

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PENCAK SILAT KENYA (NFPSK)

PRE-CONGRESS NATIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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Greetings

President /Founder

National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK)

President/ Founder
National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya
(NFPSK)



Dear Honourable Members of the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT), distinguished guests, respected coaches, athletes, officials, partners, and our beloved global Pencak Silat family,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK).

Pencak Silat, which originated as the traditional martial art and cultural heritage of the Republic of Indonesia, has grown into a globally respected sport that unites people across nations through the shared values of discipline, respect, integrity, and friendship. Today, it stands not only as a martial art but also as a powerful instrument for cultural exchange, youth empowerment, and international cooperation.

Since the establishment of the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK), we have remained committed to promoting and developing Pencak Silat throughout Kenya while contributing to its continued growth across the African continent. Working closely with the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT), the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya, coaches, instructors, athletes, and our valued partners, we continue to strengthen the foundation of Pencak Silat through education, competitions, demonstrations, and community engagement.

We firmly believe that when our instructors are empowered, our clubs and training centres flourish; when our clubs flourish, the Federation grows stronger; and when the Federation grows stronger, the future of Pencak Silat becomes even brighter. Guided by this belief, we remain committed to listening to our members, responding to their needs, and providing practical support that promotes meaningful and sustainable development.

As we continue to embrace new opportunities and overcome emerging challenges, our vision remains clear—to build a strong, transparent, and internationally respected Federation that upholds the noble traditions and values of Pencak Silat while adapting to the evolving demands of modern sport.

We are proud of the progress achieved since our establishment in 2021, including the expansion of Pencak Silat across Kenya, the successful organisation of national programmes and championships, and Team Kenya's outstanding performance at the 20th World Pencak Silat Championship in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where our athletes proudly won three silver and two bronze medals.

These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of PERSILAT, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya, our athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, development partners, and the entire Pencak Silat family.

As we prepare for the 2026 World Pencak Silat Championship in Uzbekistan and continue expanding the sport across Kenya, we reaffirm our commitment to excellence, innovation, good governance, youth development, and international friendship.

On behalf of the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya, I sincerely thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and partnership. Together, we will continue to preserve the rich heritage of Pencak Silat while inspiring future generations through unity, discipline, respect, and sporting excellence.

Thank you.



President/Founder

National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) was officially established on 18 June 2021 with the mission of promoting, developing, regulating, and preserving Pencak Silat in Kenya in accordance with the principles and standards of the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT). Since its inception, the Federation has remained committed to advancing Pencak Silat as both a competitive sport and a vehicle for cultural exchange, youth empowerment, peace, and international friendship.

Despite being established during the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federation has achieved remarkable progress within a relatively short period. Through strategic partnerships with PERSILAT, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya, educational institutions, and local stakeholders, NFPSK has successfully introduced Pencak Silat across multiple counties, schools, universities, and communities throughout Kenya.

This report highlights the Federation's major milestones between 2021 and June 2026, including the establishment of affiliated member associations, instructor development programmes, demonstration activities, regional and national championships, grassroots development initiatives, and Kenya's growing participation in international competitions.

A major achievement during the reporting period was Team Kenya's participation in the 20th World Pencak Silat Championship and the 5th World Junior Pencak Silat Championship held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in 2024, where the national team won three silver medals and two bronze medals. This historic accomplishment demonstrated Kenya's growing competitiveness on the global stage and reflected the dedication of its athletes, coaches, officials, and development partners.

The Federation has also strengthened its organizational capacity by expanding its national network to sixteen (16) affiliated member associations as of June 2026, while continuing efforts to establish Pencak Silat in additional counties. Through demonstrations, instructor certification courses, diplomatic and cultural events, school outreach programmes, and national championships, the Federation continues to increase public awareness and participation in the sport.

As the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya pursues formal recognition by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK), it remains committed to the principles of good governance, transparency, technical excellence, athlete development, gender inclusion, youth empowerment, and international cooperation.

This report demonstrates the Federation's steady growth from its establishment in 2021 to its current position as the official governing body for Pencak Silat in Kenya. It also reaffirms NFPSK's commitment to supporting the vision and mission of PERSILAT while contributing to the continued expansion of Pencak Silat in Africa and the global community.

