



NPSF

DUTCH PENCAK SILAT FEDERATION

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Dear President PERSILAT, MR. H. Prabowo Subianto,

On behalf of the Nederlandse Pencak Silat Federatie (NPSF), it is my pleasure to present our National Activity Report covering the period from 2023 to 2026.

Over the past three years, our federation has continued to grow through the dedication and commitment of our member schools, athletes, officials, volunteers, and partners. Together, we have organized national competitions, educational programs, seminars, cultural activities, and international exchanges that have further strengthened the development and recognition of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

As the NPSF celebrates its 10th anniversary, we reflect with pride on the milestones we have achieved while remaining committed to the continued growth of our federation and to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Pencak Silat.

We are pleased to share this report with IPSF-PERSILAT as a reflection of our activities, achievements, and ongoing commitment to the values and objectives of our international Pencak Silat community. We sincerely appreciate the continued guidance and support of IPSF-PERSILAT and look forward to further strengthening our cooperation in the years ahead.

With highest regards,

Olivier Blancquaert
President
Nederlandse Pencak Silat Federatie (NPSF)



ABOUT THE NPSF

The Nederlandse Pencak Silat Federatie (NPSF) is the official national governing body for Pencak Silat in the Netherlands. Established in 2015 and formally incorporated in 2019, the federation is dedicated to the promotion, development, and preservation of Pencak Silat as both a martial art and an important element of Indonesian cultural heritage.

In 2025, the NPSF proudly celebrated its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of commitment to strengthening and advancing Pencak Silat throughout the Netherlands. Over the past ten years, the federation has worked to build a sustainable platform that supports athletes, instructors, schools, referees, volunteers, and practitioners from diverse Pencak Silat traditions.

Our Role

The NPSF is a non-profit, volunteer-led organization whose activities are supported through membership contributions and the dedication of its affiliated schools and volunteers. The federation supports the development of instructors and coaches through educational opportunities, certification programs, seminars, and training activities. In addition, the NPSF organizes national competitions, cultural events, workshops, seminars, and international exchanges that contribute to both the sporting and cultural growth of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

National & International Representation

The federation is affiliated with the International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF-PERSILAT) and represents the Dutch Pencak Silat community within the international Pencak Silat network.

Organisational Structure

The NPSF is governed by a voluntary Board consisting of the following positions:

- * President
- * Vice president
- * Secretary
- * Treasurer
- * Board Member for Sports Affairs
- * Board Member for Culture and Tradition

In addition, the federation is supported by the Dewan Sesepuh (Council of Elders), an advisory body that provides guidance, expertise, and support to both the Board and the wider NPSF community. The council plays an important role in safeguarding knowledge, traditions, and values associated with Pencak Silat in all its sporting, cultural, and martial expressions.

Reporting Period 2023–2026

During the reporting period 2023–2026, the NPSF focused on strengthening its organizational structure, supporting member schools, developing educational programs, organizing national and international activities, promoting youth participation, and increasing the visibility of Pencak Silat within Dutch society. The following chapters provide an overview of the federation's activities, achievements, challenges, and future ambitions during this period.

Mission

To establish Pencak Silat as a respected sport, cultural heritage, and martial art with a prominent position within the Dutch martial arts landscape.

Vision

To provide a sustainable platform that supports the sporting, educational, and cultural development of Pencak Silat while preserving the values, traditions, and principles that define its diverse forms and expressions.

National Recognition & Partnerships

The NPSF maintains a broad network of national and international partnerships that support the development of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

At the national level, the federation is a member of the Federatie Oosterse Gevechtkunsten (FOG), the Dutch umbrella organization representing various Eastern martial arts disciplines. Through this affiliation, the NPSF remains connected to developments within the Dutch sports landscape and contributes to the promotion of martial arts in the Netherlands.

