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## Introduction

The key achievements of Pencak Silat in 2025, under the leadership and coordination of IPSF-PERSILAT, reflect a year of dynamic growth, global engagement, and sporting excellence. The year was marked by a packed and well-executed calendar of events that showcased both competitive depth and cultural outreach across continents.

Highlights include:

- **Global Competitive Expansion:** A record number of international championships were held throughout Asia and the Middle East, including the *1st Nusantara Championship* in Singapore and the *9th Asian Pencak Silat Championship* in Vietnam, demonstrating increasing regional cooperation and competitive standards.
- **Youth Development and Inclusivity:** The successful organization of the *Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship* in Kashmir and participation in the *3rd Asian Youth Games* in Bahrain emphasized a strong commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting gender and regional inclusivity in the sport.
- **Multi-Sport Excellence:** Pencak Silat's prominent role in major multi-sport events such as the *6th Islamic Solidarity Games* in Riyadh and the upcoming *33rd SEA Games* in Thailand reinforced its status as a key discipline within international sporting forums.
- **Capacity Building and Technical Outreach:** The deployment of *15 international coaches to 11 countries* (Batch 1) from September to December 2025 marked a significant step in global knowledge transfer, technical standardization, and development of grassroots programs worldwide.
- **Integrity in Sport:** Participation in the *WADA Conference on Doping in Sport* in Busan underscored IPSF-PERSILAT's commitment to clean, fair, and ethical competition.

These achievements collectively highlight 2025 as a landmark year for Pencak Silat—advancing its global footprint, strengthening institutional partnerships, and elevating both competitive and cultural dimensions of the sport.

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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Nusantara Championship, Singapore, 26-31 May 2025



Singapore 2025 represents a landmark event in the regional development and promotion of Pencak Silat, the traditional martial art of Southeast Asia. Organized by the Singapore Silat Federation (PERSISI) took place from 26 May to 2 June 2025, this inaugural championship aims to strengthen regional cooperation while elevating the technical standards and competitive excellence of Pencak Silat across the Nusantara region.

Hosted at the Heartbeat@Bedok venue in Singapore, the championship featured competitions from 28 May to 1 June 2025, bringing together elite athletes from five invited countries: **Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand**. The event is designed to foster greater unity and cultural exchange through sport, while providing a platform for athletes to showcase their skills at the highest level.

This championship followed the official PERSILAT Competition Rules (v7, 9 October 2023), ensuring standardized competition formats and judging criteria across all events. The competition featured a round-robin format

with strict weight categories and age divisions, providing a fair and structured competitive environment.

The Singapore Silat Federation implemented comprehensive logistical support for all participating delegations, including accommodation arrangements, halal-certified meals, and transportation services.

Pencak Silat, recognized as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO, serves as a powerful medium for preserving and promoting shared cultural values across the Nusantara region. This championship aims to elevate the technical standards of the sport while reinforcing cultural bonds through athletic competition.

Full event period was from 26 May to 2 June 2025. The Opening Ceremony on 28 May 2025 was graced by Mr. Dinesh Vasu Dash, Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth. His presence underscores the Singapore government's support for traditional martial arts and regional sporting cooperation.





**1<sup>st</sup> NUSANTARA CHAMPIONSHIP 2025  
MEDAL TALLY**

PLACING	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1 <sup>ST</sup>	MALAYSIA	8	6	1
2 <sup>ND</sup>	SINGAPORE	5	8	5
3 <sup>RD</sup>	INDONESIA	5	2	4
4 <sup>TH</sup>	THAILAND	2	2	0
5 <sup>TH</sup>	BRUNEI	0	2	0

The participation of high-level government representatives reflects the importance placed on this championship as a platform for cultural exchange and regional unity through sport.

The 1st Nusantara Championship – Singapore 2025 was organized by the Singapore Silat Federation (PERSISI), the national governing body for Pencak Silat in Singapore. Established as the official representative organization for the sport in Singapore, PERSISI has played a pivotal role in developing Pencak Silat at both national and international levels.

The championship is held under the distinguished leadership of Mr. Abdullah Shafii Mohd Sidik, JP, BBM (L), President of Singapore Silat Federation, His role as Chief patron and overall authority for the championship

The championship employs a round-robin format designed to maximize competitive opportunities for all participants while ensuring a fair determination of champions.





