

Regulations for The Ninth World Cup Tai Chi Chuan Championship 2025

- 1. Objective:** To promote Tai Chi Chuan culture and skills while building a global social network for all people who practice and enjoy Tai Chi Chuan
- 2. Sanctioned by:**
 - The Sports Administration, Ministry of Education, Taiwan
 - The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee
 - The Republic of China Sports Federation
 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C.
 - The Tourism Administration, Ministry of Transportation and Communication of R.O.C.
 - The Ministry of Culture
- 3. Organizers:**
 - World Tai Chi Chuan Federation (WTCCF)
 - Department of Sports, Taipei City Government
 - National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Taiwan, R.O.C.
- 4. Platinum Sponsors:** (Organizations or individuals who donate more than NT\$20,000 will be listed as such in the official handbook of the Championship)
- 5. Sponsors:**(Organizations or individuals who donate more than NT\$10,000 and less than NT\$20,000 will be listed as such in the official handbook of the Championship)
- 6. Participation Units:**
 - (1) Branches of World Tai Chi Chuan Federation
 - (2) Branches of National Tai Chi Chuan Association
 - (3) Tai Chi Chuan groups worldwide
- 7. Dates:** Oct 25th – 26th (Sat. & Sun.), 2025
- 8. Location:** Taipei Arena
(No.2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C.)
<http://www.taipeiarena.com.tw/>
- 9. Entry:**
 - (1) The contestant must be above 15 years old (born before Oct. 25, 2010).
Every contestant must sign and tender a waiver of liability form. Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian consent form. **Every contestant can choose a maximum of 4 individual events** (Forms, Weapons and Push-hands).
 - (2) **Registration Instructions**
 - A. Registration Phase 1: Expressing Intent to Participate**
 - a.Fill out the World Cup Participation Intent Form:** To assist us in planning the event more accurately, please fill out the "World Cup Participation Intent Form" before the official opening of the registration system. Once completed, please send the form to ct.taichi@msa.hinet.net. The form can be downloaded from the website or find the form at the end of the World Cup regulations.
 - b.Obtain the Registration Account and Password:**
After we receive your intent application, we will provide you with a unique account and registration password. Please keep this password secure, as you will need it to log into the registration system once it becomes available.
 - B. Registration Phase 2: Complete Online Registration**
 - a.Fill out the online registration form:**
After the registration system is officially launched, please log in using your registration account and password, and follow the instructions to complete the registration form.
 - b.Print, review, and sign the registration form:**

The team leader or organization representative must carefully review the online registration information. After verifying it, please print out the registration form, sign it, and send a scanned or photographed copy of the signed form via email.

c.Submit the Waiver of Liability:

Each participant must complete and submit a **Waiver of Liability**. The signed paper form should be mailed to the following address:

6th Floor, Room 608, Sports Union Office Building, No. 20 Zhulong Street, Taipei City.

d.Consent Form for Minors:

If any participants are under 18 years of age, their legal guardian (parent or guardian) must complete the consent form and send it together with the waiver.

Important Reminders:

- The registration website and detailed registration process will be announced soon. Please stay tuned to our official website for updates.
- Please make sure to complete all registration procedures by the deadline, August 7. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Mail, fax or e-mail the completed form to:

World Tai Chi Chuan Federation

Rm. 608, No. 20, Chulun St., Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Tel:+886-2-2778-3887

Fax:+886-2-2778-3890

E-mail:ct.taichi@msa.hinet.net

Website: <http://cttaichi.org/english/main.php>

(3)The individual event fee is US\$40 (or NT1,200) per event, including forms and push hands (fixed steps or moving steps). Team leaders, coaches and managers free of charge and box lunches will be provided.

Tai Chi Night banquet fee: US\$ 30 per person (or NT \$900)

The group event fee is US\$80 per team (or NT\$ 2,500).

✘Please base the remitted amount on the exact amount the organizing unit receives. The remittance fee is to be paid by the sender.

✘Refund: Cancellation of registration and refund will not be accepted for any reason after registration.

Admission to the arena is free of charge. However, personal insurance is not included.

