



Pencak Silat Federation UK: Report to PERSILAT

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1. Membership & Leadership

The Pencak Silat Federation of United Kingdom (PSF UK) was established on 16 September 1994 at the Indonesian Embassy in London and inaugurated by the then President of PERSILAT, HE Major General (Retired) Bapak H Eddy M Nalapraya, and the then Ambassador, HE Joenoes F. Habibie.

General Assembly Meeting

22nd July 2022, held online, via Zoom.

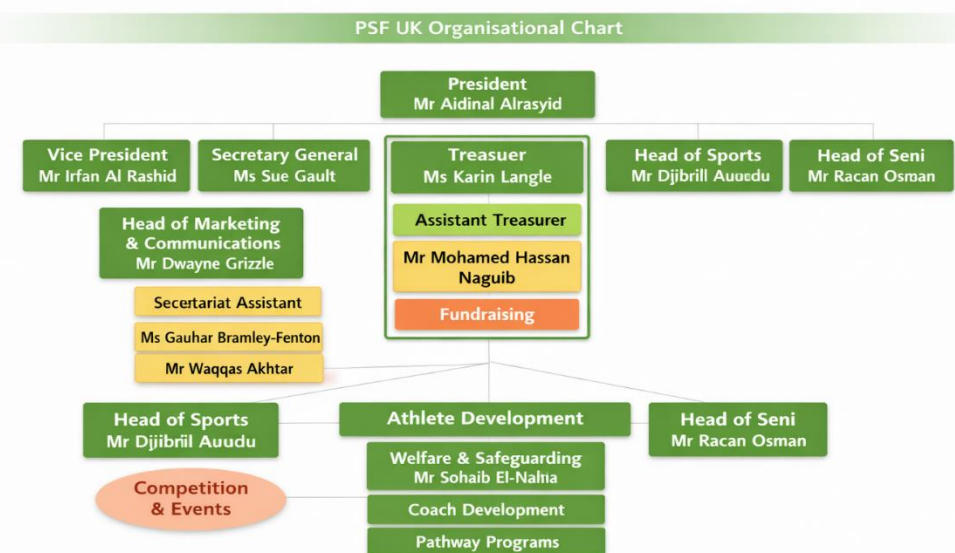
The current Executive Board was voted into place at the most recent General Assembly Meeting in 2022, with the addition of Secretariat Executive Officers, Gauhar Bramley-Fenton and Waqqas Akhtar, - elected in November 2025, as well as the Head of Sports, Mr Djibrill Aoudou - elected in February 2026.

2. NOC Status

The PSF UK does not have recognition from the UK Sports Council or the British Olympic Association. The British Olympic Association (effectively the UK NOC) will only recognise a sport when it has already been recognised as an Olympic sport. As a result, Pencak Silat does not receive financial support from Government, - PSF UK funding is therefore limited to membership fees, sponsorship and fund-raising activities.

3. Organisational Structure

The PSF UK Executive Board is illustrated below.



Since 2023, we have gained 2 new active member clubs: Pencak Silat Setia Hati Pilangbango UK and Silat Seni Gayong UK, so that we now have a total of 12 member clubs.

1. Gerak Ilham, PS Bugis-Makassar: Founder Member; 150 members, 20 Tanding



- athletes, 6 TGR athletes, 2 International Wasit Juri, 7 National Wasit Juri, 5 Coaches
2. Perisai Diri: Founder Member: 10 members, not currently active
 3. Mustika Kwitang Putra Betawi: 15 members, mainly self-defence and artistic, 1 Coach
 4. Merpati Putih 12 members, 1 Coach, not active
 5. Cimande 10 members, mainly self-defence and artistic, 1 Coach
 6. Kuntao Matjan: 10 members, mainly self-defence and artistic, 1 Coach
 7. Panglipur: 13 members, mainly self-defence and artistic
 8. Harimau Minangkabau: 10 members, mainly self-defence and artistic
 9. KPS Nusantara (KPSN): 12 members, 3 Tanding athletes & 2 TGR athletes, 2 Coaches
 10. Persaudaraan Setia Hati Terate (PSHT): 100 members, 20 Tanding athletes & 6 TGR athletes, 10 Coaches
 11. Setia Hati Pilangbango: 20 members, mainly self defence & artistic, 2 National Wasit Juri
 12. Silat Seni Gayong UK: 15 members, mainly self defence & artistic, 1 National Wasit Juri