THE RISE OF PENCAK SILAT IN KENYA

About Us

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) was officially established on 18 June 2021 with the mandate to promote, develop, regulate, and preserve the spirit, philosophy, and techniques of Pencak Silat, the treasured cultural heritage and traditional martial art of the Republic of Indonesia. The Federation is committed not only to advancing sporting excellence but also to fostering peace, friendship, discipline, and mutual respect among communities through the practice of Pencak Silat.

Since its inception, the Federation has played a pivotal role in laying a strong foundation for the growth of Pencak Silat in Kenya. Through strategic leadership, technical development, and collaboration with national and international partners, NFPSK has transformed Pencak Silat from a newly introduced martial art into one of the country's fastest-growing combat sports.

As the official governing body for Pencak Silat in Kenya, the Federation is responsible for the promotion, development, regulation, and standardisation of the sport in accordance with the principles and technical standards of the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT). It serves as a bridge between the rich traditions of Indonesian martial arts and the modern international sporting arena, ensuring that athletes receive quality training while preserving the cultural values that define Pencak Silat.

NFPSK has successfully organised coaching and instructor certification programmes, regional seminars, national championships, demonstrations, and grassroots development initiatives across the country. These programmes have strengthened technical capacity, expanded participation in schools, universities, and communities, and positioned Kenya as an emerging member of the global Pencak Silat family.

Beyond competition, the Federation is dedicated to empowering young people by promoting discipline, leadership, integrity, physical fitness, and cultural appreciation. Through Pencak Silat, thousands of young Kenyans continue to develop confidence, resilience, and respect while building lasting friendships across cultures.

As the Federation continues to expand its presence throughout Kenya and the wider East African region, it remains committed to excellence, good governance, international cooperation, and the continued promotion of Pencak Silat as both a world-class martial art and a powerful instrument for cultural diplomacy, peace, and sustainable youth development.

STATUS WITH THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF KENYA (NOCK)

Current status the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) with National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK)

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) is currently pursuing formal recognition by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK). Since its establishment in 2021, the Federation has made significant progress in governance, technical development, national competitions, and international participation. While formal recognition is still in progress, the Federation remains committed to fulfilling all the necessary requirements and looks forward to becoming part of Kenya's official sporting framework.

CHRONOLOGY

The History, growth and development of Pencak Silat in Kenya

Year	Date	Particular/Event
2026	13 th June	Held the 1 st Kenya Open Pencak Silat Championship, in Nairobi
	14 th April	Held the 1 st Nairobi Open Pencak Silat Championship, in Nairobi
	14 th Jan	Instructors Course
2025	10 th Dec	Instructors course
	17 th Nov	Diplomatic Reception / Indonex 2025, JW Hotel Nairobi
	22 nd June	Held 1 st Jacridge School Open Pencak Silat Championship
	23 rd - 31 st May	Trip to Taita Taveta, Mombasa and Kwale County Kwale County Pencak Silat Championship
	22 nd - 27 th March	East Africa Region Pencak Silat Instructors Course in Kampala Uganda

	January	Held reception to receive Team Kenya, Administration Police Training College, Nairobi
2024	Dec 16th -23rd	Participated in the 20th World Pencak Silat Championship and 5 th World Junior Pencak Silat Championship in Abu Dhabi, UAE
	Sep. 16 th	Performed at 2024 Indonex, Sarit Centre Nairobi
	June 21st	Held the 1st Indonesia Ambassador's Cup, Woodcreek School
	May 16th	Performed at International cultural Day - Nairobi National Museum
2023	21st Sep	Demonstration Team performed at 78th Anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia Theme: Diplomatic Reception , Hosted by Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Nairobi at Radisson Blu Hotel, Upper Hill Nairobi.
		Performed at International Schools of Kenya (ISK)
	7 th - 12 th May	Coaching camp in Nairobi
	13 th May	Performed at IndoNex in Nairobi
	03 rd March	Launched Kenya Coastal Region Pencak Silat Association at Tum University - Mombasa
	16 th Jan	Introduced Pencak Silat in learning Institutions in Kenya, Indian Public School -IPS
2022		Recognized by International Pencak Silat Federation (Persilat)
		Recognized by Indonesia Embassy to Kenya
2021	June 16 th - July 6 th	Reception of Pencak Silat Delegates from Indonesia, Inception of Pencak Silat in Kenya and Training Program

2021

INCEPTION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF PENCAK SILAT IN KENYA

The rise of Pencak Silat in Kenya

Overcoming the Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The inception of Pencak Silat in Kenya in early 2021 occurred during a profoundly challenging chapter in global history. The world was emerging from the initial waves of the COVID-19 pandemic—a crisis that left nations devastated, economies fractured, and local healthcare structures heavily dependent on international aid.