◎Wire transfer instructions:

Bank Name: BANK OF TAIWAN, SUNG CHIANG BRANCH

Bank Address: No. 115, Sung Chiang Road, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Bank A/C No.:05-000-114160-1

SWIFT: BKTWTWTP050

Account Name: National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Tel:+886-2-2778-3887 Fax:+886-2-2778-3890 E-mail: ct.taichi@msa.hinet.net

(4) The number of team leaders, coaches and managers :

A participating unit with less than 3 contestants shall have a team leader or coach; 4 to 8 contestants shall have a team leader and one coach each; 9 to 15 contestants shall have a team leader, one coach, one manager each. There should be a team leader, 2 coaches, and one manager for more than 16 contestants.

(5) Lunch will be provided for foreign contestants during the days of their registered events only. They are also invited to the Annual World Federation

Meeting and Tai Chi Night Banquet (US\$ 30 per person) on October 25th. The meals and receptions, however, are not provided for those who take part in Group performance competitions. We can order meals and banquet on your behalf.

- (6) Registration deadline:
Completed registration forms must be received no later than August 7th, 2025.
- (7) Date of lot drawing: 2:00 pm on August 30th, 2025, at the National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Taiwan, R.O.C. The Organizer will assign a staff member to represent any team that is not present at the drawing.
- (8) Check in: 8:00~9:00AM, October 25th, 2025, at the Taipei Arena.
- (9) Weight ins of push-hands contestants will be held between 8:00 and 9:00 AM on October 25th, 2025 at the Taipei Arena.
- (10) Judges' meeting: 8:20 AM, October 25th, 2025, at the Taipei Arena.
- (11) Team leaders' meeting: 8:50 AM, October 25th, 2025, at the Taipei Arena.

10. Schedule:

- (1) **Saturday, October 25:** group forms, individual forms for the Evergreen Group (excluding other Tai Chi styles and weapons), fixed-step pushing hands for the Zhuangnien Group (middle-aged, and senior), and preliminary and knockout rounds for the Social Group (late adolescent and young adult) pushing hands competition.
- (2) **Sunday, October 26:** Individual forms for the Evergreen Group (including other Tai Chi styles and weapons), individual forms for the Social Group, knockout rounds and final rounds for the Social Group pushing hands competition.
- (3) **Note:** If the competition schedule for the above 2 days cannot be arranged smoothly or the competitions cannot be completed due to the big number of contestants, the organizers may change the schedule and announce it on the website of the Federation, and the participating teams or individuals shall not have any objections.

11. Competition categories and groups:

A contestant can register for up to only 4 competitions, including Individual Form or Weapon Competitions and Push Hands Competitions. The routine competition will cancel the prompt bell.

(I) Form competitions

(A) Individual Form competitions:

- (a) Men and women's competitions will be held separately, grouped by age.

Male Changching (Evergreen) Group, Female Changching (Evergreen) Group	(ages 61 and above, born before Oct. 25, 1965)
Male Shehui (Social) Group, Female Shehui (Social) Group	(ages 15 and above, born on or before October 25, 2010)

(B) Group Form competitions:

- (a) Each team must consist of 5-12 persons for routine forms and 5-9 persons for weapon forms.
- (b) Contestants can be of any gender, and should be 15 years of age and above, limit 2 entries per person. A contestant is limited to 2 entries.
- (c) Music will be permitted, but voice commands are not allowed. No ringing signal during the competition.

(C) Competition Events and time limits: Participants are required to submit a waver liability form. Those under 18 must also provide a guardian consent form.

Style	Length
1. 13-Form	Between 5 and 6 minutes
2. 37-Form	Between 6 and 7 minutes
3. 64-Form(Part II) Individual only	Between 7 and 8 minutes
4. 99-Form	Between 5 and 6 minutes
5. Chen Style 38-Form	Between 5 and 6 minutes
6. Yi-Jian Chuan-Form	Between 6 and 7 minutes
7. 24-Form	Between 4 and 5 minutes
8. 42-Form	Between 5 and 6 minutes
9. 64-Form(Part I) Groups only	Between 6 and 7 minutes

10. Yangjia Michuan-Form	Under 6 minutes
11. Hsiung-Style-Form	Under 6 minutes
12. Other Yang's-Form (Please specify the full name of the form)	Under 6 minutes
13. Other Chen's-Form (Please specify the full name of the form)	Under 6 minutes
14. All others: traditional forms not listed above (Please specify the full name of the form)	Under 6 minutes

