Open Flanders Wushu Championships 2026

Modern Wushu & Traditional Kung Fu-Wushu & Taiji

+ Belgian Wushu Taolu Championships 2026

Sunday 04 October 2026

Local Organising Committee (LOC)

The Open Flanders Wushu Championships (OFWC) 2026 will be organised by the Vlaams Wushu Instituut vzw., with support of the Vlaamse Wushu Federatie and Belgian Wushu Federation.

Eligibility

The “open” tournament of the OFWC will be open for participation to all athletes. The “Belgian Wushu Taolu Championships” (BWTC), embedded in the OFWC, will only be open for participation to athletes who hold the Belgian nationality and are registered with the Belgian Wushu Federation.

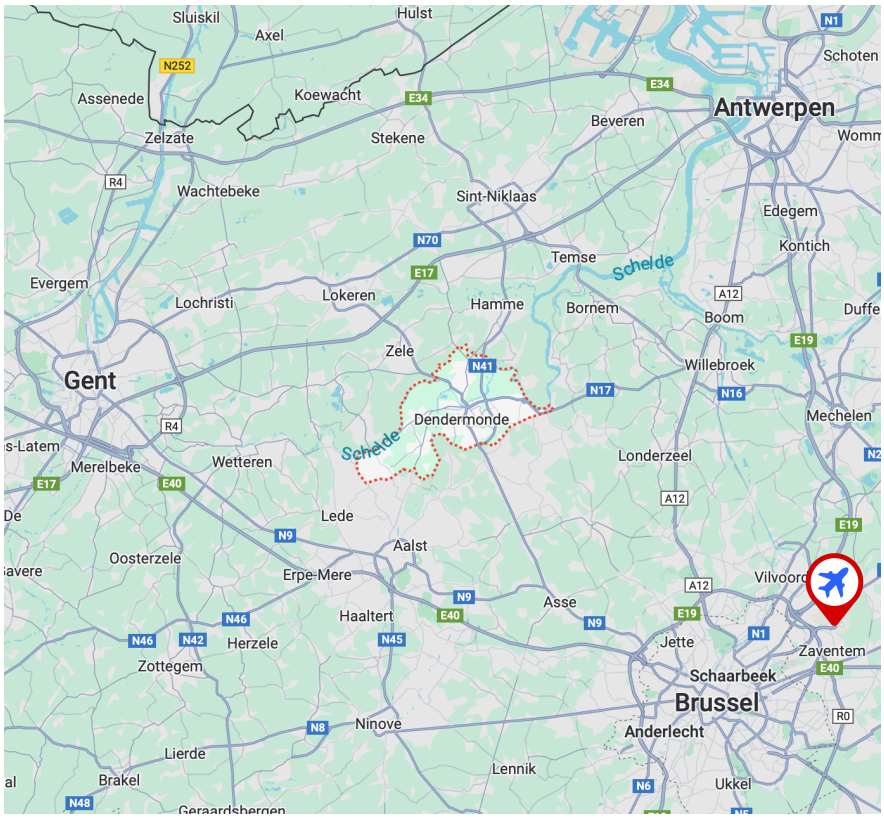
Competition venue

The OFWC will take place in the **Sportcenter of Sint-Gillis-Dendermonde, Van Langenhovestraat 203, 9200 Dendermonde, Belgium**. Dendermonde is located in the heart of Flanders, close by the major cities of Brussels, Ghent and Antwerp. The international airport of Brussels (Brussels Airport-Zaventem) is located a mere 45km away, from where Dendermonde is easily accessible by car or public transport. The train station of Dendermonde lies a 10 minute walk from the competition venue.

