

# English Cadet, Junior and Senior Open

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**  
**Cadet, Junior and Seniors - Level 4**



Organiser Details:	England Judo Email: <a href="mailto:events@britishjudo.org.uk">events@britishjudo.org.uk</a>
Venue Address:	Walsall Sports Centre, Gorway Road, Walsall, WS13BD
Ranking:	Ranking event for Juniors and Seniors. Cadet Identification event for Cadets.
Seeding:	Will be taken from the current BJA ranking lists
Key Event Dates:	<p><b>Entry Close: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b></p> <p>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cadet Male</li> <li>- Junior Male</li> <li>- Senior Females</li> </ul> <p>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cadet Female</li> <li>- Junior Female</li> <li>- Senior Male</li> </ul>
Participation Criteria:	<p>Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors MUST have a VALID judo membership, and their grade must be correctly registered with BJA or affiliate. Please have your phone with you to show your digital membership card and grade.</p> <p>International competitors must produce proof of membership and grade to their federation (email/letter from their IJF recognised federation to the events team is the accepted method).</p>
Age Bands and Weight Categories:	<p><b><u>Cadets: (Armlocks and Strangles allowed)</u></b>  Year of birth: <b>2009, 2010 or 2011</b>  Minimum grade: <b>10<sup>th</sup> Mon or 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu</b>  Contest duration: All contests will be 4-minute duration</p> <p>Cadet Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg  Cadet Female: -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, 70kg, +70kg</p> <p><b><u>Juniors: (Armlocks and Strangles allowed)</u></b>  Year of birth: <b>2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011</b>  Minimum grade: <b>13<sup>th</sup> Mon or 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu</b>  Contest duration: All contests will be 4-minute duration.</p> <p>Junior Male: -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg  Junior Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg</p> <p><b><u>Seniors: (Armlocks and Strangles allowed)</u></b>  Minimum age: <b>14 years plus</b>  Minimum grade: <b>13<sup>th</sup> Mon or 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu</b>  Contest duration: All contests will be 4-minute duration.</p> <p>Senior Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg  Senior Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg</p>

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Registration and Weigh Ins:	<p><b><u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026</u></b></p> <p>Cadet Male: 08:15AM - 9:00AM Competition start: 10:00AM Senior Female: Estimated 11:00AM-11:30AM <small>Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes.</small> Junior Male: Estimated 12:30PM - 13:00PM <small>Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes.</small></p> <p><b><u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</u></b></p> <p>Cadet Female: 08:15AM - 9:00AM Competition start: 10:00AM Senior Male: Estimated 10:30AM - 11:00AM <small>Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes.</small> Juniors Female: Estimated 13:00PM - 13:30PM <small>Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes.</small></p> <p>All competitors will take part in an <b>OPEN</b> Weigh in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers and crew neck t-shirt/ rash guard.</p> <p><b>If there are any changes to weigh in times, entrants will be contacted by email.</b></p> <p>Please note: Test scales will be available at registration (The organisers must be notified of any weight category changes).</p>
Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules:	<p>The intended method of elimination for this event will be Compound Knockout with double Repechage for 8 players or more, 7 players or less will be pools. Contest times will be 4 minutes.</p> <p>IJF Rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No 30 second rule</li><li>• Judogi measurements as per 2017 IJF rules.</li><li>• 2017 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition.</li></ul> <p>The English Open will be strictly adhering to the mat side coaching rule in all categories. In the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coaches in the official mat side position can only advise the athlete during the mate-hajime period and NOT while the contest is in progress.</li><li>• Should any mat side coach not adhere to this guideline they will firstly be reminded of this rule by the referee and on receiving the second reminder in the same contest will need to remove themselves to the general public area for the rest of the event on that day.</li><li>• Other personnel who insist on shouting coaching points will also need to remove themselves to the general public seating area.</li></ul> <p>The wearing of white &amp; blue judogi is NOT COMPULSORY for this event, but any player wearing a blue suit must also have a white suit.</p> <p><b>This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes.</b> <b>This event is a ranking event for all age groups.</b></p>

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Entry Fee:	<p><u>Entry Fee Prior to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</u></p> <p>Single entry £30 per person  Double entry £55 per person (Cadets &amp; Juniors or Juniors &amp; Seniors)  Triple entry £80 per person (Cadets, Juniors &amp; Seniors)</p> <p><u>Entry Fee After 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</u></p> <p>Single Entry £40 per person  Double Entry £65 per person (Cadet &amp; Juniors or Juniors &amp; Seniors)  Triple Entry £80 per person (Cadets, Juniors &amp; Seniors)</p>
Photography/ Filming:	<p>By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the BJA or an official BJA contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future BJA publications or published by the contractors.</p>
Coaching Passes:	<p>Coaches will automatically be registered for the event when listed by their players. Their registration is subject to checks that their coach licence is valid. If coaches are not listed against a player, then coaches <b>MUST</b> be a VALID BJA Coach to be eligible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To gain matside access with their player (Level 2 &amp; matside)</li> </ul> <p>If your coach licence is not valid there is no matside coaching. (Only one coach per player will be permitted at any one time).  Coaching checks are carried out against the online registers only.</p>
Final Notes	<p>By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British Judo Association policies and codes of conduct. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transgender policy <a href="#">LINK</a></li> <li>Codes of conduct <a href="#">LINK</a></li> <li>Contest rules <a href="#">LINK</a></li> <li>Stoma bags: <a href="#">LINK</a></li> <li>Prosthetic limbs: <a href="#">LINK</a></li> </ul> <p>You must contact the organisers and <a href="mailto:events@bririshjudo.org.uk">events@bririshjudo.org.uk</a> if you require any support at the event or have any questions regarding the above points.  Please note that failure to comply with these policies and codes of conduct may result in not being able to compete/attend this event, or removal from the event, and notification to the British Judo</p>
<p><b>ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury).</b>  <b>PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.</b>  <b>ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.</b>  <b>Queries regarding bulk entries (10+) should be sent to the organiser by email.</b></p>	