## 9<sup>th</sup> ASIAN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP, VIETNAM, 23-31 JULY 2025

The 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Pencak Silat Championship 2025 was hosted by the VietnamSports Authority and the Ha Tinh

**9<sup>th</sup> ASIAN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP 2025**  
24-31 JULY  
Ha Tinh Province  
Vietnam



provincial People's Committee. The opening ceremony took place on July 25 at the Ha Tinh Sports Gymnasium, with competition running from July 24-30, 2025.

The event brought together nearly 400 athletes and coaches from 10 Asian countries: Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Laos, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. This diverse participation underscored the regional popularity and cultural significance of Pencak Silat as a traditional martial art form.

### Competition Structure

The championship featured two main disciplines of Pencak Silat: tanding (combat) and Jurus (artistic performance) with a total of 32 medal events contested.

The tanding category comprised 24 weight categories, demonstrating the comprehensive nature of combat competition:

- ❖ Men's categories: 13 weight classes ranging from 45kg to over 110kg
- ❖ Women's categories: 11 weight classes ranging from 45kg to over 100kg

The Jurus category included eight artistic events that highlight the aesthetic and cultural aspects of Pencak Silat: men's single, women's single, doubles performances and solo creative.

### Results and Outcomes

Vietnam emerged as the undisputed champion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Pencak Silat Championship, lifting the team trophy after dominating performances across both tanding and Jurus categories. This victory reinforced Vietnam's position among the top three countries globally in terms of Pencak Silat medal count.



The final medal standings were:

1. Vietnam - Overall champion
2. Malaysia - Runner-up
3. Indonesia - Third place



These results reflect the strong Pencak Silat traditions in Southeast Asian nations, particularly in Vietnam, Malaysia, and Indonesia, where the martial art has deep cultural roots and systematic development programs.

### **Significance and Impact**

In his closing remarks, Vice Chairman Duong Tat Thang hailed the tournament as a success, emphasizing that it not only showcased elite martial arts talents but also strengthened friendship and cultural exchanges across the region.

The championship carries broader significance for Pencak Silat's international development. PERSILAT Secretary General Teddy Suratmadji noted that since 2018 Pencak Silat has been on the "Road to the Olympics," with expanding the global federation network remaining a key criterion. Asia currently has the most member

federations, highlighting the region's crucial role in the sport's Olympic aspirations.

The successful organization of this championship by Ha Tinh province demonstrates Vietnam's capability to host major international sporting events and contributes to the country's growing reputation in the Asian sports community.

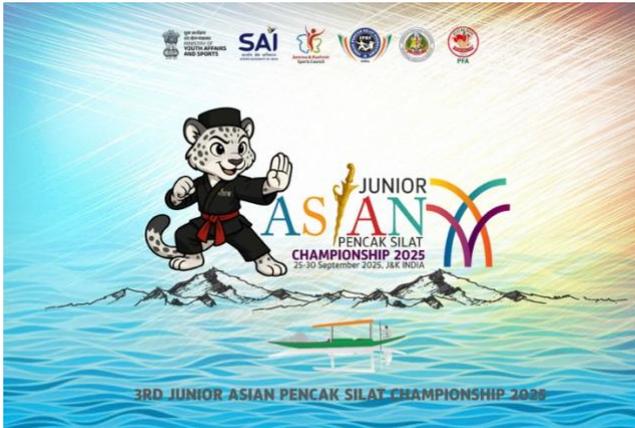
### **Conclusion**

The 9th Asian Pencak Silat Championship 2025 in Ha Tinh, Vietnam represented a significant milestone in the development of this traditional martial art across Asia. With 10 participating nations, 32 medal events and six days of high-intensity competition the tournament showcased both the athletic excellence and cultural richness of Pencak Silat.

Vietnam's dominant performance, securing the overall team championship, further solidifies the country's position as a Pencak Silat powerhouse. The successful hosting of this event not only strengthens regional sporting ties but also contributes to Pencak Silat's ongoing journey toward Olympic recognition.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNIOR ASIAN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP, INDIA, 25-30 SEPTEMBER 2025



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship 2025 concluded on October 1, 2025, after six days of intense competition at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex in Srinagar. Held from September 25 to 30, the prestigious martial arts tournament brought together over 300 young athletes from 11 Asian nations, including India, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Kazakhstan.