It was in this precise moment of vulnerability and widespread disruption that Pencak Silat was born in Kenya. Launching a brand-new combat sport and cultural art under these restrictive conditions presented severe roadblocks.



Reception of the Pencak Silat delegation at the Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi Kenya - June 17, 2021.

Challenges During the Federation's Early Years

In those early days, the newly formed National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFP SK) faced immense operational struggles:

- * **The Federation on its Knees:** Lockdowns and strict social distancing mandates severely restricted group gatherings, making the physical, close-quarter nature of martial arts training nearly impossible to market or execute safely.
- * **Severe Equipment Starvation:** There was a critical lack of essential training resources. The pioneers lacked specialized foam mats (tatami), targeted striking pads, body protectors (pelindung dada), and traditional training weapons.

* **The Technical Skill Gap:** Local enthusiasts possessed immense passion but lacked the deep technical expertise, advanced grading certifications, and referee licenses required to run an internationally recognized sports program.

The Warrior Spirit: Forging the Path to Global Dominance

Instead of succumbing to these limitations, the Kenyan pioneers embraced the ultimate core values of the art: Discipline, Liberty, Justice, and Truth.



Athletes trained on bare floors, grass patches, and open outdoor environments. To bridge the massive technical gap, the federation leveraged strategic diplomatic support from the Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi alongside virtual training sessions provided by the international federation, PERSILAT Reception of the Pencak Silat delegation at the Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi Kenya - June 17, 2021.





Pencak Silat delegation meet the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya officials



Pencak Silat delegation meet the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya officials
Four Point Hotel on June 18th 2021 Nairobi.



Bringing awareness of Pencak Silat to the Public through Social media platform

2021

ADMINISTRATIVE, NAMES AND ROLES

National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) officials / office bearers

To ensure the efficient administration and growth of the sport across the country, the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) is governed by a dedicated team of officials who oversee its strategic direction, technical standards, and daily operations.



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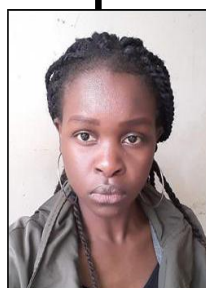
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- I. The President, who serves as the chief representative of the federation, providing visionary leadership and fostering relationships with international bodies like the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT).
- II. The Secretary-General, the administrative heartbeat of the organization, responsible for documentation, maintaining membership records, and coordinating official communication.
- III. Financial integrity and resource management are managed by the Treasurer, who ensures transparency in budgeting and sponsorship allocation.
- IV. Technical excellence is upheld by the Technical Director, who oversees coaching standards, refereeing protocols, and the development of the national team' s competitive skills.
- V. The Public Relations Officer (PRO) acts as the official voice of the federation, dedicated to promoting the sport, managing media outreach, and expanding the federation' s footprint throughout Kenya.

Together, these officials work in synergy to elevate the stature of Pencak Silat, ensuring that every athlete—from grassroots clubs to the national stage—is supported by a structured and professional framework.





EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
NAIROBI

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I, Dr. Mohamad Hery Saripudin, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in Nairobi, accredited to Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, hereby recommend:

1. Name: Mr. Cleopas Chalicha
Position: President of the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya & Kenyan Representative of PERSILAT (International Pencak Silat Federation)

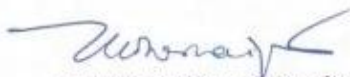
to take necessary actions vis-à-vis the Government of Kenya as well as the National Olympic Committee of Kenya regarding the administration and/or registration of the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya.

2. a. Name: Mr. Cleopas Chalicha
Position: President of the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya and Representative of PERSILAT (International Pencak Silat Federation) Kenya
- b. Name: Mr. Afendi Soedrajat
Position: Technical Staff of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Nairobi

to take necessary actions vis-à-vis the local institutions, the schools, the campuses, the military and police academies, and other groups of the local community, regarding the socialization of the Indonesian *Pencak Silat* martial arts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any further information.

Sincerely,


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THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I hereby **CERTIFY** that,

PENCAK SILAT LIMITED

a **PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY** is on this date 07 June, 2026 Incorporated under the Companies Act, 2015.