The NPSF also works closely with its affiliated schools, volunteers, instructors, athletes, and officials. These partnerships form the foundation of the federation and play an essential role in the continued growth and sustainability of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

A particularly valuable partnership is the longstanding relationship with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in The Hague. Through this cooperation, the NPSF regularly contributes to cultural events, educational initiatives, demonstrations, workshops, and community activities that promote Indonesian culture and strengthen cultural exchange between Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Internationally, the NPSF maintains strong relationships with IPSF-PERSILAT and with various educational and cultural institutions in Indonesia. During the reporting period, multiple cultural and educational exchanges were organized involving traditional kendang music, ibing (traditional movement and dance), and other cultural elements closely connected to the practice of Pencak Silat.

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The federation has also developed valuable connections with Institut Seni Budaya Indonesia (ISBI) and maintains relationships with Pencak Silat organizations and practitioners in Indonesia, including HPS Panglipur. These collaborations contribute to the preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, cultural heritage, and the continued development of Pencak Silat in both the Netherlands and Indonesia.

Pencak Silat in the Netherlands

Pencak Silat in the Netherlands is represented by a diverse community of schools, athletes, instructors, referees, cultural practitioners, and volunteers. The NPSF serves as the national federation connecting these groups and supporting the continued growth of the art in both its sporting and cultural forms.

As of 2026, the federation consists of affiliated schools representing a variety of Pencak Silat traditions and styles. Together, these schools contribute to a vibrant national network that promotes training, education, competition, cultural exchange, and community development.

Key Figures

50 affiliated schools (Perguruan)

732 registered practitioners

100 coaches and instructors

22 (inter)national referees and juries

50-75 Number of active volunteers

The Dutch Pencak Silat community continues to balance the sporting, martial, and cultural aspects of the art. In addition to competition and coaching activities, many schools actively participate in demonstrations, seminars, cultural festivals, educational programs, and community initiatives throughout the Netherlands.



Activities & Timeline (2023–2026)

The period between 2023 and 2026 was marked by a wide range of sporting, educational, cultural, and organizational activities. Throughout these years, the Nederlandse Pencak Silat Federatie (NPSF) continued to promote and develop Pencak Silat through competitions, seminars, workshops, demonstrations, cultural exchanges, and community events.

The following timeline provides an overview of the federation's most significant activities and milestones during the reporting period.



Sports Affairs 2023

Competition & Development

Open Pencak Silat Tournaments

Four Open Pencak Silat Tournaments (OPST) were successfully organized throughout the year, bringing together athletes from both NPSF member schools and non-member organizations. The open competition format encouraged wider participation, including international competitors, and supported the federation's vision of uniting the Dutch Pencak Silat community.

Growth of Artistic Pencak Silat

Following its successful introduction in 2022, the Artistic discipline became a permanent part of all national tournaments in 2023. Participation continued to grow, supported by new initiatives such as joint Tunggal training sessions in Amersfoort, contributing to the further development of artistic competition in the Netherlands.

Referee & Jury Development

Recognizing the importance of qualified officials, the NPSF invested significantly in recruiting and educating new referees and juries. This resulted in the formation of a dedicated group of officials, contributing to higher competition standards, improved quality, and a safer sporting environment.

National Team Development

A new Dutch National Tandling Team coaching staff was established, while dedicated Artistic national team training also commenced. Although the World Championships were cancelled twice in 2023, preparations continued, ensuring the national team remained focused and ready for future international competitions.



Sporting Events

Open Pencak Silat Tournament (OPST Hoofddorp)

Organized by MinangKabau Hoofddorp, this open tournament welcomed athletes from both NPSF member schools and non-member organizations. The event promoted competition, sportsmanship, and cooperation within the Dutch Pencak Silat community.

Open Pencak Silat Tournament (OPST Hoogeveen) Hosted by Panca Asas, the tournament provided athletes with valuable competition experience while encouraging participation from schools across the Netherlands.