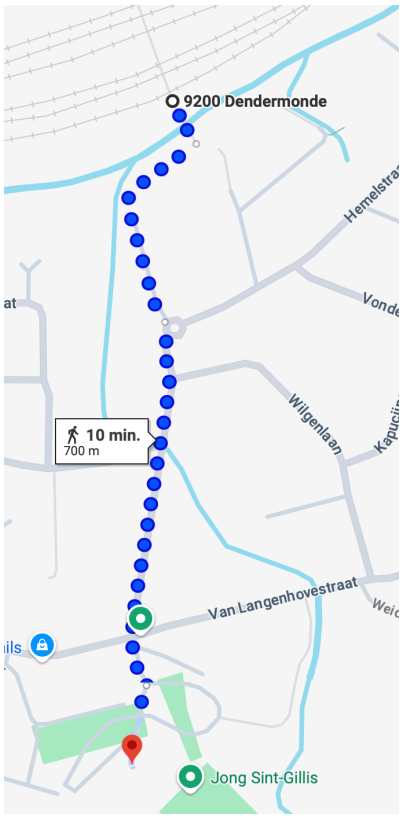
Free parking is available at the competition venue. Additional free parking can be found in the surrounding streets, at the train station and at the Sint-Egidius church (Frans Van Schoorstraat 17; 12 minute walk).

At the competition venue, a cafeteria is present where beverages can be bought. Several food options will also be available for purchase.

Sportcenter Sint-Gillis-Dendermonde



Geographic location of Dendermonde and Brussels Airport



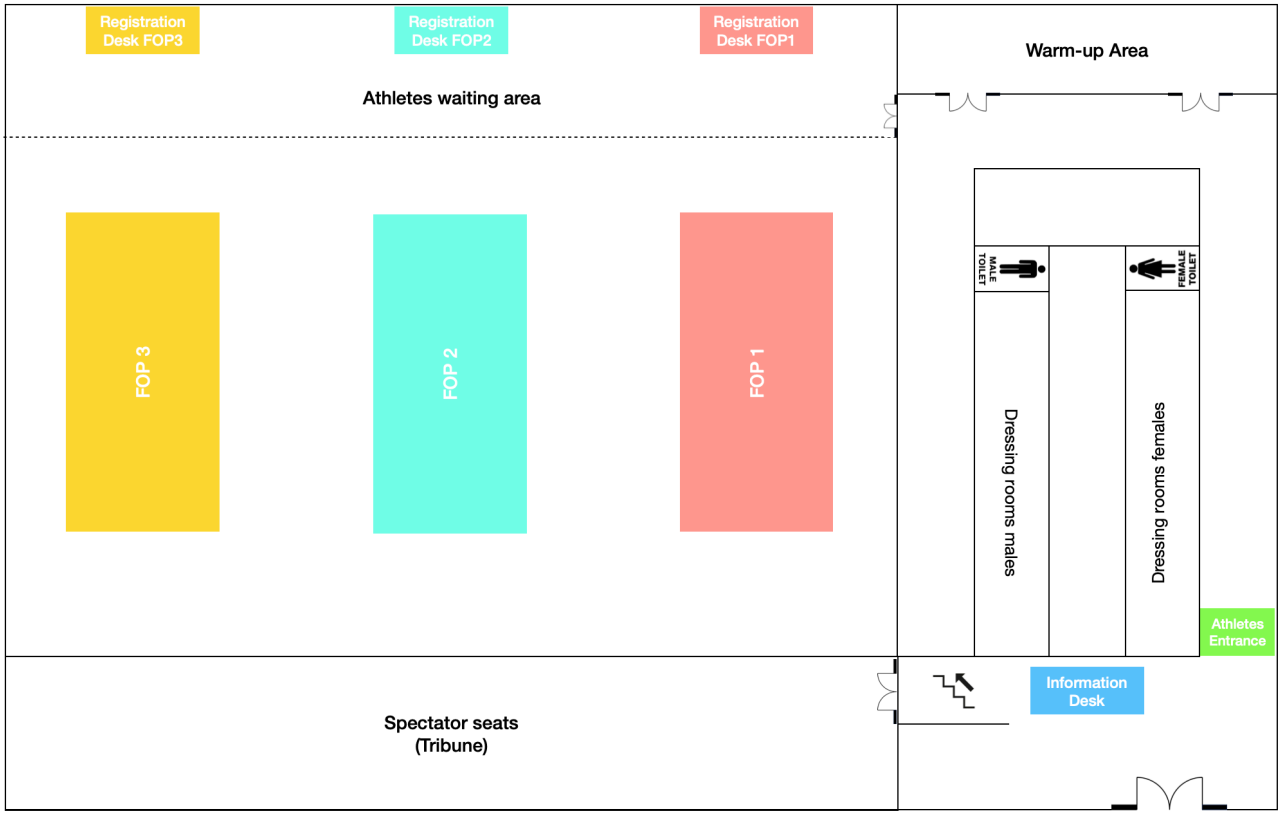
Train station -> competition venue

In the main competition hall 3 Fields Of Play (FOP) will be present:

- FOP1: Modern Wushu & Optional Taiji
- FOP2: Traditional Kung Fu-Wushu
- FOP3: non-Optional Taiji

Warm-up areas will be provided:

- For the Morning Session a Warm-up Area will be located in a separate hall. Due to limited space and to ensure the safety of the athletes, only barehand warm up will be allowed (no weapons).
- For the Afternoon Session, if required and possible, FOP3 will be opened as a second Warm-up Area.



Birdseye overview of competition center

Competition Rules

The competition will be conducted based on the IWuF "WUSHU TAOLU COMPETITION RULES AND JUDGING METHODS (**2024**)" with the following exceptions:

- For Modern Wushu and Optional Taiji, all scoring, including Optional routines, will be based on Article 23 - "Events without Degree of Difficulty": A-score (Quality of Movements; 7 points) and B-score (Overal Performance; 3 points).
- For the modern Northern styles, compulsory split landings (dieshucha) following xuanfengjiao (tornado kick) will **NOT** be enforced. Athletes can choose to instead perform a mabu or zuopan landing which will be evaluated as stipulated in the rules. No deduction for "Missing movement" (code 80) will be given. This to protect especially young athletes from career ending injuries. If the athlete wishes to

perform the split landing, this is allowed (on the athlete's own responsibility) and will be evaluated as stipulated in the rules.

All other rules, including time limits for optional routines (Article 11), **WILL BE** enforced! Non-compliance will result in point deductions as stipulated in the rules.

Age Groups

- Age Group D: up until 11 years
- Age Group C : 12 - 14 years
- Age Group B: 15 - 17 years
- Age Group A: 18 years and above

The age of the athlete is determined based on the age on the day of the competition (04 October 2026).
Age groups and sexes (male/female) will perform in separate events as much as possible. However, the LOC holds the right to merge categories if too few participants are registered in a given event.

Competition events

- Modern Wushu: Wubuquan (beginners); Changquan; Nanquan; Daoshu; Jianshu; Nandao; Gunshu; Qiangshu; Nangun; Modern Dulian & Modern Jiti
- Traditional Kung Fu-Wushu: Wubuquan (beginners); Baqua, Bajin, Xingyi, Pigua, …; Winchun, Hung Gar, …; Chaquan, Huaquan, …; Animal styles; Tongbi, Fanzi, Ditang, Wudang, …; Shaolinquan; Traditional Other styles; Traditional Short Weapons; Traditional Long Weapons; Traditional Dulian & Traditional Jiti
- Optional Taiji: Taijiquan; Taijijian; Taijishan & Optional Taiji Other Weapons
- Non-optional Taiji: Taijiquan (Yang style); Taiji Chen style; Taiji Other styles (Wu, Hat, Sun); Taijijian; Taijishan; Taiji Other Weapons; Taiji Dulian & Taiji Jiti

For Modern Wushu, Traditional Kung Fu-Wushu and Optional Taiji, each athlete can compete in maximum 4 events: 3 single events (1 barehand + 1 short weapon + 1 long weapon) and 1 group event (Dulian or Jiti).

For Non-optional Taiji, each athlete can compete in maximum 4 events: 3 single events and 1 group event (Dulian or Jiti). Competing in multiple events of the same type (barehand, short weapon, long weapon) in different Taiji styles is permitted. For example, participating in both Taijiquan (Yang style) 24 form and Taiji Chen Style is allowed.
However, participating in multiple events of the same type in the same Taiji style, e.g. Taijiquan (Yang style) 24 form and Taijiquan (Yang style) 42 form, is **not** allowed. For questions regarding the eligibility, please contact the LOC.