Most of our member perguruan are focused on traditional Pencak Silat, preferring to take part in artistic performances, rather than training for Tanding / competition categories, but we have a national team of about 30 adult athletes, mainly from Gerak Ilham, PSHT and KPSN.

UK athletes have always participated in international events in Europe, winning gold, silver and bronze medals, and we have always sent a team to the World Championships, where we have won Silver and several Bronze medals.

The PSF UK regularly engages in initiatives to promote Pencak Silat in the UK, taking part in Indonesian Embassy cultural events as well as participating in Malaysian High Commission events to showcase Pencak Silat.

The PSF UK has 2 International Wasit Juri, 1 Class 2 and 1 Class 3. We also have 7 National Wasit Juri, 3 of whom hope to upgrade to International at the next Upgrading Course.

4. Key Activities

Indonesian Embassy engagement

The PSF UK has an excellent relationship with the Indonesian Embassy in London. We are honored that the current Indonesian Ambassador is our Patron, and to have unofficially partnered with the Indonesian Embassy to assist their Public and Cultural Diplomacy programmes.

1st November 2024:

The PSF UK Vice President, Irfan Al Rashid met the Deputy Chief of Mission, Ibu Sahadatun Donatirin at the Indonesian Embassy in London (KBRI), and discussed and agreed opportunities for further collaborations in 2025.

1st October 2025:

A PSF UK delegation met with the Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Dr Desra Percaya, and also the Deputy Chief of Mission at KBRI. It was agreed at the meeting that PSF UK activities would be incorporated into the Embassy 2026 calendar, and to continue to work together to showcase Pencak Silat in the UK as an important and vibrant part of Indonesia's cultural identity and heritage.



Clear pathways were established for sponsorship, cultural collaboration, and community engagement moving forward.

13th May 2026:

A PSF UK delegation met the Deputy Chief of Mission and members of the Socio-Cultural Affairs Section at KBRI, establishing further co-operation with the Anglo-Indonesian Society and with PPI London, the Indonesian Student Union in London.



15th May 2026:

Building on the very productive meetings at KBRI, the PSF UK held a strategic meeting with the President of PPI London, and PPI London's Head of Sports. The PSF's Deputy President, together with the PSF's Head of Sports discussed collaboration, university engagement, cultural promotion, and the development of Pencak Silat activities within the Indonesian and wider student community.



International engagement:

PSF UK & EPSF Meeting with PERSISI 20th November 2025:

Irfan Al Rashid - PSF UK Vice President and EPSF Secretary General - met with representatives of PERSISI to discuss future collaborations between the 2 Federations, including help with Wasit Juri training, the possibilities of a joint UK and Team Singapore training camp, and coaching seminars.



Paris Olympics: PERSILAT Pencak Silat Showcase 27 July 2024:

The PSF UK, represented by Irfan Al Rashid, was invited by PERSILAT to attend the Pencak Silat demonstration during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Indonesia presented a demonstration team to showcase Pencak Silat on the world stage.

During the event, the PSF UK also participated in key discussions with H.E. President-elect Pak Prabowo, Mr Stefan Fox (President of AIMS), Indonesia's Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Dito Ariotedjo, and the President of the National Olympic Committee of Indonesia, Mr Raja Sapta Oktohari.