The championship witnessed displays of skill, discipline, and sportsmanship, making it one of the memorable editions in the tournament's history. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah officially opened the event, highlighting the growing prominence of pencak silat in Jammu & Kashmir since its introduction a decade ago.

The tournament commenced with an official opening ceremony led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister noted that the championship marked a formal introduction to the fast-growing martial art of pencak silat, which has seen remarkable progress in the region over the past ten years.

#### Competition and Performances

Throughout the six-day event, young martial artists from across Asia showcased their exceptional talents in various pencak silat disciplines. The competition was characterized by intense rivalries, technical excellence, and exemplary sportsmanship, with athletes demonstrating years of dedicated training and preparation.

Young athletes competing at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship

The final medal tally reflected the depth of talent across participating nations:

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Vietnam	8	3	6	17
Philippines	8	1	6	15
Indonesia	8	1	3	12
India	7	18	26	51
Kazakhstan	4	5	12	21
Uzbekistan	1	4	4	9
Thailand	0	4	2	6
Nepal	0	0	5	5





Vietnam emerged as the overall champion, claiming the championship trophy with 8 gold, 3 silver, and 6 bronze medals. The Philippines and Indonesia tied with 8 gold medals each, while India secured the second position in the overall medal count with 51 total medals (7 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze).

Special awards were presented for fair play, best performance, and most promising athlete, recognizing exemplary conduct and exceptional talent beyond the medal tally.

### **Closing Ceremony**

The championship concluded with a vibrant closing ceremony celebrating not just sporting excellence but also cultural exchange and Asian unity. The event featured colorful cultural performances showcasing Kashmir's rich heritage, creating an atmosphere of celebration and mutual respect among the participating nations.

The medals and trophies were distributed by Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Honorable Chief Minister of J&K, in the presence of Nuzhat Gul, Secretary of the J&K Sports Council; Anissa Nabi, Chief Sports Officer; Javaid ur Rehman, DSO; and Chief Coach Irfan Aziz.

The ceremony concluded with the ceremonial handover of the championship flag to the next host nation, symbolizing the continuation of friendship, resilience, and sporting excellence across the continent.

### **Organizational Success and Recognition**

Officials from PERSILAT lauded the flawless organization by the Indian Pencak Silat Federation and praised Srinagar's emergence as a new hub for international martial arts events.

"Hosting over 400 athletes and officials from 11 countries in Srinagar has been a matter of immense pride. This championship not only showcased skill and discipline but also strengthened bonds of friendship and unity across Asia," said Irfan Aziz, Chief Coach of India and Organizing Secretary.



### **Conclusion**

The 3rd Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship 2025 successfully combined sporting excellence with cultural richness, leaving a lasting legacy for martial arts in the region. The tournament not only provided a platform for young Asian athletes to showcase their talents but also reinforced Srinagar's position as a capable host for international sporting events.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> ASIAN YOUTH GAMES, BAHRAIN, 19-20 OCTOBER 2025.**



Pencak Silat achieved a significant milestone in its global development when it was included as an official medal sport at the 3rd Asian Youth Games (AYG) 2025 in Bahrain. The inclusion of Pencak Silat in the AYG represents a crucial step in the sport's journey toward broader recognition, potentially paving the way for its inclusion in future Olympic Games.

This report examines the details of Pencak Silat's debut at the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025, focusing on the competition structure, participating nations, and notable achievements. Special attention is given to Bahrain's story of Abdulla Qassim, who secured the nation's first-ever medal at the Asian Youth Games.

#### **Pencak Silat's Historic Debut**

The 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025, held in Bahrain from October 19-20, marked the first time Pencak Silat was featured as an official

medal sport in this prestigious multi-sport event.

The competition took place at the Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), where 25 young athletes from 14 National Olympic Committees competed fiercely across three weight categories: D-Boys (51 kg – 55 kg), F-Boys (59 kg – 63 kg), and D-Girls (51 kg – 55 kg).

The competing nations included: Bahrain (host nation), Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, The Philippines, Singapore, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan.

To ensure fairness and promote competitive balance, the organizers implemented a structure by dividing athletes into two strategic pools: Strong Nations and Emerging Nations. This approach created a level playing field where underdog nations could showcase their talent while established Pencak Silat powerhouses demonstrated their dominance.