Athletes can compete in events from all FOPs as long as the maximum number of 4 events is not exceeded and the above stated rules on event types are followed. However, they must be aware that overlap between events can therefore occur. The LOC will not consider these when assembling the competition schedule and athletes are solely responsible for being on time at their respective registration desks.

For Dulian events, a team must consist of 2 or 3 athletes.

For Jiti events, a team must consist of minimum 6 athletes.

Registration

Registration for the OFWC must be performed by completing the provided "Registration Open Flanders Wushu Championships 2026" Excel document. The document must be send to the LOC via email to openflanderswushuchampionships@gmail.com by **18 September 2026, 23h59**. The LOC will send a confirmation of acceptance to the submitter after checking that the form is complete and correct.
Registration forms submitted after the deadline will only be processed after payment of a fee of **€100** per athlete. Changes requested after the deadline to an accepted registration form will only be processed after payment of a fee of **€50** per change.

On the day of the competition, the team must be registered by the teamleader at the designated desk before **09h00**! **Only the teamleader can register the team.** If the team will arrive later than 09h00 due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. traffic, problems public transport), contact the LOC directly via Whatsapp. An emergency telephone number will be provided after the registration deadline (18 September 2026)

Teams consisting of 1 to 5 athletes can bring 1 coach who will have access to the athletes area. Teams consisting of 5+ athletes can bring 2 coaches. People other than the athletes and coach(es) are not allowed entrance to the athletes area.

Competition fee

- 1 event: €20
- 2 events: €30
- 3 events: €40
- 4 events: €50

The total competition fee per team must be payed via bank transfer to the Vlaams Wushu Instituut vzw.: IBAN: **BE11 0689 5682 9548**, BIC: GKCCBEBB before **27 September 2026**. **Non-compliance with this deadline will result in exclusion of the team from the OFWC!** Please mention your team name with the bank transfer.
In case a registered athlete cannot compete on the day of the OFWC, the relevant competition fee will NOT be reimbursed unless a valid reason can be provided and supported by evidence (e.g. a doctor's note in case of illness).

Roll call

Athletes must register at the designated Registration Desk **10 minutes** before the start of their event.
Registering on time is the athlete's and coach's responsibility. Missing the registration deadline = no participation in the event.

Appeals

In concordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the IWuF "WUSHU TAOLU COMPETITION RULES AND JUDGING METHODS (2024)", appeals must be submitted in written form to the Head Judge of the respective FOP within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the athlete's

routine, together with an appeal fee of €200. The appeal will be handled by the Head Judge as stipulated in the rules.

Classifications, awarding and medals

1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each event will be awarded with a gold, silver and bronze medaille respectively. Participation certificates for all athletes will be provided. Medal ceremonies will occur at the end of the Morning session and the conclusion of the Afternoon sessions on each FOP.

- For events including athletes holding the Belgian nationality, two classifications will be compiled: 1) the OFWC classification, for all athletes, and 2) the BWTC classification. Medals will be awarded for both classifications, also if the OFWC podium contains only Belgian athletes.
- For events without athletes holding the Belgian nationality, only the OFWC classification will be compiled and awarded.

Information desk

An Information desk will be present at the entrance of the competition venue for general questions.

Programme

08h00: Doors open
08h00-09h00: Team registration
08h00-09h05: FOPs open for training

08h45: Judges meetings
09h00: Coaches meeting

09h10: Gathering of teams for Opening Ceremony
09h15: Opening Ceremony OFWC 2026

09h40: Start Morning session
13h00: Lunch break and Medal Ceremony Morning session

14h00: Start Afternoon session
17h30: Medal Ceremony Afternoon session

18h00: End OFWC 2026

This programme is only indicative and subject to change given the final number of athletes and competition events.

Contact

For all questions and inquiries, the LOC can be contacted via email at openflanderswushuchampionships@gmail.com.

The LOC holds the right to make necessary adjustments to the content presented in the document. Changes will be communicated in time to all participating teams.