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2003 EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN

The British Judo Association is this year hosting the 2003 European Men's Team Championships. The event will take place on Saturday 6th December at the Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre in Middlesex, and features teams from Great Britain, Georgia, Spain and the Ukraine. Great Britain qualifies as the host team, with Georgia, Spain and the Ukraine qualifying as the top three teams from the qualification event held after the European Championships earlier this year.

The tickets are priced £10 for Adults, £5 for OAP's and U16's, and only a limited number are available. So make sure you book your tickets early if you want to come along and support Great Britain as they compete on home soil for European Gold!

We are also offering youngsters the chance to take part in a judo coaching session at the competition venue on the morning of the event. Udo Quellmalz (BJA Performance Director and Olympic Gold Medallist) and Neil Adams (former World Champion) will be running a session for BJA Junior members aged 14 and under from 11:00-12:30. This will be a light-hearted and fun session aimed at giving young judo players the chance to spend some time on the mat with top BJA coaches.

BJA RESULTS SERVICE

The British Judo Results Service will be going live on the BJA website next Friday (17th October). Please send all your results in electronic format to [bja@britishjudo.org.uk](mailto:bja@britishjudo.org.uk)

BRITISH JUDO TO BENEFIT FROM NEW ENGLISH INSTITUTE OF SPORT CENTRE

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October Steve Cram officially launched the new Performance Centre at Bisham Abbey, home of the English Institute of Sport South East region. As part of the ceremony, National Judo Academy resident Craig Fallon presented the judogi he wore when he won his World Championship silver medal last month. Fellow resident European medallist Sophie Cox presented a photograph of the British Judo squad, which will be hung in the new centre.

The National Judo Academy will have full use of this world class, purpose-built facility, from which to deliver a range of support services to elite athletes in the region. British Judo will also use the centre for British squad training sessions. The Performance Centre - funded through the Sport England Lottery fund - forms part of the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, currently being developed on the site to support sport in the region at both elite and community levels.

BRITISH JUDO ON THE MOVE

Head Office will be moving to new premises at Loughborough University week commencing 10 November. Please be advised that the telephone will be unanswered from 4.30pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> November until 12pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. The telephone number will be changing and will be advised very shortly. Members sending post after the 7<sup>th</sup> should send it to the follow:

Unit B, Loughborough Technology Park, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3GE.

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

Do you or your club have a story to tell or do you have any suggestions for future website stories? If so, please contact Emma Reed (BJA Public Relations Officer) at [emmareed@britishjudo.org.uk](mailto:emmareed@britishjudo.org.uk)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

National Age Band Championships (B-D) - Crystal Palace (8/9 November 2003)  
European Men's Team Championships - Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre (6 December 2003)  
National Age Band Championships (A) - High Wycombe Judo Club (7 December 2003)  
National Grand Finals - Fenton Manor, Stoke on Trent (13 December 2003)  
National Young Men's & Women's Trials - Fenton Manor, Stoke on Trent (14 December 2003)

For more information on events please contact Jo Duff (BJA Events Manager) at [joduff@britishjudo.org.uk](mailto:joduff@britishjudo.org.uk)

### VACANCIES

Regional Development Officer (Sheffield based)