



Irish Wushu Association & Chinese Wushu Association

Duanwei Grading System Summary



The Chinese Wushu Association Duanwei Grading System is a hierarchical system formulated to evaluate the skill and ability levels of practitioners of Chinese Wushu. In many ways, the Duanwei Grading system can be compared to the Japanese Martial Arts Dan System, which has become an international benchmark for its practitioners. The evaluation targets of the Chinese Wushu Association Duanwei Grading System embrace Wushu ethics and etiquette, theory, technique and skills.

When being evaluated for a Duanwei Grading level, Chinese Wushu practitioners are judged on the following critical points; Ethics, Tonus, Explosive/Initial Power, Precision/Determination, Flow/Continuity, Contemplation/Understanding, View/Eye contact, & Stance/Posture.

The first day of the Duanwei will focus on Wushu theory and Duanwei participants will be provided with the appropriate information they require to complete the Duanwei Theory test. The second part of the Duanwei training session will focus on the practical aspects of completing the Duanwei Technical examination. All students will be given advice and clear instruction on how to complete the Duanwei Technical examination. We ask that all Competition and Duanwei Grading participants dress in traditional uniforms when performing their routines. (If possible)

The following information highlights the elements and duration of practice required from each Chinese Wushu practitioner in order to obtain the respective Duanwei Grading Award from 1st Duan to 3rd Duan.

1. Elementary Duanwei: Chinese Wushu practitioners seeking to obtain a 1st Duan Award, 2nd Duan Award, or 3rd Duan Award must have been training full-time in their respective Chinese Martial Art, for a minimum of one year, or a minimum of three years part-time study. Applicants must also pass a technical exam by performing at least one empty-hand routine from their respective Chinese Martial Arts. Additionally, applicants are required to complete a written examination, demonstrating their knowledge of Chinese Wushu ethics, etiquette, and theory.

All International applicants are welcome to participate in the Duanwei Grading system. The following is a summary of the Duanwei Grading Award requirements and cost per award.

Elementary Duanwei Grading Award

Period of Training and Cost



In order to qualify for each Award, Wushu practitioners must have been Systematic practising Wushu for the following periods and must pay the Award cost:

Level 1 (1st Duanwei Award)

Minimum age: 11 years old; Minimum practice: 3 years (Cost £110)

Level 2 (2nd Duanwei Award)

Minimum age: 12 years old; Minimum practice: 4 years (Cost £120)

Level 3 (3rd Duanwei Award)

Minimum age: 13 years old; Minimum practice: 5 years (Cost £130)

How do I participate in the Duanwei Grading System?

Steps to follow when taking part in the grading

Complete the “Duanwei Grading Application” form. Make the required payment for the grading you wish to do. Receive a “Confirmation email” for the payment. Complete the required Duanwei Grading training Session. Pass the Technical Assessment and Written exams. Receive the Duanwei Certificate and Number electronically.

Payment Method: Participants can pay in cash or bank transfer on the day or in advance. If participants would like to pay in advance by bank transfer, they must email the organisers and request bank transfer details.

Please note; An application form for the Duanwei Grading event is attached to this letter and applicants do not have to worry about providing a photograph with their application as a digital photo will be taken during the event.

Please Complete in Full the registration Form.