

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM

**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF VIET NAM**

To: President of Pencak Silat Federation/Association of Asian Countries  
Member of International Pencak Silat Federation

Salam Pencak Silat.

**Invitation to the 9th Asian Pencak Silat Championship**

Dear President,

The Sports Authority of Viet Nam cordially invites you to participate in the 9th Asian Pencak Silat Championship, scheduled to take place in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam, from 23 to 31 July 2025.

Please find attached the Technical Handbook, which provides detailed information about the Championship for your reference.

We look forward to your participation in this prestigious event and to welcoming you to the Championship.

Warm regards,

Co-Chairman of Steering Committee



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Attachment: Technical Handbook.





**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF VIET NAM**

**TECHNICAL HANDBOOK**

**9<sup>th</sup> ASIAN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP 2025**

**23 to 31 JULY 2025**

APRIL, 2025

## **The host country**

### **Viet Nam country profile**

#### **Geography**

Viet Nam is situated towards the eastern part of the Indochinese Peninsula. The geographic coordinates of Viet Nam consist of latitude 102° 08' - 109° 28' east and longitude 8° 02' - 23° 23' north. Its borders are with China in the north, Laos and Cambodia in the west and Eastern Sea in the east.

#### **Weather**

Viet Nam is located in the tropical and temperate zone with high temperature and humidity all year round. Viet Nam's different regions have different climates and the climate changes by season and by region from lowlands to highlands, from North to South and from East to West.

There are two major climate regions in Viet Nam. Northern Viet Nam has a tropical monsoon climate with four distinguishable seasons (spring, summer, autumn and winter). Southern Viet Nam has a rather moderate tropical climate given the weak influence of monsoons and is characterized by dry and rainy seasons and warm weather all year round.

#### **Climate**

The average temperature in Viet Nam varies between 21°C and 27°C and increases from the North to the South. In summer, the average temperature is 25°C. In winter, temperature in the North reaches the lowest in December and January.

#### **Culture**

The culture of Viet Nam is agricultural civilization based on wet rice cultivating. The culture has been influenced by neighboring China due to long historical relations. One characteristic of Vietnamese culture is filial duty in the families. Education and self-betterment are highly valued. Viet Nam has an age-long and special culture that is closely attached to the history of the formation and development of the nation.

Viet Nam has 54 ethnicities living across the country and each ethnicity has its own cultural colour, thus, the Vietnamese culture is a diversified unification.

#### **Population**

The total population in Viet Nam was last recorded at 100.4 million people in 2023. Viet Nam is a multi-nationality country with 54 ethnic groups. The Viet (Kinh) people account for 87% of the country's population.

#### **Languages**

The official spoken and written language of Viet Nam is Vietnamese, various other languages are spoken by several minority groups in Viet Nam. English, French, Russian and Chinese are widely spoken.

#### **Monetary unit**

The monetary unit of Viet Nam is Dong (VND). The currency exchange is approximately 1 US dollar = 25,600 VND. Most foreign currencies are easily changed at airports, banks, hotels or money changers.

## VISA Requirement

Whether you need a visa or not is dependent on your country of citizenship. Ensure you meet entry visa requirements to visit the Viet Nam.

## Organizer

Hosted by: Sports Authority of Viet Nam

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Supported by: International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF)

## Date of Event

Period of Event : 23 to 31 July 2025

Games day : 25 to 30 July 2025

Date	Activity
23-Jul	Arrival of Contingent and Technical Officials
24-Jul	Technical Official Refresher & Familiarisation Technical Meeting and Balloting Welcome Dinner
25-Jul	Day 1/6 of Competition
26-Jul	Day 2/6 of Competition Opening Ceremony
27-Jul	Day 3/6 of Competition
28-Jul	Day 4/6 of Competition
29-Jul	Day 5/6 of Competition
30-Jul	Day 6/6 of Competition Medal Ceremony Closing Ceremony
31-Jul	Departure of Contingent and Technical Officials

## Accommodation

The host country is arranging the accommodation for contingents. Details on accommodation will be provided nearing to the competition date.

## Meals

The organizer will provide meals and will be served in buffet style or packed meal, and all meals provided will be Halal Certified.

*Note: Room service meals and/or any meals/drinks consumed not in the stipulated meals hours will be on personal account.*

### Transportation

You can enter Ha Tinh via Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) - Ho Chi Minh City, then fly to Dong Hoi Domestic Airport (VDH) - Quang Binh Province.

The organizer will provide transportation for contingents and the international technical officials throughout the competition period.