The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Hussain Al Musalam, Director General of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), underscoring the significance of Pencak Silat's inclusion in the Games.



## Medal Results

The victory ceremony was a prestigious affair, with medals presented by a distinguished

RANK	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
1	INA Indonesia	1	1	0	2
2	UZB Uzbekistan	1	0	1	2
3	PHI Philippines	1	0	0	1
=4	BHR Bahrain	0	1	0	1
=4	KYG Kyrgyzstan	0	1	0	1
=6	CAM Cambodia	0	0	1	1
=6	IRI Islamic Republic of Iran	0	0	1	1
=6	KAZ Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
=6	MAS Malaysia	0	0	1	1

lineup of dignitaries including Mr. Benny Sumarsono, Executive Chairman of the International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT); Mr. Raja Sapta Oktohari, President of the National Olympic Committee of Indonesia; H.E. Ardi Hermawan, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Bahrain; and representatives from Bahrain's Sports Authorities.

The gold medalists who emerged victorious were:

- D-Boys (51-55 kg): Winata Furgon Habbil (Indonesia)
- F-Boys (59-63 kg): Ruziboev Nurislom (Uzbekistan)
- D-Girls (51-55 kg): Carpio Kram Airam (Philippines)

In the D-Boys category, the podium was completed by Abdulla Qassim (Bahrain) with the silver medal and Phouk Daniel (Cambodia) with the bronze medal.

## The Beginning: A Blank Slate

When Pencak Silat was announced as a new sport for the 2025 Asian Youth Games in Bahrain, the nation faced significant

challenges. Bahrain had no established Pencak Silat federation, no trained athletes in the discipline, and consequently, no expectations for success. The situation represented both a challenge and an opportunity to build a new sporting presence from the ground up.

In response to this challenge, the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sport, in collaboration with the International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT), dispatched two expert coaches to Bahrain with a specific mission: identify talent and develop athletes capable of representing the host nation. The coaches, Muhammad Riski Adi Wijaya and Hamdani Hermizal Razarudin, brought their expertise to Bahrain and discovered potential in Qassim.



On October 20, 2025, Abdulla Qassim faced Indonesia's Winata Furgon Habbil in the final of the Boys' Pencak Silat Class D (51kg–55kg). The match was a display of technical skill, strategic thinking, and mental fortitude from both competitors. Despite his relative inexperience, Qassim demonstrated exceptional composure and skill, ultimately securing the silver medal. This achievement



held particular significance as it represented Bahrain's first-ever medal at the Games.

### **Future Prospects**

Pencak Silat's debut at the Asian Youth Games 2025 has positioned the sport for further growth and recognition on the international stage. The most immediate opportunity is the potential inclusion of Pencak Silat in the Youth Olympic Games 2026, scheduled to take place in Dakar, Senegal, from October to November 2026. For Bahrain and the broader Middle East region, Abdulla Qassim's success has sparked renewed interest in Pencak Silat, the sport that previously relatively unknown in many parts of the region

### **Conclusion**

The debut of Pencak Silat at the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 in Bahrain represents a landmark moment in the sport's history. The competition successfully showcased the athletic and cultural elements of Pencak Silat to a broad international audience, while the

innovative competition structure ensured both fairness and excitement.

As Pencak Silat continues its global journey, the events in Bahrain will be remembered as a pivotal moment that helped elevate the sport's profile and strengthen its case for inclusion in future Olympic Games. The legacy of the 3rd Asian Youth Games extends beyond the medals awarded; it represents the beginning of a new chapter in Pencak Silat's evolution as a truly international sport.





## 6<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games, Saudi, 9 November 2025.



The sands of martial arts history were forever altered on November 9, 2025, as Pencak Silat, Nusantara’s ancient martial art and a symbol of Southeast Asia’s cultural heritage, made its debut at the Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This momentous occasion marked the first time Pencak Silat was showcased as a demonstration sport at this prestigious international event. The inclusion of this traditional martial art at the ISG not only celebrates Nusantara’s rich cultural heritage but also strengthens the bonds of solidarity among Muslim nations through the universal language of sport.