- Notes: 1) If there are less than 6 people (teams) in each form, they can be merged according to the male and female groups, and then merged into Other Yang's, Other Chen's or Other Tai Chi Chuan forms according to the name of the form. If there are still less than 3 people (teams) after the merger, the event will be canceled.
- 2) For (12)-(14), if more than 6 people (teams) participate in the same form, it can be listed as a single competition event. Please specify the full name of the form in detail. If it cannot be listed as a separate competition due to lack of details, no objection will be allowed.
- 3) If the number of applicants does not reach the standard, the Organizers will handle the matter of merging (grouping) or canceling, without objection.

(II) Weapon competitions

(A) Individual weapon competitions:

- (a) Men and women will compete separately grouped the same as individual form competitions. No ringing signal during the competition.
- (b) If a grouped weapon has fewer than 3 persons competing, then the weapon will be combined into other age. If the event still less than 3 persons after combining, the event will be canceled.
- (c) If any weapon competition has six or more competing teams, and is recognized by the WTCCF, then such weapon competition will become a separate event.

(B) Group weapon competitions:

- (a) Each team consists of 5-9 persons for foreign teams of any age and gender. No ringing signal during the competition.
- (b) Music is permitted, but voice commands are not allowed.

(C) Events and time limits:

- 1) The time limit for Yang Style 32-Form Traditional Tai Chi Broadsword is between 3 and 4 minutes.
- 2) The time limit for 54-Form Traditional Tai Chi Sword is between 4 and 5 minutes.
- 3) The time limit for 42-Form Tai Chi Sword is between 3 and 4 minutes.
- 4) The time limit for Zhengzi Tai Chi Sword is between 4 and 5 minutes.
- 5) The time limit for Other Yang Style Tai Chi Weapons (Please specify the full name of the weapon, long Weapons, Fúchén/ Buddha Dust/ Buddha Whisk, very Short Weapons not included) is under 4 minutes.
- 6) The time limit for Other Chen Style Tai Chi Weapons (Please specify the full name of the weapon, long Weapons, Fúchén/ Buddha Dust/ Buddha Whisk, very Short Weapons not included) is under 4 minutes.
- 7) The time limit for All Other Tai Chi Weapons (Please specify the full name of the weapon, long Weapons, Fúchén/ Buddha Dust/ Buddha Whisk, very Short Weapons not included) is under 4 minutes.

- Notes: 1) If there are less than 6 people (teams) in each weapon competition, they can be merged according to the male and female groups, and then merged into Other Yang's, Other Chen's or other Tai Chi Weapons according to the name of the weapon. If there are still less than 3 people (teams) after the merger, the event will be canceled.
- 2) For (5)-(7), if more than 6 people (teams) participate in the same weapon competition, it can be listed as a single event. Please specify the full name of the weapon in detail. If it

cannot be listed as a separate competition due to lack of details, no objection will be allowed.

- 3) If the number of applicants does not reach the standard, the Organizers will handle the matter of merging (grouping) or canceling, without objection.

(III) Push hands competitions:

1. Push hands will be held separately for women and men, classified by age:

Male Zhuangnien (middle-aged, and senior) Group, Female Zhuangnien (middle-aged, and senior) Group	(ages 41-70, born Oct. 25, 1955--Oct. 24, 1985)
Male Shehui (Social) (late adolescent and young adult) Group, Female Shehui (Social) (late adolescent and young adult) Group	(ages 16-40, born Oct. 25, 1983--Oct. 24, 2010)

Every organization may register up to two players per class.

2. A consent letter must be signed by a parent or a legal guardian for participants under 18.

A Waiver Liability Form is required for all push hands contestants.

3. Push-hands competition rules

- (1) For Zhuangnien (middle-aged, and senior) Group, only fixed step push hands competition will be held.

The winner of two out of three rounds wins the match. Winners play another match-up until the final match. Defeated contestants will compete against other losers to determine their final rankings. If the schedule is tight, it will be changed to a 2-round system. If both sides win a round, then the judges calculate the total points to decide the winner. The player with the higher score wins. In the event of a tie in points, the lighter participant will win. If the weights are also the same, the winner will be determined by a draw.