Open Pencak Silat Tournament (OPST Amsterdam) Organized by Asem Bagus, this tournament continued the NPSF's mission of creating accessible competition opportunities and strengthening cooperation between Pencak Silat schools.

Open Dutch National Championships (Open NK Leeuwarden) Hosted by SMI Leeuwarden, the Open Dutch National Championships brought together athletes competing in both Tanding and Seni disciplines. The event marked the final national competition of the year and highlighted the continued growth and development of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.





Cultural Development & International Exchange

In 2023, the NPSF continued to place a high premium on cultural preservation. To advance the traditional aspects of Pencak Silat, such as weapon arts, heritage education, and traditional practices, a diverse array of seminars, workshops, and cultural training activities were conducted.

The National Pencak Silat Kumpulan, which brought together practitioners from various styles for workshops, demonstrations, cultural exhibitions, and educational activities, was one of the year's highlights. The event strengthened cooperation between schools and highlighted the cultural diversity of Pencak Silat.

A dedicated cultural grant enabled the federation to conduct a cultural mission to Indonesia, which was another significant milestone.

This visit led to the signing of numerous Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with prominent Indonesian universities and educational institutions, such as Universitas Sebelas Maret, Universitas Trunojoyo, ISBI Bandung, and ISBI Surakarta. These partnerships generated novel prospects for international collaboration, educational exchange, and the continued preservation of Pencak Silat as a component of Indonesia's intangible cultural heritage.

The NPSF also collaborated with cultural organizations and participated in heritage initiatives throughout the year to further solidify Pencak Silat's position within the Dutch cultural landscape.



Timeline:

Seminar & Workshops -Reinwardt Academy (Amsterdam)

Seminars and workshops were organized during the Reinwardt Academy's Intangible Cultural Heritage Week, introducing students to the cultural and historical significance of Pencak Silat.

Golok Seminar (Imperator, Barendrecht)

A seminar focusing on the practical application of the Golok within the Cimande Depokan style, including traditional techniques, sparring exercises, and weapon-based training.

National Pencak Silat Kumpulan – Taman Indonesia.

A national cultural gathering featuring workshops from various Pencak Silat styles, Golok seminars, traditional weapon exhibitions, a kris exhibition, and cultural demonstrations. The event promoted knowledge exchange and strengthened cooperation between practitioners from across the Netherlands.

Cultural Mission to Indonesia

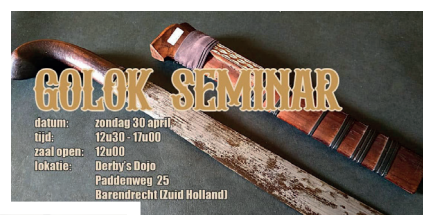
The NPSF conducted a cultural and educational mission to Indonesia to strengthen international cooperation in the fields of Seni Budaya (Arts & Culture) and the Mental-Spiritual aspects of Pencak Silat. The mission resulted in the signing of several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading Indonesian universities and educational institutions.

Pencak Silat Sparring Training (Barendrecht)

A national sparring training session was organized to encourage technical development and exchange between practitioners from different schools.

Advanced Golok Seminar (Santpoort)

A follow-up seminar building upon the successful Golok workshop held earlier in the year, with continued focus on traditional weapon techniques and cultural knowledge.





Sports Affairs 2024

Development of competition and Global Advancement

The NPSF in 2024 continued to enhance the sporting development of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands by organizing national competitions, investing in referee education, supporting athlete development, and expanding international cooperation. Five Open Pencak Silat Tournaments were successfully organized in partnership with affiliated member schools, attracting more than 100 participants per event and welcoming competitors from several European countries.

By capitalizing on this momentum, the federation accomplished numerous significant milestones. With the help of Bank Mandiri Indonesia, the Open Dutch Championships were renamed the MandiriEuropean Open; Dutch referees received international certification through PERSILAT; and Team NL had its biggest-ever turnout at the World Championships in Abu Dhabi. Together, these achievements further strengthened the international position of the NPSF and demonstrated the continued growth of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

The following timeline shows the most important sports events and accomplishments of 2024.