Pencak Silat competition at the Malaz Combat Hall during the Islamic Solidarity Games 2025

### Historical and Cultural Context

Pencak Silat represents more than merely a combat sport; it embodies a centuries-old cultural legacy deeply rooted in the traditions of Southeast Asia, particularly Indonesia—the world’s largest Muslim-majority nation. This martial art form combines physical techniques

with spiritual elements, emphasizing not only self-defense but also character development, discipline, and respect for tradition. As Mr. Nasser Ayman Majali, Secretary General of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA), noted during the event, Pencak Silat demonstrates “grace, power, and spiritual depth”.

The inclusion of Pencak Silat in the Islamic Solidarity Games serves as a testament to the growing recognition of traditional martial arts on the global stage and their ability to bridge cultural divides while celebrating shared values of discipline, respect, and excellence.

### Event Organization and Participation

The Pencak Silat demonstration at ISG 2025 was meticulously organized with significant attention to both sporting excellence and cultural representation. In a groundbreaking approach, the Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA) allowed athletes to qualify directly through their National Pencak Silat Federations, bypassing the traditional National Olympic Committees (NOCs).





This innovative decision signaled a strong trust in grassroots martial arts organizations and their ability to identify and develop elite talent.

Participation was capped at 24 elite competitors—12 male and 12 female athletes—from across the Muslim world. Eight nations sent their finest martial artists to represent their countries: Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia (as the birthplace of Pencak Silat), Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia (the host nation), Uzbekistan, and Yemen. This diverse representation underscored the widespread appeal and growing international reach of Pencak Silat beyond its traditional Southeast Asian borders.

within Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Stadium. The categories included:

- ✦ Senior Men's Class C: 55–60 kg
- ✦ Senior Men's Class D: 60–65 kg
- ✦ Senior Women's Class C: 55–60 kg
- ✦ Senior Women's Class D: 60–65 kg

This efficient scheduling demonstrated both the passion of the athletes and the organizational capabilities of the event planners. Although medals earned in demonstration sports do not count toward a nation's official medal tally, the prestige, skill, and spectacle of competition were undeniable, creating an atmosphere of intense sporting drama and cultural celebration.

### Saudi Arabia's Breakthrough Achievement

Among the many highlights of this historic event, one story stood out for its symbolism and significance: the bronze medal achievement of Saudi Arabia's Mazen Alzahrani in the Senior Male Class D category. What made this accomplishment particularly remarkable was that Alzahrani was a relative newcomer to the sport, yet he managed to secure a podium finish on his international debut.

Alzahrani's journey to the bronze medal showcased both determination and skill:

- ✓ Quarterfinals: Defeated Yemen with precision and power
- ✓ Semifinals: Pushed powerhouse Algeria to the limit before falling narrowly in an electrifying showdown

This achievement carried additional weight considering that the Saudi Pencak Silat

MEDAL TALLY						
NO	Delegation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Rank
1	KAZAKHSTAN	1	1	1	3	I
2	ALGERIA	1	1	0	2	II
3	MALAYSIA	1	1	0	2	II
4	EGYPT	1	0	0	1	IV
5	YEMEN	0	1	0	1	V
6	UZBEKISTAN	0	0	2	2	
7	INDONESIA	0	0	1	1	
8	SAUDI ARABIA	0	0	1	1	
Total Medali		4	4	7	15	

### Competition Structure and Highlights

The competition featured four high-intensity weight classes, with all events packed into a single electrifying day at the Malaz Combat Hall



Federation is still awaiting official establishment, and serious support for the sport in the Kingdom only began after ISSA's inclusion of Pencak Silat in 2025. Alzahrani's success in such a short timeframe demonstrated the potential for rapid development in traditional martial arts when provided with proper resources and expertise.

### **International Collaboration and Expertise**

The catalyst behind Saudi Arabia's unexpected success in Pencak Silat was a remarkable example of international cooperation. Abdul Malik, a legendary 2018 Asian Games gold medalist, was dispatched from Indonesia's Ministry of Youth and Sport and the International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT) to train Saudi athletes. Malik took up residence in the Indonesian Embassy in Riyadh, where he dedicated himself to sharpening both the minds and bodies of Saudi martial artists, transforming raw talent into world-class competitive skills.

This collaboration between Indonesia and Saudi Arabia represents the broader spirit of the Islamic Solidarity Games—fostering unity, cooperation, and mutual development among Muslim nations through sport.

