPA members who are genuine participants in Taichi or Wushu Sword or Sabre shall have access to the exemption enabling the possession, use and carriage of such swords for the purpose of studying and participating in Wushu & Tai Chi. Participating includes receiving instruction in, practising, training, teaching and competing in the sport.

Wushu and Tai Chi players are already receiving the benefits conferred by the WTPA. Prizes have been awarded for competitors in organised competitions. Special workshops, for example for those who practice the range of competition forms in Wushu and Tai Chi are conducted, and for the future many other exciting events are in the pipeline.

Worthwhile discounts are available to members of WTPA for competitions, workshops and martial arts supplies. There is the regular newsletter, *Wushu News*, which keeps members up to date with developments in Wushu and Tai Chi throughout the world.

If you wish to actively participate or simply receive these benefits, and in doing so ensure the continued operation of the association, please fill out the application for membership in this brochure.

WUSHU & TAI CHI PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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WTPA recognises and supports AKWF as the National Sporting Organisation (Peak Body) for Kung Fu (Wushu) in Australia.