- (2) Time Limits for Push-Hands Competition

A. Shehui (Social) (late adolescent and young adult) Group: For Fixed Push-Hands competition, every round shall last 1 minute with a 1-minute break between rounds. For Moving Push-Hands competition, each round shall last two minutes with 1-minute break in between.

B. Zhuangnien (middle-aged and senior) Group: Only Fixed Push-Hands competition is available. Every round shall last one minute with a one-minute break in between.

- (3) Scoring for fixed-step push hands:

A. One point will be awarded the contestant who lifts his/her opponent's foot off the floor or makes him/her lose balance and move his or her step in any direction.

B. Two points will be awarded if a contestant causes the opponent to fall on the floor, which is defined as "any part of the body above the knees (including the knees) touching the floor".

- (4) Scoring for moving-step push hands:

A. One point will be awarded to the contestant if any part of his/her opponent's foot steps outside the ring.

B. Two points will be awarded the contestant who makes his or her opponent fall on the floor which is defined as "any part of the body above the knees (including the knees) touching the floor".

- (5) Technical wins:

A. Moving-step push hands technical win: When the scoring gap between contestants reaches six (6) points or more, the score leader wins the match. This is called a

scoring technical win.

B.Fixed-step push hands technical win: When the scoring gap reaches six (6) points or more, the score leader wins the match. This is called a scoring technical win.

(6)No scores:

A.Moving-step push hands: When both sides step out of bound or fall on the floor at the same time or one immediately after the other, neither side scores.

B.Fixed-step push hands: When both sides move their step or fall on the floor at the same time, or one immediately after the other, neither side scores.

(7)For push hands allowable techniques, please refer to the “International Tai Chi Chuan Rules” issued by National Tai Chi Chuan Association. Play is begun in a neutral position with backs of right wrists touching. Left hands are placed on (not under) right elbow of opponent. Contestants engage in their attack or defense moves upon the center judge’s announcement.

(8)The competition floor for fixed-step and moving-step push hands contests will be set up as follows :

A.Fixed-step push hands: A six (6) meters by six meters square padded floor. A raised part, 3-centimeter thick, is in the middle of the square (see Diagram 1)

B.Moving-step push hands: An eight (8) meters by eight meters square padded floor and in its center is a circle three meters in diameter. The circle is the boundary of moving-step push hand contests.

◎Weight divisions:

Note1. Zhuangnien (middle-aged and senior) Group

Grade	Female	Male
	Weight (kg)	
1	Under 50	Under 60
2	50.01-55.00	60.01-65.00
3	55.01-61.00	65.01-71.00
4	61.01-68.00	71.01-78.00
5	68.01-76.00	78.01-86.00
6	76.01-90	86.01-100

Note 2. Shehui (Social) (late adolescent and young adult) Group

Grade	Female	Male
	Weight (kg)	
1	Under 48	Under 55
2	48.01-51.00	55.01-58.00
3	51.01-54.00	58.01-61.00
4	54.01-58.00	61.01-65.00
5	58.01-63.00	65.01-70.00
6	63.01-69.00	70.01-76.00
7	69.01-76.00	76.01-83.00
8	Over 76.01	83.01-91.00
9		91.01-100.00
10		Over 100.01