EPSF End-term Plenary Meeting 19th December 2024, Abu Dhabi, UAE:

The PSF UK participated in the European Pencak Silat Federation (EPSF) End-Term Plenary Meeting, held in Abu Dhabi alongside the Pencak Silat World Championships. The meeting brought together representatives from EPSF member federations to review the Federation's progress, discuss future priorities, and conduct elections for the next executive term. The Secretary General of PERSILAT was also in attendance to oversee the elections.

During the elections, PSF UK President, Pak Aidinal Alrasyid was re-elected as President of the EPSF, PSF UK Deputy President, Irfan Al Rashid was appointed as the new Secretary General, and Karin Langle was re-elected to continue serving as Treasurer. The appointments marked the beginning of a new leadership term, focused on strengthening governance, collaboration, and the continued development of Pencak Silat across Europe.



Participation in International Competitions:

Amsterdam Open Silat Tournament, The Netherlands 30th September 2023:

The PSF sent a team to compete in the Tanding categories, winning one Gold and one Bronze.



**Open Silat Tournament, Hoofddorp, The Netherlands
20 April 2024:**

A small team travelled to the Open event, winning 1 Bronze medal in male Tanding.

**Bank Mandiri European Open Championships, The Netherlands
21st – 23rd November 2024:**

The PSF sent a team of Seni and Tanding athletes to the European Open Championships in Leeuwarden, returning with 1 Gold medal and 2 Bronze.



**World Championships 2024, Abu Dhabi, UAE
18th – 22nd December 2024:**

The PSF UK sent a team to the UAE for the 20th World Pencak Silat Championships, held in Abu Dhabi. The small UK team was made up of 1 Tanding competitor and 2 Seni competitors. Despite excellent performances, none progressed to the medal positions.



25th Anniversary Belgian Open Pencak Silat Championship 2026 24th – 26th April 2026:

The PSF UK has participated in every Belgian Open Championship over the past 25 years, so we were delighted to once again be able to send a team: 7 Athletes - selected from 3 different member clubs - to the Championships held in Schoten. The UK delegation, headed by the PSF UK Deputy President included PSF UK officials and assistants from member clubs.

Though competing against elite athletes from Southeast Asia, across Europe and the wider Silat community, we won 4 medals, including 1 Silver.



5. Achievements, Future Goals and Challenges

Since venues have once again become again available, following the pandemic, the PSF UK has organised various seminars, so that our coaches and instructors can develop the skills of all our pesilat, sharing their knowledge and experience across our member clubs.

Athletes & Coach Development:

Seni & Tanding Seminar

25th March 2023:

18 pesilat from 2 member clubs took part in a day's Seminar in London, which focused on developing skills for both Seni and Tanding competition categories.



EPSF Athlete & Coach Training 3rd – 4th & 24th – 25th June 2023:

PSF UK coaches, officials and athletes took part in 4 days of an EPSF online Technical Training course, learning the then current PERSILAT Competition Rules and Regulations.

Tanding & Seni Seminar 30th September 2024

12 pesilat from 2 clubs took part in a Seminar in London, focused on Tanding and Seni skills development.



Instructor & Coach Training, Indonesia February 2025:

3 PSF UK coaches and instructors travelled to Indonesia for a 2-week training programme. Taking place in Sumedang and Bandung, the training focused on both Tanding and Seni competition skills.



Seni & Tanding Seminar

14th February 2026:

20 pesilat from 4 member clubs from across the UK took part in a day's Seni and Tanding Seminar in London. The seminar was a great success, consisting of an introduction to Tanding: reviewing scoring and serious violations, and an introduction to Seni competition categories.



Seni, Tanding & Traditional Seminar

23rd May 2026:

Perguruan Silat Seni Gayong UK hosted a seminar at Bristol University, with help from PSF UK officials to teach aspects of Tanding and Seni competition categories. The seminar was mainly attended by under 18s; the traditional training included Langkah and Ganda and was followed by Seni and Tanding training. Our coaches and instructors introduced the revised Tanding rules, based on the UK Team's recent experience at the Belgian Open.