### **Future Prospects and Conclusion**

The successful demonstration of Pencak Silat at the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games has already generated significant momentum for the sport's inclusion as a full medal event in

future editions of the Games. The combination of high-level competition, cultural significance, and international enthusiasm demonstrated during this event provides a strong foundation for the sport's continued growth globally.

For athletes like Mazen Alzahrani, this breakthrough performance opens doors to even greater opportunities. With the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya on the horizon, Alzahrani's name is already being mentioned as a potential medal contender, representing Saudi Arabia's rising prominence in the world of Pencak Silat.



As H.E. Dr. Abdul Aziz Ahmad, Indonesia's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, noted during the victory ceremony, this historic debut marks not just a sporting achievement but a celebration of shared cultural heritage and the unifying power of traditional martial arts. The dream of Pencak Silat becoming a permanent fixture in major international sporting events is no longer just a vision—it's in motion, propelled by the success witnessed in Riyadh.



## **WADA CONFERENCE ON DOPING IN SPORT, BUSAN, KOREA, 1-5 DECEMBER 2025.**



IPSF-PERSILAT sent representatives at the 2025 World Conference on Doping in Sport that was held from December 1 to 5, 2025, in Busan, South Korea's second-largest city.

A primary focus of the conference was the discussion and development of the 2027 Anti-Doping Code and Standards, which are intended to enhance the existing 2025 version. This code serves as the fundamental document that harmonizes anti-doping policies, rules, and regulations across sport organizations and countries worldwide.

The conference provided a platform for various stakeholders to contribute to this evolution through brief three-minute speeches from National Olympic Committees (NOCs), Other sports authorities, and Olympian athletes

IPSF-PERSILAT's participation in this conference was not merely ceremonial but strategically vital for the organization's future development. Currently, IPSF-PERSILAT is undergoing evaluation for WADA signatory status—a critical prerequisite for achieving membership in the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Attending this WADA-hosted global conference was essential for several reasons:

1. *Knowledge Acquisition:* The conference provided IPSF-PERSILAT with the latest developments in anti-doping policies, procedures, and best practices that must be implemented to achieve and maintain WADA compliance.
2. *Stakeholder Engagement:* The event offered unparalleled networking opportunities with key stakeholders in the anti-doping community and international sports organizations, whose recognition and support are crucial for IOC membership consideration.





3. *Visibility and Credibility:* By participating in this global forum, IPSF-PERSILAT demonstrated its commitment to clean sport and its seriousness about joining the ranks of internationally recognized sports federations.



The relationship between WADA compliance and IOC recognition cannot be overstated. The IOC requires all sports seeking Olympic inclusion to have robust anti-doping programs aligned with WADA standards. Therefore, IPSF-PERSILAT's presence at this conference represents a tangible investment in its Olympic aspirations.

Beyond attending conference sessions, IPSF-PERSILAT delegation held strategic meetings with several key organizations:

✧ **WADA's Committee:** Discussing signatory status evaluation process; Clarification of requirements and timeline

✧ **International Testing Agency (ITA):** Understanding testing procedures and standards; Improved implementation of testing protocols

✧ **AIMS (Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sports):** Exploring collaboration opportunities; Enhanced support network and advocacy

These meetings were instrumental in building relationships that will support IPSF-PERSILAT's journey toward full WADA compliance and eventual IOC recognition.

### Next Steps and Recommendations

Based on the insights gained from the 2025 WADA Conference, IPSF-PERSILAT should consider the following actions:

1. **Develop a Comprehensive Anti-Doping Strategy:** Create a detailed roadmap for achieving full WADA compliance, including specific milestones and timelines.
2. **Establish an Anti-Doping Department:** Form a dedicated team within IPSF-PERSILAT responsible for implementing and monitoring anti-doping programs.
3. **Enhance Educational Programs:** Develop and deliver targeted education on anti-doping for all levels of the Pencak Silat community.
4. **Participate in Scheduled Symposia:** Ensure representation at all four 2026 WADA symposiums to maintain momentum in global anti-doping engagement.
5. **Regular Reporting:** Establish transparent reporting mechanisms to demonstrate progress toward WADA compliance to stakeholders.



## Conclusion

IPSF-PERSILAT's participation in the 2025 World Conference on Doping in Sport marks a significant milestone in the organization's journey toward Olympic recognition. By engaging with the global anti-doping community, the federation has demonstrated its commitment to clean sport and taken concrete steps toward achieving WADA signatory status.