Highlights 2024

Mandiri European Open

The Open Dutch Championships in Leeuwarden were elevated to the Mandiri European Open with support from Bank Mandiri Indonesia. This event marked an important step in the international positioning of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

World Championships Abu Dhabi

Team NL participated in the 2024 World Championships in Abu Dhabi with its largest delegation to date: 28 participants across Tanding, Tunggal, Regu, and Solo Creative. The team returned with multiple medals, including gold, silver, bronze, and a Best Female Fighter award.

Referee Upgrade with PERSILAT

Prior to the Mandiri European Open, a referee upgrade to international level was organized in cooperation with PERSILAT. Three Dutch national referees successfully obtained international referee status.

Referee & Jury Development

The NPSF organized two training programmes for new referees and introduced refreshment sessions before each tournament. This contributed to more consistency, quality, and confidence within the referee and jury corps.





Preserving heritage through education & international collaboration

Throughout 2024, the NPSF continued to strengthen the cultural foundations of Pencak Silat through workshops, educational programmes, cultural festivals, and international collaborations. A key milestone was the launch of the first Kendang Pencak Silat and Ibing training programme, made possible through support from the V-fonds and in partnership with ISBI Bandung and Padepokan Pasir Ipis Bandung.

The programme focused on developing future instructors while preserving the traditional musical and artistic elements of Pencak Silat for future generations.

Building on these initiatives, the NPSF expanded its cooperation with educational institutions, cultural organizations, and Indonesian partners. These collaborations promoted knowledge exchange, strengthened cultural ties between Indonesia and the Netherlands, and created new opportunities for educational programmes, heritage initiatives, and international cooperation.

The federation also contributed to a documentary project on the history of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands, welcoming an Indonesian film crew to record interviews and historical footage highlighting the development of Pencak Silat within the Dutch community.

Timeline:

Pertandingan Persahabatan (Amersfoort)

More than 100 participants gathered for a day of workshops, demonstrations, and cultural exchange. The event strengthened cooperation between schools while promoting both the sporting and traditional aspects of Pencak Silat.



National Pencak Silat Kumpulan – Taman Indonesia

The annual Kumpulan once again brought together practitioners from across the Netherlands for two days of workshops, demonstrations, and cultural exchange, celebrating the diversity and traditions of Pencak Silat.

First Kendang & Ibing Training Programme

Supported by the V-fonds and in collaboration with ISBI Bandung and Padepokan Pasir Ipis, the NPSF launched its first Kendang and Ibing training programme. Participants followed an intensive course combining traditional music, movement, and cultural education, culminating in a large public Kendang & Ibing event in Amersfoort. cultural knowledge.



National Tunggal Training Programme (Amersfoort)

A series of centralized Tunggal training sessions was launched to stimulate the growth of the Seni competition disciplines. Practitioners of different experience levels trained together, encouraging knowledge exchange and improving the overall standard of artistic performance.



2025



Sports Affairs 2025

The year of Professionalisation

After its success at the international level in 2024, the NPSF built on this throughout 2025 by improving its competition structure, athlete development, referee education, and ability to work with other countries. Four national tournaments, a national selection programme, and new educational initiatives contributed to the continued professionalization of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

By introducing a new digital event and scoring system, the federation also made an investment in contemporary competition management. It also broadened its global network by inviting officials and competitors from all over Europe and kept athletes and officials ready for upcoming international competitions. These developments further strengthened the NPSF's commitment to delivering competitions that align with international standards while supporting the long-term growth of the sport.



Sporting Events

National Selection Day (The Hague)

Before the 2026 World Championships, the NPSF hosted its yearly National Selection Day, which brought together athletes vying for a spot on Team NL.

Launch of Regu Workshops (Amersfoort)

In order to encourage participation in the artistic team discipline and get athletes ready for upcoming international competitions, the NPSF launched a new Regu development program.