Building on the enthusiasm of the participants and success of these seminars, the PSF UK will continue to organise such events once per quarter to encourage athlete development, as well as identifying potential participants for upcoming competitions. To further share knowledge and build competition experience, we will hold an interclub tournament in the Summer of 2026.

Wasit Juri Development:

The development and maintenance of Wasit Juri skills and qualifications are essential to maintaining safe and fair standards of competition for our athletes. The following training and refresher courses have been joined since 2023:

EPSF National Wasit Juri Course, The Netherlands

21st – 22nd November 2024:

7 PSF UK National Wasit Juri successfully undertook training in the National Wasit Juri Refresher Course conducted by the EPSF, prior to the European Open Championships in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands.

EPSF National Wasit Juri Refresher Course, London

20th – 21st September 2025:

The PSF UK was delighted to host an EPSF Refresher course in London, held across 2 days; the training was conducted by EPSF Wasit Juri trainers: Diana Kasanngali and Brien Soerodikromo from The Netherlands. The refresher course was part of our continued investment in the development of officials in the UK, and our commitment to working closely with EPSF and the wider international Pencak Silat community to support technical excellence and sporting development.





5 UK Wasit Juri, from 4 different member clubs of the PSF UK completed the course.

Before the 2026 Belgian Open, PSF UK Senior Coach, Djibrill Aoudou, and the following UK National Wasit Juri took part in the Refresher Course on the new Competition Rules, conducted by Ibu Titih Hayati of PERSILAT.

- Krzysztof Stobieniecki
- Shaiful Hakim
- Asadullah Ibn Saifullah

As well as acting as Wasit Juri at the Belgian Open, they have been selected for Wasit Juri duty at many other International competitions in Europe:

- Bank Mandiri European Open, Leeuwarden, November 2024
- NPSF International Open, Rotterdam, June 2025
- NPSF International Open Silat Tournament, Mijdrecht, September 2025
- Amsterdam Open Silat Tournament, October 2025
- NPSF Open Tournament, Leeuwarden, November 2025
- NPSF Open Tournament, Leeuwarden, January 2026
- NPSF Open Tournament, Amsterdam, June 2026

This demonstrates the high standard of professionalism shown by these Wasit Juri, and their commitment to developing and maintaining technical competition excellence in the UK, and within the wider Silat family.





WADA and Anti-doping programme:

In accordance with PERSILAT Competition Rules & Regulations and as part of our commitment to safe and fair competition, our athletes preparing for competition have taken the International Level Athletes Educational Programme, all obtaining their Anti-Doping Education & Learning Certificates.

Future Events:

- 11th July 2026: Silat Demonstration at the Anglo-Indonesian Society Summer Picnic, Ambassador's Residence, London
- August, September, October, November 2026: PSF UK Tanding & TGR Seminars
- 11th – 13th September 2026: participating in CelebrAsia event, in co-operation with KBRI
- Western Europe EPSF National WJ course – September 2026 (Location TBC)
- 5th – 15th December 2026: World Championships, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- The PSF UK will also take part in the various Dutch Open Championships across the year
- EPSF Seminar with Ivo Polak, EPSF Head of Technical (*date tbc*)

Future objectives:

The PSF UK objectives are to continue to promote Pencak Silat in the UK, developing athletes, coaches and Wasit Juri, and supporting the growth of member clubs, building participation in both competitive and traditional Pencak Silat. Through continued co-operation with PERSILAT, the EPSF, and other National Federations, the PSF UK will seek to further develop and maintain technical excellence and fair play. By furthering our co-operation with the Indonesian Embassy, the PSF UK will continue to highlight Pencak Silat as a vital aspect of cultural heritage. We will work to expand participation, build training and competition opportunities, and ensure that Pencak Silat continues to flourish in the UK for future generations.

PSF UK Profile:

The PSF UK maintains our Social Media presence via the following:

Website:

<https://www.pencaksilat.co.uk/index.html>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/pencaksilatuk/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pencaksilatuk/>