The connections made, knowledge gained, and insights acquired during this conference will prove invaluable as IPSF-PERSILAT continues to develop its anti-doping programs and work toward full compliance with international standards. The upcoming 2026 WADA symposiums present additional opportunities to build on this foundation and further advance the federation's objectives.

Ultimately, this engagement represents more than just a technical compliance exercise—it is an investment in the future of Pencak Silat as a globally recognized and respected sport. By aligning with international anti-doping standards, IPSF-PERSILAT is not only pursuing Olympic dreams but also ensuring the integrity and credibility of Pencak Silat for generations to come.

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SEA GAMES, THAILAND, 10-13 DECEMBER 2025.



The Pencak Silat events at the 2025 SEA Games were structured across two primary disciplines: Tanding (Combat) and Jurus (TGR, or artistic forms).

The tanding competition featured ten weight classes were:

- Men's U-45 kg, Class A, C, D, E, F, G, I

- Women's Class B, C

The Jurus events contested included:

- Men's Tunggal (solo performance)
- Women's Tunggal (solo performance)
- Men's Regu (team performance)

### Participating Nations and Absences

The 2025 SEA Games Pencak Silat competition featured participation from nine of the eleven Southeast Asian nations, with two notable absences reflecting broader regional dynamics.

The nine nations that competed in Pencak Silat events were: Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Philippines, Myanmar, Laos, Brunei Darussalam



Two nations were notably absent were: Timor Leste due to the lack of an active national federation and Cambodia attributed to ongoing diplomatic tensions with Thailand.

These absences, while reducing the total field of competitors, did not significantly diminish the quality or competitiveness of the events, as the remaining nine nations represent the core of Southeast Asian Pencak Silat excellence.

### Overall Medal Distribution

The gold medal count was distributed as follows:

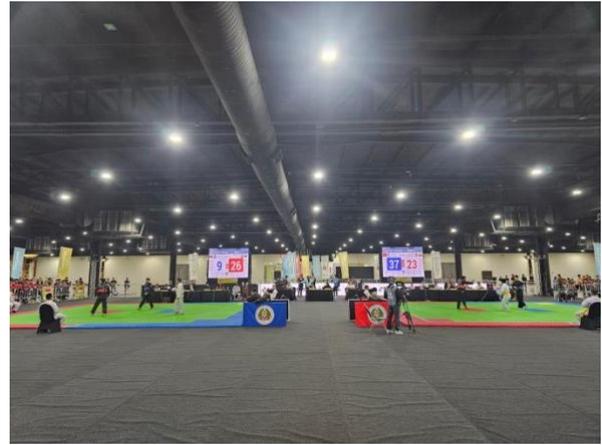
Rank	NOC				Total
1	 Indonesia	4	1	7	12
2	 Thailand	3	4	3	10
3	 Malaysia	3	2	1	6
4	 Vietnam	2	2	6	10
5	 Singapore	1	2	2	5
6	 Lao	0	1	0	1
6	 Brunei	0	1	0	1
8	 Philippines	0	0	7	7

### Regional Performance Patterns

Several notable performance patterns emerged from the competition:

- ✓ Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia collectively accounted for 10 of the 13 gold medals available, demonstrating their sustained investment in Pencak Silat development and their comprehensive training programs.
- ✓ Vietnam's two gold medals and Singapore's single gold medal indicate the growing competitiveness. Both nations have invested significantly in developing

their Pencak Silat programs over recent years.



- ✓ Eight of the nine participating nations secured at least one medal, highlighting the widespread development of Pencak Silat across the region.

One of the developments at the 2025 SEA Games was Myanmar's return to competitive Pencak Silat after an extended absence from the sport since the 2013 SEA Games.

Although Myanmar did not secure any medals in this edition of the Games, their participation and performance were noteworthy. Several Myanmar athletes competed at a high level, losing by razor-thin margins—sometimes by mere fractions of a point. This narrow defeat margin suggests that Myanmar's Pencak Silat program has been developing quietly but effectively during their absence from international competition.

The return of Myanmar to the Pencak Silat arena adds another dimension to the regional competitive landscape. With continued development and exposure to international competition, Myanmar is likely to become a medal contender in future editions of the SEA Games.



Several key trends are likely to shape the future of Pencak Silat in Southeast Asia.