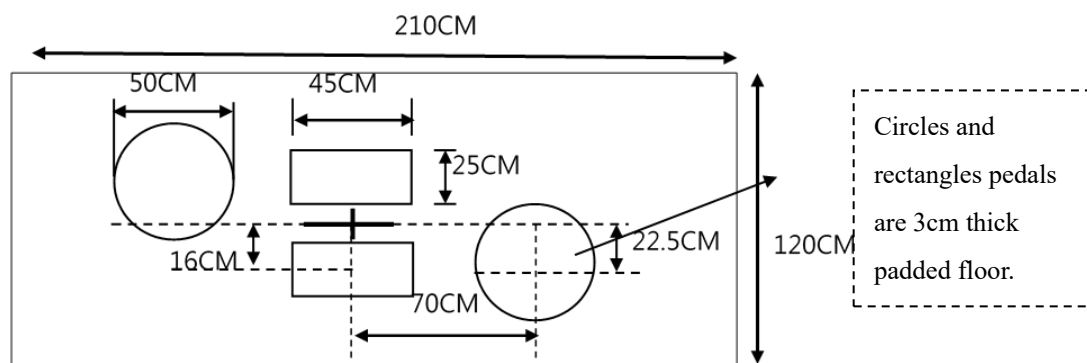


Diagram 1- Fixed Step Push-Hands Competition Area

12. Demonstrations: (The registration deadline is July 31st, 2025.)

- (A) Opening Ceremony: Each demonstration should be up to 400 persons. (Lunch and Banquet will not be provided)
- (B) A stage will be provided for up to 20 persons for the foreigners' Comprehensive group demonstration of Tai Chi Chuan and/or weapons. A registration form is required for the performance. The time limit is 6 minutes. Each demonstration will be charged US\$80 and a certificate will be presented to each person in the group. If an introduction of Comprehensive demonstration needs to be printed on the handbook up to 300 words, an additional US\$100 will be charged.

13. Placing and awards:

A) Judging criteria:

- (1) According to the general rules of Tai Chi Chuan published by National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Taiwan, R.O.C. The routine score will be calculated up to three decimal places, with any digits beyond that being discarded without rounding.
- (2) Team Competition: Each team is limited to 5-12 members for the routine and 5-9 members for the weapon category. If the specified number of participants is not met, or if the number exceeds or falls short by 1, the team will lose 0.1 points for each additional or missing member. If a participant is absent after three roll calls, they will be considered as having forfeited.
- (3) Tie-breaking Criteria for Final Scores: If two competitors have the same final score, the rankings will be determined in the following order: a. The competitor with the closer average of two invalid scores to the final score will be ranked higher. The invalid scores must be fully divided. b. The competitor with the higher average of two invalid scores will be ranked higher. c. The competitor with the lower invalid score but higher overall score will be ranked higher. d. The competitor with the higher minimum valid score will be ranked higher. e. The competitor with the higher maximum valid score will be ranked higher.

If the scores are still tied, the rankings will be shared, and the next ranking will be left vacant.

Certificates will be awarded to competitors with tied rankings, but the trophy (or plaque) will be determined by a draw.

B) Awards:

(a) Individual competitions:

Forms, weapons and Push Hands:

First, second and third place awards (a medal or cup and a certificate) will be given for each event. If there are more than 10 participants in an event, awards (certificate only) will also be given to the 4th, 5th and 6th place finishers. When an event has 7 to 9 participants, five awards will be given. When an event has only 3 to 6 participants, awards will be given to all participants except for the last two. An event will be cancelled if there are less than 3 participants. If there are more than 20 persons participating in an event, that event will be split and awards will be given to 6th place of each event.

(b) Group competitions of forms and weapons:

The top 6 places will each be awarded with a cup and a certificate for all members if there are 10 or more teams in an event. The top 5 places will each be awarded with a cup and a certificate if there are 7-9 or more teams in an event, and if there are less than 6 teams, award numbers will be given two less than competition team numbers on each event. If more than 13 teams are in an event, that event will be split into 2 events. If less than 3 teams are in an event, that event will be canceled.

Each foreign team must have (5-12) persons for routines (5-9) persons for weapons). A deduction of 0.1 point from the team's score will be made for each head count short. The team name will be called before the contest. The team will be forfeited if no response after three calls.

(c) In the individual competition of foreign athletes, though they may compete with locals, they will be counted and presented awards separately. Each competition category will have a separate "International Group" award ceremony.

(d) When the awards are presented after the competition, the winning teams or contestants should go to the main platform to accept the awards as soon as they are announced. Those who do not come to the stage to receive the awards immediately, please go to the awards group to collect them by themselves. The awards will not be sent to the any units or contestants.

