



BRITISH JUDO

Facts and Figures

- The British Judo Association has over 30,000 registered players at over 800 affiliated clubs.
- A quarter of all members are female.
- Approximately 75% of registered members are under 16.
- Research suggests that over 200,000 people in the UK regularly take part in Judo.
- Judo was accepted as an Olympic sport for men in 1964 and women in 1992.
- It has been one of Great Britain's most successful Olympic Sports – winning 16 medals.
- Great Britain has a strong track record of success at the Paralympics, including three gold medals.
- Great Britain has produced eight World Champions – Neil Adams, Diane Bell, Jane Bridge, Karen Briggs, Nicola Fairbrother, Kate Howey MBE, Graham Randall, and Sharon Rendle.
- The first ever World Championships took place in 1956 (men only). The first World Championships for women took place in New York in 1980 where Great Britain's Jane Bridge became World Champion.
- The first ever Judo Club in Europe opened in London in 1918 (the Budokwai is still running today).