Registrar Of Companies

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Pencak Silat introduced to learning Institutions in Kenya giving opportunities to learners to experience the Indonesian Culture and combat sport. Courtesy of Jacridge School - Ruiru Kiambu County

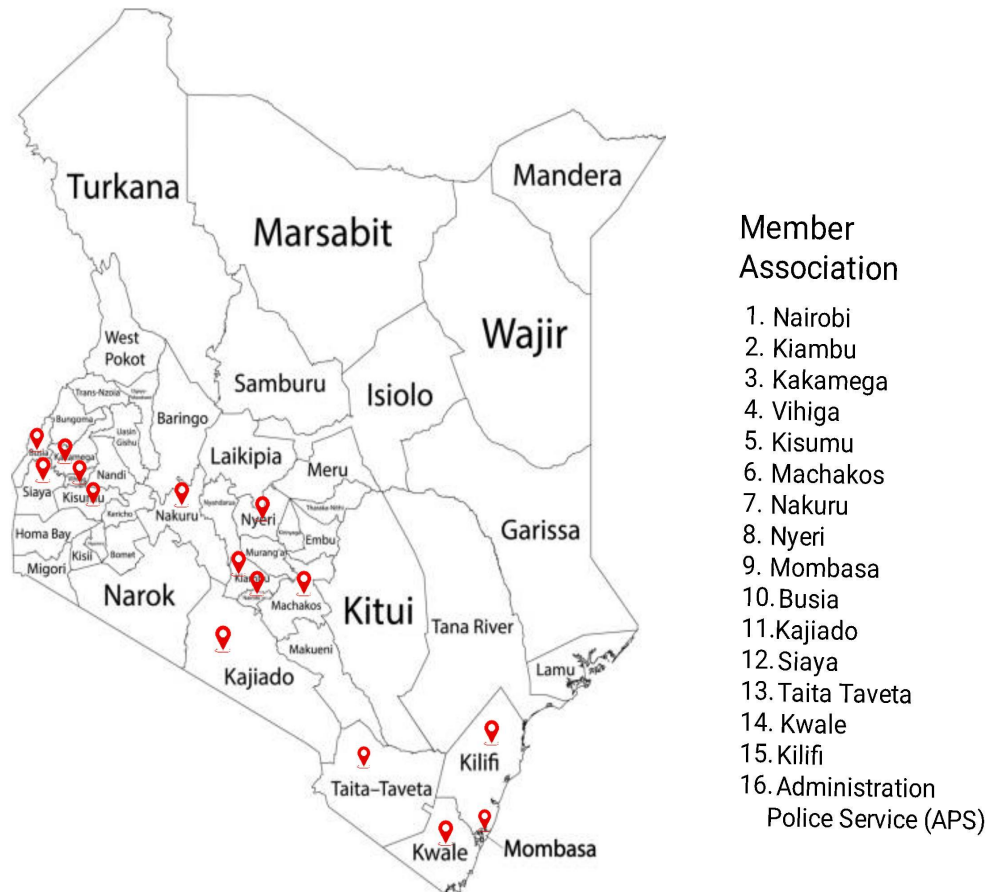
POPULARITY AND COVERAGE

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Pencak Silat is experiencing a significant surge in popularity and formal organisation across Kenya. Successfully moving beyond isolated training centres, the sport has established a growing national footprint, with active programmes in major cities and several counties across the country.

This widespread engagement reflects the increasing enthusiasm for Pencak Silat's practical combat techniques, cultural heritage, and values, leading to the steady expansion and formalisation of the Federation's organisational structure. As of June 2026, the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) has established sixteen (16) affiliated member associations and continues to expand into additional counties.

This sustained growth has strengthened talent identification and athlete development while enhancing the Federation's capacity to organise competitions, train technical officials, and promote Pencak Silat both nationally and internationally. The Federation remains committed to extending its reach across all regions of Kenya as part of its long-term development strategy.



EVENTS AND PROMOTION

Pencak Silat Demonstration Team

It's truly impressive to see the dedication and passion of the NFPSK Demonstration Team in promoting Pencak Silat not only as a martial art but also as a cultural and tourism asset. The team's Commitment to showcasing Pencak Silat through various events and venues in Kenya and East Africa highlights their efforts in spreading awareness about this traditional art form.