Upon arrival:

Airport → Accommodation

Competition Day:

Accommodation → Competition Venue → Accommodation

Upon team departure:

Accommodation → Airport

### Competition Venue

Ha Tinh Gymnasium, Ha Tinh Province

### Competing Category and Eligibility

Male and Female aged between 17 to 45 years old

*(Born between 1980 and 2008)*

Senior Tanding (Match) Events		
Male	Event	Female
Below 45kg	<45	Below 45kg
45 to 50 kg	A	45 to 50 kg
Over 50 to 55 kg	B	Over 50 to 55 kg
Over 55 to 60 kg	C	Over 55 to 60 kg
Over 60 to 65 kg	D	Over 60 to 65 kg
Over 65 to 70 kg	E	Over 65 to 70 kg
Over 70 to 75 kg	F	Over 70 to 75 kg
Over 75 to 80 kg	G	Over 75 to 80 kg
Over 80 to 85 kg	H	Over 80 to 85 kg

Over 85 to 90 kg	I	
Over 90 to 95 kg	J	
Over 95 to 110 kg	Open 1	Over 85kg to 100kg
Above 110kg	Open 2	Above 100kg
<b>Senior Artistic Events</b>		
Single		Single
Double		Double
Team		Team
Solo Creative		Solo Creative

\* Each team MUST enter 1 - 2 Team Wasit Jury.

### Competition Rules and Regulations

International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT) Competition Rules Version 7 as of 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 shall be applied.

### Sports equipment and competition attire

#### a. Tanding (Match)

Tanding (Match) category athletes shall wear the black uniform of Pencak Silat, body protectors, and plastic groin guards. Step shin guards and forearm guards are permitted.

#### b. Seni (Artistic)

- Seni Tunggal (Artistic Single)

*Attire* : Athletes competing in the Seni Tunggal (Artistic Single) is allowed to wear single coloured uniform for both top and bottom and completed by samping & tanjak (same pattern). Athletes found wearing a different coloured top and bottom or different pattern for samping and tanjak, will be issued a penalty of -0.50 points under improper attire.

*Weapons* : Golok or Parang (Long knives) measuring 30 - 40 cm in length and 2.5 - 4 cm in width. Tongkat or Toya (Long stick) made from rattan measuring 150-180 cm in length and 2.5 – 3.5 cm in diameter. Competition weapons shall be made from metal, non-sharp pointed.

- Seni Ganda (Artistic Double) category

*Attire* : Athletes competing in the Seni Tunggal (Artistic Single) is allowed to wear single coloured uniform for both top and bottom and completed by samping & tanjak (same pattern). Athletes found wearing a different coloured top and bottom or different pattern for samping and tanjak, will be issued a penalty of -0.50 points under improper attire.

*Compulsary Weapons* : Golok or Parang (Long knives) measuring 30 - 40 cm in length and 2.5 - 4 cm in width. Tongkat or Toya (Long stick) made from rattan measuring 150-



180 cm in length and 2.5 – 3.5 cm in diameter. Competition weapons shall be made from metal, non- sharp pointed.

*Optional Weapons* : are Celurit, Keris, Pecut, Pisau Belati or Dagger, Trisula, Kerambit, Kipas, Kujang, Parang Panjang, Badik, Belati, Sewar, Lading, Sikin, Rencong.

- Seni Regu (Artistic Team) category should wear the Pencak Silat uniform of black color with white sash of ten (10) cm size.

### Arena and Scoring equipment

The arena will be assembled according to the competition regulations. Digital Scoring System (DSS) and Video Assistant Referee (VAR) will be used according to the competition regulations.

### Technical Official

All International Technical Official (ITO) will be part of the contingent but will be staying in one separate hotel, facilitated by the Committee.

### Invited Countries

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|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Afghanistan                           | 15. Japan                             | 31. Philippines          |
| 2. Bangladesh                            | 16. Kazakhstan                        | 32. Palestine            |
| 3. Bhutan                                | 17. Kyrgyzstan                        | 33. Qatar                |
| 4. Bahrain                               | 18. Republic of Korea                 | 34. Singapore            |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam                     | 19. Saudi Arabia                      | 35. Sri Lanka            |
| 6. Cambodia                              | 20. Kuwait                            | 36. Syrian Arab Republic |
| 7. People's Republic of China            | 21. Laos People's Democratic Republic | 37. Thailand             |
| 8. Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 22. Lebanon                           | 38. Tajikistan           |
| 9. Hong Kong, China                      | 23. Macau, China                      | 39. Turkmenistan         |
| 10. Indonesia                            | 24. Malaysia                          | 40. Timor Leste          |
| 11. India                                | 25. Maldives                          | 41. Chinese Taipei       |
| 12. Islamic Republic of Iran             | 26. Mongolia                          | 42. United Arab Emirates |
| 13. Iraq                                 | 27. Myanmar                           | 43. Uzbekistan           |
| 14. Jordan                               | 28. Nepal                             | 44. Vietnam              |
|  | 29. Oman                              | 45. Yemen                |
|  | 30. Pakistan                          |                          |

### Participating Details

- Participation fee is chargeable at USD 85 per person per day. The participation fee will cover the following: Accommodation, Local Transportation and Meals.

- Important dates for form submission:

Form A (Entry by Number) : 15 May 2025

Form B (Entry by Name) : 30 May 2025

Flight Itinerary : 15 June 2025

Payment and Pencak Silat Medical Form:      Upon Arrival

Maximum number of participants for each contingent are as below:

Role	Number of Pax
Team Manager	2
Wasit Jury	2
Coach	4
Extra Official	4
Male Athlete	19
Female Athlete	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

## Contacts

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