



Midlands Area Open and Regional School Championships 24th January 2026

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Venue Address:	Walsall Sports Centre, WLV Gym, The University of Wolverhampton, Magdalene Road, Walsall WS1 3TA
Event Date:	24th January 2026
Entry process:	<p>Entry is via Judo Technologies Online Entries. Link: www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland</p> <p>The closing date for entries is January 18th. However, entries will close early if the event becomes full. Early entry is therefore advised.</p> <p>Entry fee: £15 Schools, £25 Area Open. £35 double entry (i.e. Schools and Area or cadets and seniors).</p>
Participation	<p>Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo membership card to registration along with their record book which shows they meet the minimum grade. Foreign entrants are welcome to enter the Open but must bring proof of membership of their National Federation which must be a member of EJU or IJF, they are not allowed entry to the Schools section of the event</p>
	REGIONAL SCHOOLS
Categories:	<p>This is a Level 2 Development event for years 6 & 7 and a level 3 development event for years 8 to 13 with the following restrictions:</p> <p>Years 6 & 7: No eligibility restrictions.</p> <p>Years 8 & 9: and Years 10 – 13: Any player who has won a medal at the last British Pre-Cadet/ Cadet/ Junior/ Senior Championships (December 2025). EXCEPTION: any player who won less than two contests at either event IS eligible. Any player with 100 points or more on the Cadet/ Junior/ Senior BJA ranking lists</p> <p>This event is open to all school children who comply with the criteria above and hold a current valid license of the BJA, Judo Scotland, NIJF, WJA, AJA or BJC.</p> <p>Players are able to change weight categories between this event and the British Schools Championships.</p>
Competition Format	<p>Armlocks & Strangles permitted in Academic Years 10 to 13. This category will be points scoring for eligible players</p> <p><u>Method of Elimination</u> The British Judo Association rules will apply throughout the competition. The method of competition will be compound knockout in categories of 8 or more players and pools and knockout in categories of 7 players or less. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or alter categories should entries dictate. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.</p>
	<p><u>Contest Times</u></p> <p>Academic Years 6 & 7: 3 minutes, 3 minutes Golden Score, Referees Decision. Academic Years 8 & 9: 3 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score. Academic Years 10 to 13: 4 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score.</p>

Age Bands & Weight Categories	<p>Academic Years 6 & 7 (born 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2015) Minimum grade 4th mon (bottom yellow belt). Male: -27kg, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, and +55kg. Female: -28kg, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, and +57kg.</p> <p>Technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 6 & 7</p> <p>Academic Years 8 & 9 (born 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2013) Minimum grade 6th mon (top yellow belt). Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg and +66kg. Female: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg and +63kg.</p> <p>Academic Years 10 to 13 (born 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2011) Minimum grade 9th mon (top orange belt) or 4th kyu (senior orange belt). Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg and +90kg. Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg and +70kg.</p> <p>Please note that the minimum grades for regional competitions are lower than the minimum grade for the British Schools Championships</p>
	<p>MIDLAND OPEN</p> <p>Minors & Precadets Level 3 Cadets & Seniors Level 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is a ranking event for Seniors.</p>
Age Bands & Weight Categories	<p>Minors: Born 2014, 2015 (3 min contests, BJA technical restrictions will apply, no arm locks or strangles allowed). There are no specific weight categories, players will be grouped by weight. This prevents young children from trying to make weight limits and also evens out numbers in categories.</p> <p>Pre-Cadets: Born 2012, 2013 Min Grade: 7th Mon / Orange Belt (3 min contests, arm locks and strangles NOT allowed) Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg Boys: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg</p> <p>Cadets: Born 2009, 2010, 2011 Minimum Grade: 10th Mon / 3rd kyu / Green Belt (4 min contests, arm locks and strangles allowed) Girls: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70 kg, +70kg Boys: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg</p> <p>Seniors (Must be a minimum of 14 years of age on day of event) (4 min contest) Women: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>The organisers reserve the right to combine categories where numbers dictate.</p>
Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules	<p>The method of elimination for this event will be compound knockout, with twin or single pools if fewer than eight entrants in a category. Minors will be single or twin pools. This is a Level Three event.</p> <p>Current IJF Rules as amended by BJA rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 30 second rule • Judogi measurements as per 2018 IJF rules. • 2018 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition. <p>Blue judogi is not compulsory. All players must provide their own blue and white belts. This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes (cadets and seniors).</p>

Registration & Weigh-In	Schools entries Years 10 – 13 9.00 – 9.30		
	Other weigh in times will be published once the entry has closed		
	All categories will have an Open Weigh in		
	Gender	Dress code	Weight allowance
	All Female and Male U18	Must wear a t-shirt/ rash guard, with competition legal trousers	0.8Kg
	Male 18 and over	Must wear a t-shirt/ rash guard, with competition legal trousers	0.8Kg
Photography/ Filming	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. Coaches should inform the organiser if any player wishes to opt out.		

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:

- Transgender policy <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibility-and-participation-in-competition-policy/>
- Codes of conduct <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/>
- Contest rules <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/>
 - <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/>
- Stoma bags: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/>
- Prosthetic limbs: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/>

You must contact the organisers and events@britishjudo.org.uk 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 Association.

These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event has a good experience.