Established in 2023, the NFPSK Demonstration Team has played a Vital role in introducing Pencak Silat techniques to the public. Their performances at prestigious locations such as IndoNex, Diplomatic Receptions, International cultural Day events, universities, and championships have significantly

contributed to raising the profile of Pencak Silat.

Moreover, their appearances at key venues like ISK, Woodcreek School, National Museum, and on KTN TV indicate their broad outreach in conveying messages of peace through the practice of Pencak Silat. By promoting values such as self-restraint, self-sacrifice, and service, the team not only showcases the physical aspects of the martial art but also its deeper cultural and ethical dimensions.

The NFPSK Demonstration Team's mission goes beyond entertainment; they aspire to educate global citizens about the significance of Pencak Silat and its role in promoting peace and sportsmanship achieved by Training Pencak Silat. Their dedication to spreading the spirit and values of Pencak Silat worldwide is indeed praiseworthy



EVENTS AND PROMOTION

20TH WORLD PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP ABU DHABI, UAE 2024

The 2024 World Pencak Silat Championship in Abu Dhabi, UAE, served as the backdrop for a remarkable display of determination and skill, resulting in a significant milestone for the delegation. Traveling with a small but mighty contingent comprising just one official and five dedicated Pencak Silat athletes, the team proved that rigorous preparation yields world-class results.

Despite facing elite international competition, these practitioners returned home with an impressive haul of five medals draped around their necks: three hard-won silver medals and two well-deserved bronze medals.

This success is not merely a tally of metallic hardware; it is a profound testament to the athletes' arduous training schedule, unwavering dedication, and the countless hours of sweat and sacrifice poured into their craft, solidifying their place among the world's best in this traditional martial art.





PROMOTION, OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Introduced Pencak Silat in learning Institutions in Kenya, Indian Public School -IPS



LAUNCHED KENYA COASTAL REGION PENCAK SILAT ASSOCIATION at Tum University - Mombasa



Technical University of Mombasa (TUM), Mombasa County



Performed at IndoNex in Nairobi



Performed at International Schools of Kenya (ISK)



Coaching camp in Nairobi

Demonstration Team performed at 78th Anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia

Theme: Diplomatic Reception, Hosted by Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Nairobi
at Radisson
Blu Hotel, Upper Hill Nairobi.



Performed at International cultural Day - Nairobi National Museum



Developing, empowering and nurturing young and talented youngsters from grassroots to international arenas



Pencak Silat, while still developing its roots, has seen a steady rise in popularity within Kenya, culminating in annual national championships organized by the National Kenya Pencak Silat Federation (NKPSF). These domestic competitions serve as crucial platforms for identifying and nurturing local talent, providing vital competitive experience and a pathway for athletes aspiring to represent the nation.



The ambition for many Kenyan martial artists is to test their skills on the international stage, where Pencak Silat commands significant respect and fierce competition, particularly at events like the biennial IPSF World Championships, the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, or the Asian Games, which showcase the sport at its highest level, often dominated by traditional powerhouses such as Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Participating in these global arenas allows Kenyan athletes to gain invaluable exposure, benchmark their progress against the world's best, and contribute to the sport's global expansion, solidifying Kenya's growing presence in the wider Pencak Silat community.

20TH WORLD PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP AND 5TH WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN ABU DHABI, UAE

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Key Achievements – 20th World Pencak Silat Championship (2024)

Team Kenya represented by 1 Official and 5 Athletes.

3 Silver Medals.

2 Bronze Medals.

5 Total Medals Won.

Demonstrated Kenya's growing competitiveness on the international stage.

APPRECIATION

The Federation expresses its sincere appreciation to the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT) and the UAE Pencak Silat Federation for their generous support in providing air tickets, accommodation, meals, and local transportation for Team Kenya during the Championship.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION FOR TEAM KENYA



The Administration Police Training College in Nairobi recently served as a proud backdrop for a grand reception honoring the triumphant return of Team Kenya. As

the athletes arrived, the atmosphere was electric, filled with a palpable sense of national pride and collective achievement. The event, held within the disciplined and historic grounds of the college, provided a fitting tribute to the men and women who showcased extraordinary grit, sportsmanship, and excellence on the global stage. Senior officials, fellow officers, and enthusiastic supporters gathered to applaud the team's persistence, highlighting how their success serves as a powerful inspiration for the country. The ceremony not only celebrated the medals and accolades brought home but also underscored the deep synergy between Kenya's sporting prowess and the spirit of service embodied by the host institution.