Implementation of Event Silat Digital Competition System

By using the Event Silat competition management platform, the NPSF was able to better organize events, use digital scoring, and make sure they were in line with international competition standards.

International Referee Development

The federation continued expanding its referee programme by organizing new referee courses, refresher sessions, and welcoming officials from Belgium, England, and Austria to Dutch competitions.

National Championships (Leeuwarden)

The Dutch ranking competition was wrapped up at the season's last national tournament, which also honored the Overall Dutch Champions.



2025



Completion of the Kendang & Ibing Project & 10th Anniversary Celebration

The NPSF celebrated the successful completion of the Kendang & Ibing project together with its 10th anniversary, highlighting a decade of promoting both the sporting and cultural development of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

2025: Strengthening the Cultural Foundations of Pencak Silat

The NPSF continued to enhance the cultural dimension of Pencak Silat in 2025 by promoting Indonesian cultural heritage, expanding educational programs, and further developing international cooperation. Building on the successful Kendang Pencak Silat and Ibing programme launched in 2024, the federation organized an advanced training programme with instructors from ISBI Bandung and Panglipur Ratu Siliwangi, while continuing to invest in the preservation and transfer of traditional knowledge.

NPSF actively promoted Pencak Silat through cultural festivals, demonstrations, workshops, and heritage events all over the Netherlands, in addition to its educational programs. Collaborations with Indonesian cultural institutions, museums, and heritage organizations further strengthened the federation's role in preserving Pencak Silat as both a martial art and an important expression of Indonesian intangible cultural heritage.



Timeline:

Advanced Kendang & Ibing Programme

Three instructors from ISBI Bandung visited the Netherlands to deliver an intensive two-week cultural training programme in Kendang and Ibing, further strengthening educational cooperation between Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Pertandingan Persahabatan (Amersfoort)

A national gathering combining sport, demonstrations, workshops, and cultural exchange, bringing together practitioners from different schools throughout the Netherlands.



Kendang & Ibing Demonstration (Deventer)

Traditional Kendang and Ibing performances were presented as part of the opening programme for an Indonesian comedy performance, introducing a wider audience to the artistic traditions and cultural heritage connected to Pencak Silat.

National Pencak Silat Kumpulan – Taman Indonesia

The annual Kumpulan once again brought together practitioners from across the Netherlands for two days of workshops, demonstrations, and cultural exchange, celebrating the diversity and traditions of Pencak Silat.



Seminars with Pak Syofyan (Harimau Singalang)

International seminars led by Indonesian masters provided participants with advanced technical and cultural knowledge while strengthening ties with Indonesian Pencak Silat organizations.

2026



2026 Competition & Development

As of this report's writing, 2026 is still in progress, but the first half of the year has already shown that the Nederlandse Pencak Silat Federatie is still expanding. Building on the progress made during the previous three years, the federation has continued to organize competitions, educational programmes, cultural festivals, workshops, and national team activities.

One of the year's most significant highlights was the invitation from H.E. Ambassador Amrih Jin-angkung, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Representatives of the NPSF and its affiliated member schools were honoured to share the history, development, and future ambitions of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands with the Ambassador and his delegation. This meaningful meeting reflected the strong relationship between the Indonesian Embassy and the Dutch Pencak Silat community and reaffirmed the shared commitment to preserving Indonesia's cultural heritage.

The following timeline presents the major activities organized between January and June 2026.



National Team Training – The Hague

The first centralized training of the year brought together athletes preparing for national and international competitions, focusing on the continued development of the Seni and tanding disciplines.

Open Pencak Silat Tournament – Leeuwarden

The first national Open Tournament of the year welcomed athletes from across the Netherlands and continued the federation's commitment to providing accessible competition opportunities for all age categories.

