

Dear Martial Arts Friends, Competitors and Masters,

Welcome, our friends, fighters, coaches, trainers, masters and guests along with your organizations to our US Open Challenge 2014 at Mobile Civic Center on June 14th. This is the 24th US Open Challenge highlighting on Sanshou and Extreme Sanda for the last 2 decades.

The event promises not just an exciting fight in the ring but also it will give martial artists of all styles, amateur or future professional competitors a chance to express and test themselves and their skills and make friends at the same time in sportsmanship.

The Day Event will have many forms, weapons and light contact as well as continuous sports sparring with limited youth Sanda. Please consult event logistics and agenda lineup.

The Night Event, which is a “K. Superstar Search,” is designed to search for the future, best and most exciting MMA/Sanda professional competitors in the west.

It's been 20 years since I hosted the very first official US Open International Sanda/Sanshou fight in the US, which was at the Mobile Convention Center where my first group of great fighters such as David Sanders and Cung Le were produced.

The US Open Challenge is unlike any other MMA sport, as it has incorporated the full body with greater freedom and using all styles of combat skills. It is a very exciting combat match for audiences to watch. Fighters are allowed to apply techniques of punching, kicking, kneeing, throwing, interception and grappling.

To celebrate Sanda/Sanshou making its way to the US for 20 years, the Shaolin Chan Foundation and Shaolin Institute along with many other organizations and friends will host and sponsor this US Open Challenge in addition to many more US Open Challenges and K. Superstar Search events. For future competition information you may contact us at: 770-286-9808 or visit www.shaolin-world.net

Since 1994, the US Open International Martial Arts Championship has had many world class matches. Several international fighters and fighting superstars started their careers here having participated in the US Open International Martial Arts Championships in Mobile, AL. International teams from four continents have participated in the US Open International Martial Arts Championships. These include the South Africa Sanshou Team, the Egyptian team and European teams from Portland, Italy and Holland.

From Asia, the championships have seen the China Special Police team and China National Team. From Central and South America, participants have included the Brazilian Sanshou Team, Argentina Sanshou team, Mexican Sanshou team and participants from many other Pan American countries.

The US Open International Martial Arts Championship has presented many world class fighters. MMA Champion and World Sanshou Bronze medalist Cung Le, who started his first Sanshou competition in Mobile, Alabama, has won three US Open International Championship titles.

UFC fighter and World Sanshou Silver Medalist, Patrick Barry has won the US Open and K. Superstar competitions for both, US and world championship titles in the “KSF-Art of War” production three times.

UFC fighter Melvin Guilard won a silver medal in the 2003 US Open national team trial and the 2004 US Open International Martial Arts Championship title in the light weight division.

K. J. Noon International Sanshou and MMA Championship fighter won the International K. Superstar professional titles twice at the battle of “Art of War” in the US Open International Sanshou division.

Sanda King, the first Sanshou/Sanda World Cup Champion Li Jie won the 2004 US Open International Martial Arts Championship-K. Superstar professional main event title by defeating UFC fighter Rich Clementi.

Wael Karika Muhammed, World Sanshou Champion, Africa Sanshou Champion and undefeated MMA Champion won the 2007 US Open International Sanshou Championship and was seated in 2nd place at the “KSF-Art of War” production of the US Open International.

Since its inception in early 1990, there were over 30 US Open Sanshou/Sanda fighting challenge events held in the US, including 8 professional “Art of War” Sanshou/Sanda tournaments which were sponsored by the Shaolin Institute. If you have any question please contact us at: 251-662-3225 or visit www.shaolin-world.net, www.usaskf.org and www.artofwarsanshou.com

I sincerely hope you can be part of event and part of the legacy.

Sincerely

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