EAST AFRICA REGIONAL PENCAK SILAT INSTRUCTORS COURSE

Kampala, Uganda | 22–27 March 2025

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) participated in the East Africa Regional Pencak Silat Instructors Course held in Kampala, Uganda. The programme brought together instructors and technical officials from across the East African region to strengthen coaching standards, technical knowledge, and regional cooperation. The course enhanced the professional capacity of Kenyan instructors while promoting collaboration among East African member federations under the guidance of PERSILAT. It also reinforced the Federation's commitment to developing qualified technical personnel capable of supporting the continued growth of Pencak Silat in Kenya and the region.



COASTAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR AND KWALE COUNTY PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP



The recent multi-county tour spanning Taita Taveta, Mombasa, and Kwale served as a powerful testament to the growing footprint of Pencak Silat in coastal Kenya. The highlight of this initiative was the Kwale County Pencak Silat Championship, a strategic event designed not only to showcase the elegance and precision of this ancient martial art but to bridge the gap between niche practitioners and the general public. By taking the sport out of private training halls and into the heart of the community, organizers successfully demystified the discipline, sparking widespread interest and curiosity among local residents. More importantly, the championship functioned as a vital scouting ground, meticulously identifying raw talent from the grassroots level. By providing a clear pathway for emerging athletes to transition from local exhibitions to high-stakes elite competition, the tour has laid a robust foundation for the future of Pencak Silat in the region, ensuring that the next generation of champions is nurtured right from their own neighborhoods.

1ST JACRIDGE SCHOOL OPEN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP



The inaugural Jacridge School Open Pencak Silat Championship marked a significant milestone in the school's dedication to cultural heritage and athletic excellence. By providing a structured platform for practitioners of the traditional Indonesian martial art, the event successfully bridged the gap between raw grassroots potential and the refined discipline of elite competition. Throughout the tournament, coaches and scouts observed a remarkable display of technical skill and mental fortitude from participants of various ages, identifying promising young athletes who show the potential to carry the sport to higher competitive levels. Ultimately, the championship served not only as a vibrant showcase of talent but also as a vital pipeline for nurturing the next generation of Pencak Silat champions, ensuring the sport remains both competitively fierce and deeply rooted in its storied traditions.

INDONEX 2025 DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION



The diplomatic reception for Indonex 2025, held at the prestigious JW Marriott Hotel in Nairobi, served as a vibrant bridge between Indonesia and Kenya, underscored by a powerful display of cultural pride and martial prowess. In a grand partnership between the Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi and the event organizers, the evening was elevated by a breathtaking demonstration of Pencak Silat.

As the practitioners moved with fluid, razor-sharp precision before an esteemed audience of world leaders and diplomatic delegations, the performance transcended mere spectacle. It served as a strategic showcase of Indonesia's soft power, illustrating that Pencak Silat is far more than a traditional heritage art; it is a sophisticated, highly disciplined combat sport that embodies the resilience and strategic depth of the Indonesian spirit. By positioning this ancient discipline on such a high-profile international stage, the event successfully promoted both the rich cultural values and the athletic intensity of Indonesia to the global diplomatic community.



AL-AZHAR MARTIAL ARTS INDONESIA INSTRUCTORS COURSE

Al-Azhar Martial Arts Indonesia has recently spearheaded a transformative initiative by conducting a specialized instructors' course aimed at elevating the technical proficiency of Kenyan coaches and athletes. By bridging the gap between traditional techniques and modern international competitive standards, the program serves as a critical catalyst for the professionalization of the sport in Kenya.



Through rigorous training modules that emphasize tactical precision, advanced biomechanics, and contemporary global pedagogical methods, the workshop has empowered local practitioners to refine their skills and adopt a more sophisticated, world-class approach to martial arts. This strategic partnership not only fosters a

higher caliber of combat sports excellence within the region but also positions Kenyan athletes and trainers to compete with greater authority and technical depth on the international stage.



The inaugural Nairobi Open Pencak Silat Championship marked a historic milestone for martial arts in Kenya, providing a vibrant platform for practitioners to immerse themselves in the intricate and powerful traditions of Indonesian combat.