Pasar Malam Istimewa XL (Rotterdam)

PD Senam alongside NPSF promoted Pencak Silat during one of the largest Indonesian cultural festivals in the Netherlands through demonstrations, workshops. Introducing visitors to both the sporting and cultural aspects of the martial art.

International Championship Pencak Silat (Belgium)

Organized by the Belgian Pencak Silat Federation, the championship was supported by the NPSF through the provision of competition equipment and logistical assistance. This collaboration highlights the federation's commitment to international cooperation and the development of Pencak Silat within Europe.

Pencak Silat Festival (Groningen)

The NPSF organized a national cultural festival bringing together practitioners, member schools, workshops, demonstrations, and performances, celebrating both the sporting and cultural dimensions of Pencak Silat.

Open Pencak Silat Tournament (Diemen)

One of the federation's major national tournaments welcomed athletes from different schools and provided valuable competition opportunities in both Tanding and Seni disciplines.

Dutch Intangible Cultural Heritage Festival (Arnhem)

The NPSF participated in the national Intangible Cultural Heritage Festival at the Dutch Open Air Museum, presenting demonstrations, workshops, Kendang Pencak Silat, and Ibing to promote Indonesian cultural heritage to a wider audience.

Challenges & Lesson learned

Over the past several years, the NPSF has experienced significant growth in both sporting and cultural activities. This growth has also brought new challenges and valuable lessons that continue to shape the federation's future development.

Volunteer Capacity

As a volunteer-led federation, the continued growth of activities has increased the demand for dedicated volunteers, officials, and board members. Expanding and supporting the volunteer network remains an important priority for the coming years.

Sustainable Funding

Securing long-term financial support remains one of the federation's greatest challenges. As a volunteer-driven non-profit organization, the NPSF relies primarily on membership contributions and project-based funding. The limited availability of sponsorships and external financial resources makes it challenging to further develop high-performance sport, support elite athletes, invest in international participation, and expand educational and development programmes. Strengthening partnerships with sponsors and funding organizations will therefore remain a key priority for the coming years.

Growth of the Sport

Although interest in Pencak Silat continues to grow, attracting new practitioners, affiliated schools, and young athletes remains an ongoing focus. The federation continues to invest in promotion, education, and cooperation to further strengthen the Dutch Pencak Silat community.

Professional Development

The federation recognizes the importance of continuously improving governance, education, referee development, and organizational structures. Ongoing investment in these areas contributes to the quality, safety, and sustainability of Pencak Silat in the Netherlands.

Balancing Sport and Cultural Heritage

One of the unique characteristics of the NPSF is its commitment to both the sporting and cultural dimensions of Pencak Silat. Maintaining this balance while supporting continued growth remains an important objective for the federation.

Lessons Learned

The reporting period has demonstrated that collaboration between member schools, volunteers, national and international partners, and cultural institutions is essential for the continued development of Pencak Silat. By working together, the federation has strengthened its national network while creating new opportunities for education, cultural exchange, and international cooperation.





Future goals

Strengthening the Federation

Continue the professional development of the NPSF by strengthening governance, improving organizational structures, and ensuring long-term sustainability through transparent leadership and active member engagement.

Growing Pencak Silat in the Netherlands

Expand the national Pencak Silat community by increasing the number of affiliated schools, practitioners, volunteers, and regional cooperation throughout the Netherlands.

Developing Sport & Education

Continue investing in athlete development, coach education, referee training, and national competitions while creating more opportunities for youth participation and international representation.

Preserving Cultural Heritage

Strengthen cultural exchange with Indonesia through partnerships with educational institutions, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, and international organizations, ensuring that the traditional values of Pencak Silat remain central to its future development.

Visibility & International Cooperation

Increase the visibility of Pencak Silat through communication, public events, educational initiatives, and stronger collaboration with IPSF-PERSILAT and international partners.

By building on the achievements of the past decade, the NPSF aims to create a sustainable future in which Pencak Silat continues to grow as a sport, a martial art, and an important part of Indonesia's cultural heritage in the Netherlands.



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