

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF VIET NAM

Date: April 20, 2026

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

Salam Pencak Silat.

Invitation to the 5th SEA Pencak Silat Championship

Dear Presidents,

The Sports Authority of Viet Nam cordially invites you to participate in the 5th SEA Pencak Silat Championship, scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from September 22 to September 29, 2026.

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,



Mr. Nguyen Hong Minh

Vice Chairman of Sports Authority of Viet Nam

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Attachment: Technical Handbook.



PERSILAT
PERSEKUTUAN PENCAK SILAT ANTARABANGSA
INTERNATIONAL PENCAK SILAT FEDERATION

Since 1980

No. : P- 24 /03/2026

Jakarta, March 27, 2026

Mr. Hoang Quoc Vinh

Head of Elite Sports Department
Sport Authority of Viet Nam,
Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
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Subject: Endorsement to Host the 5th SEA Pencak Silat Championships 2026 Ref.:

Your letter No. V20260323/SEA-PS dated March 23, 2026

Salam Pencak Silat.

The International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT) hereby formally endorses the Sports Authority of Vietnam to host the following event:

- ✧ Event Name: **The 5th SEA Pencak Silat Championships 2026**
- ✧ Proposed Timeline: **September 22rd – 29rd, 2026**
- ✧ Venue: **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

Terms and Conditions:

1. **Competition Rules:** All events must adhere to the Pencak Silat Competition Rules and Regulations, Version February 2026
(https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vIIAy4DBS_rVSyAbSD-dLOHZ9ICroCzX?usp=drive_link)
2. **Anti-Doping Compliance:** Provide anti-doping education and testing through the Vietnam Anti-Doping Agency (VADA) and display educational materials and banners promoting Sport Integrity (Contact: dr Pande Putu Sp.GK, handphone +62-815-1925-4025)
3. **Accommodation and Allowances:** Hotel and accommodations must be provided for International Technical Officials (ITOs), distinct from the national contingents. Daily allowances to be issued in accordance with the guidelines outlined by IPSF-PERSILAT.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in ensuring a successful and world-class championship.

Thank you.

Best regards,


Benny Sumarsono
Executive Chairman


Teddy Suratmadji
Secretary General



CC:

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SPORTS AUTHORITY OF VIET NAM

TECHNICAL HANDBOOK

THE 5th SEA PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 22 to SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

MARCH, 2026

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 102.3 million people in 2025. 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 = 26,000 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 Viet Nam.

Organizer

Hosted by: Sports Authority of Viet Nam

Organized by: Sports Authority of Viet Nam

Supported by: International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF)

Date of Event

Period of Event: September 22 to September 29, 2026

Games day: September 24 to September 29, 2026

Date	Activity
September 22	Arrival of Contingent and Technical Officials
September 23	Technical Official Refresher & Familiarisation Technical Meeting and Balloting Welcome Dinner
September 24	Day 1/6 of Competition
September 25	Day 2/6 of Competition Opening Ceremony
September 26	Day 3/6 of Competition
September 27	Day 4/6 of Competition
September 28	Day 5/6 of Competition
September 29	Day 6/6 of Competition Medal Ceremony Closing Ceremony
September 30	Departure of Contingent and Technical Officials

Accommodation

The host country is arranging 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 meals, 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 Gia Lai via Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) - Ho Chi Minh City then flying to Pleiku Airport (PXU).

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

Rach Mieu Sports Complex, Ho Chi Minh City



Competing Category and Eligibility

Male and Female aged between 17 to 45 years old

(Born between 1981 and 2009)

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
Senior Artistic Events		
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 9th October 2023 and Revision of the Pencak Silat Competition Rules and Regulations Dated 25th February 2026 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 who are found wearing 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 who are found wearing 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 with white sash of ten (10) cm size.

Arena and Scoring equipments

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.

International Technical Official

All International Technical Official (ITO) will be part of the contingent but will be staying in one separate hotel, facilitated by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee pays for meals, accommodation, and domestic transportation.

Invited Countries

1. Brunei Darussalam
2. Cambodia
3. Indonesia
4. Laos People's Democratic Republic
5. Malaysia
6. Myanmar
7. Philippines
8. Singapore
9. Thailand
10. Timor Leste
11. Vietnam

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. **Accept USD cash only.**

Insurance

It is compulsory for all participants (officials, athletes, referees, and juries) to provide their own comprehensive international insurance coverage in case of any injury, fractured bones or any serious condition during the competition which requires immediate treatment in the hospital.

Key date

- Important dates for form submission:

Form A (Entry by Number): July 15, 2026

Form B (Entry by Name): July 30, 2026

Flight Itinerary: August 15, 2026

Payment and Pencak Silat Medical Form: Upon Arrival

Maximum number of participants for each contingent

Role	Number of Pax
Team Manager	2
Wasit Jury	2
Coach	4
Extra Official	4

Role	Number of Pax
Male Athlete	19
Female Athlete	17
Total	48

Contacts

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