14. Miscellaneous:

- (1) Participants should bring and be responsible for their own equipment, music and competition clothing. Foreigners may wear their own Tai Chi clothing and there are no special restrictions. But wearing a robe is not allowed. If they do not have their own specifications, they can refer to the "International Tai Chi Chuan Rules" promulgated by the National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Taiwan, R.O.C..
- (2) The Organizer will buy public accident liability insurance for all participants to cover accidents caused by facilities, but not those that occur during the actual competition.
- (3) Only competitors, demonstrating members, referees, and medical staff are allowed in the competition area. All other team members and their staff are prohibited from staying in the actual competition area during competition.
- (4) The schedule and location of all sessions are listed in the competition program; however, if deemed necessary the Organizer retains the right to alter both the schedule and location. It is the responsibility of any participant who signs up for more than two events to ensure that his or her events do not create a scheduling conflict.
- (5) All participants should arrive to Inspection Team for check-in and verification 30 minutes before each event. No roll-call broadcast. If competitors do not arrive to Inspection Team for check-in before the match, they will be disqualified.
- (6) An Organizer-issued identification card must be shown at entry of the competition area, otherwise that person will be declared ineligible for competition.
- (7) For push hands contests, all participants should follow the instructions of the inspection/record official to accommodate any schedule conflicts.
- (8) During the contest, the participant should not argue with the judge. Arguing with or shouting at the judges will result in a forfeit. Any serious argument may cause the participant and his/her team to be suspended for two years from the Tai Chi Chuan World Cup.
- (9) After finishing the performance for each event, competitors must leave the competition

area and stay in the designated area. At the announcement of names of awards, the competitors should come to the main platform to accept the awards.

- (10) Any competitor found using false identification will be automatically disqualified and handled according to the Federation's rules.
- (11) In case of an urgent incident during the competition, the contest will be stopped and declared no points. The Organizer will reschedule the competition.
- (12) No food or colored drinks are allowed in the actual competition area.
- (13) In case a contestant has to take part in two competitions at the same time due to the competition sequence, the contestant can submit the problem to the registration office for evaluation of the venues, and the adjustment of the sequence of one of the events.
- (14) Insurance plan: Public accident liability insurance will be purchased during the event. The insurance amount is NT\$3 million for each personal injury or death, NT\$15 million for each accident, and NT\$2 million for each property damage accident. The total insurance amount during the competition period is 34 million yuan. During the competition, the staff and players of the participating teams should purchase other relevant personal medical insurance according to their needs.
- (15) All fees are non-refundable.

15. Arbitration:

- (1) The decision of the chief referee shall be final. If a competitor disagrees with the decision, they may file an appeal.
- (2) The player's appeal should be submitted to the Judgment Committee in writing, signed and stamped by the team leader or coach within 30 minutes after the match, and the judgment of the Judge Committee shall be final. A deposit of NT\$5,000 is required when submitting an appeal. The deposit will be refunded if the appeal is valid, and will be used as the conference fund if it is invalid. No objection is allowed.
- (3) Any arbitration will follow the latest "The Regulation of International Tai Chi Chuan".

16. The participant count and estimated competition times in the forms competition schedule serve as reference only. The actual participant count and competition schedule will be determined by the execution committee of the event and should not be used as grounds for appeals.

18. Any issues not covered herein will be discussed and decided by the Championship Committee.

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Participation Intent Form

Group name		Remarks
Nationality		
Estimated number of participants	Form: _____ Weapons: _____ Push Hands: _____	
Number of other accompanying personnel		
Names of Estimated registration events	Form: _____ Weapons: _____ Push Hands: _____	
Estimated number of Tai Chi Night attendees		
Group Leader		
Primary Contact person		
E-mail		
Mobile/ Tel		
Others		

Once completed, please send the form to ct.taichi@msa.hinet.net.

Appendix 2

Liability Waiver for Events held by World Tai Chi Chuan Federation (WTCCF)

I acknowledge that this athletic event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it a potential for serious injury or death. The risks include, but are not limited to, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials, event monitors and/or producers of the event; lack of hydration, permanent debilitation from fracture, traumatic brain injury and rarely, death and/or other natural conditions. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating in this event.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently trained for participation in this event, and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical care provider.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability (AWRL) form will be used by WTCCF and the sponsors of the event in which I may participate, and it will govern my actions and responsibilities at the said event.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns to (A) waive, release, and discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me or my traveling to and from this event, (B) indemnify and hold harmless all entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph, including but not limited to WTCCF, and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives and agents, the event sponsors and event volunteers from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of my actions during this event.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this event at my own expense.

I understand that at this event or related activities I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photos, videos, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and/or assigns.

This AWRL shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under the applicable law.

I hereby certify that I have read this document and I understand its content.

Print Name: _____ Age: _____

Passport NO: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ d _____ m _____ 2025