### **Conclusion**

The 2025 SEA Games Pencak Silat competition served as a compelling showcase of both the sporting excellence and cultural significance of this traditional martial art. The broad participation across nine nations, the competitive medal distribution, and the return of Myanmar collectively demonstrate the growing stature and standardization of Pencak Silat throughout Southeast Asia.

Indonesia's continued dominance, balanced by strong performances from Thailand, Malaysia,

Vietnam, and Singapore, reflects a healthy and competitive regional landscape. The artistic disciplines highlighted the cultural dimensions of Pencak Silat, while the combat events showcased the technical evolution of the martial art as a competitive sport.

Looking forward, the 2025 SEA Games have established a foundation for even greater competitive balance and excellence in future editions. Myanmar's emerging potential, the focus on youth development across multiple nations, and the increasing integration of technology in training all suggest that Pencak Silat will continue to evolve as both a cultural heritage and a modern competitive sport.



## Sending 15 Int'l Coaches Batch 1, 11 Country, 18 Sep- 31 Dec 2025



The International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT), in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sport Republic Indonesia, has successfully implemented a strategic coach deployment program as part of the comprehensive “Pencak Silat Road To Olympic” initiative.

This program involved sending 15 Certified International Coaches of Pencak Silat to 11 countries worldwide, establishing a foundation for the sport’s inclusion in the Olympic Games.

The initiative, which operated from September 18, 2025, to December 31, 2025, represents a calculated effort to elevate Pencak Silat’s global presence and technical standards in anticipation of Indonesia’s potential hosting of the Olympic Games in 2038.

Key outcomes include enhanced international coordination, strengthened diplomatic relations, and the establishment of formal pathways for Pencak Silat’s recognition as an Olympic medal sport. This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the program’s implementation, achievements, and strategic implications for the future of Pencak Silat on the global sporting stage.

### Primary Objectives

1. **Technical Standardization:** This standardization is fundamental to meeting Olympic requirements for sport recognition, which demand consistent rules, judging criteria, and technical execution across all participating nations.
2. **Diplomatic Engagement:** By working directly with National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and Indonesian Embassies in host countries, the initiative fostered bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding.
3. **Capacity Building:** The certified coaches were tasked not only with training athletes but also with developing local coaching capacity and establishing sustainable training programs.
4. **Olympic Pathway Development:** The program directly supported the formal process of Olympic recognition by establishing Pencak Silat’s presence in countries with significant Olympic influence and by demonstrating the sport’s global appeal and technical maturity.



### Country-Specific Deployment and Coach Assignments

The deployment strategy demonstrated particular emphasis on countries with significant influence within Olympic Committee structures, as well as regions where Pencak Silat had existing but underdeveloped presence. The assignment of two coaches to key strategic countries (Bahrain, Japan, Senegal, and South Korea) reflected the importance of these nations in the broader Olympic recognition strategy

Country (A to Z)	Certified International Coaches (CIC)	Regional Strategic (Significance)
<b>Bahrain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Muhammad Riski Adi Wijaya</li> <li>❖ Hamdani Hermizal Razarudin</li> </ul>	Select and train athletes toward “Asian Youth Games” (AYG) October 2025
<b>India</b>	Suhud Indratno	Train athletes at subcontinent population base
<b>Iraq</b>	Firdhana Wahyu Putra	Train athletes at Middle East representation
<b>Japan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Burhanuddin Muhammad Diyah</li> <li>❖ Lesmana</li> </ul>	Select and train athletes toward “Asian Games” September 2026
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Eko Febrianto	Central Asian representation, post-Soviet sporting influence
<b>Myanmar</b>	Lutfan Budi Santosa	Train athletes towards the 33 <sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Abdul Malik	Select and train athletes toward “Islamic Solidarity Games” (ISG) November 2025
<b>Senegal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Tri Juwanda Samsul Bahar</li> <li>❖ Awaluddin</li> </ul>	Select and train athletes toward “Youth Olympic Games” (OYG) November 2026
<b>South Korea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Denny Aprisani</li> <li>❖ Wewey Wita</li> </ul>	Train athletes at the region, international sporting hub
<b>UAE</b>	Amri Rusdana	Train athletes at Gulf region, international sporting hub
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Andra Ramadhan Malela	Train athletes at Central Asian region

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