1ST OPEN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP



By bringing this dynamic sport to the heart of Nairobi, the event successfully bridged the gap between raw local talent and international standards, offering a clear pathway for athletes to evolve from grassroots enthusiasts into elite competitors. For many, the championship was more than just a tournament; it was the realization of a long-held dream—an opportunity to display their discipline, technical mastery, and

fighting spirit on a competitive stage. As the sport continues to gain momentum in the region, this landmark gathering has solidified its place as a catalyst for excellence, empowering a new generation of Kenyan silat exponents to pursue their aspirations with confidence and purpose.



KENYA OPEN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

On June 13, 2026, Nairobi marked a historic milestone for martial arts in East Africa by hosting the inaugural Kenya Open Pencak Silat Championship. This landmark event served as a vibrant gateway for athletes across the nation, providing a professional platform for practitioners to immerse themselves in the rich, tactical traditions of the Indonesian combat sport. By bridging the gap between grassroots development and elite-level competition, the championship transformed dreams into reality, offering local fighters the rare opportunity to test their skills in the ring and showcase the discipline, agility, and cultural depth inherent in Pencak Silat. As the echoes of the matches faded, it was clear that the tournament had not only crowned new champions but also laid a solid foundation for the future of the sport in Kenya, inspiring a new generation to pursue excellence on the international stage.





KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (2021–2026)

Since its establishment in 2021, the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) has achieved several significant milestones, including:

- Official establishment of NFPSK as the governing body for Pencak Silat in Kenya.
- Recognition by the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT).
- Recognition and support from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya.
- Expansion to sixteen (16) affiliated member associations across Kenya.
- Introduction of Pencak Silat in schools, universities, and communities.
- Organisation of instructor courses, coaching camps, demonstrations, and national championships.
- Successful participation in the 20th World Pencak Silat Championship (Abu Dhabi 2024), winning three silver and two bronze medals.

- Strengthened international cooperation through regional and international programmes.

CHALLENGES

Although significant progress has been made, the Federation continues to face several challenges:

- Lack of formal recognition by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK).
- Limited financial resources to support national programmes and international participation.
- Inadequate training facilities and specialized Pencak Silat equipment.
- Limited sponsorship and commercial partnerships.
- Need for more qualified coaches, referees, and technical officials.
- Expanding the sport to all counties across Kenya.

FUTURE GOALS

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) remains committed to the following priorities:

- Obtain formal recognition by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK).
- Expand Pencak Silat to all 47 counties in Kenya.
- Increase the number of affiliated clubs, schools, and universities.
- Organise annual national championships and regional competitions.
- Develop more certified coaches, referees, and instructors.
- Strengthen grassroots and youth development programmes.
- Increase Kenya's participation and medal performance in international

competitions.

- Strengthen partnerships with PERSILAT, the Indonesian Embassy, government agencies, and development partners.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To accelerate the growth and sustainability of Pencak Silat in Kenya, the Federation recommends:

Formal recognition by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK).

Increased support for athlete development, technical training, and national competitions.

Expansion of Pencak Silat programmes to all counties, schools, and universities.

Strengthened partnerships with government agencies, educational institutions, corporate sponsors, and international partners.

Continued technical assistance from PERSILAT through instructor courses, referee training, and international exchange programmes.

APPRECIATION

The National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) expresses its sincere gratitude to the International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT) for its unwavering guidance, technical support, and continued commitment to the development of Pencak Silat in Kenya.

The Federation further extends its appreciation to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya for its invaluable partnership in promoting Indonesian culture and supporting numerous federation programmes and activities. We also acknowledge the dedication of our coaches, instructors, athletes, officials, volunteers, affiliated associations, sponsors, schools, universities, government institutions, and development partners whose collective efforts have contributed to the steady growth of Pencak Silat in Kenya.



CONCLUSION

Since its establishment in 2021, the National Federation of Pencak Silat Kenya (NFPSK) has made remarkable progress in introducing, developing, and promoting Pencak Silat throughout Kenya. Through effective leadership, strategic partnerships, and the dedication of its members, the Federation has built a strong foundation for the sport while increasing Kenya's presence within the international Pencak Silat community.

Although challenges remain, the achievements outlined in this report demonstrate the Federation's commitment to excellence, good governance, athlete development, and cultural exchange. With the continued support of PERSILAT, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kenya, government institutions, and all stakeholders, NFPSK is confident of achieving even greater success in the years ahead.

Together, we remain committed to advancing the vision of Pencak Silat and inspiring future generations through the values of discipline, respect, unity, and sporting excellence.

One Passion, One Dream.