

<b>Organisation / Entries:</b>	North West Area <a href="mailto:admin@nwjudo.com">admin@nwjudo.com</a>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>SKK Judo Club</b> , Legh St/Viaduct St, Newton le Willows. WA12 9NH
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>Entry Process:</b>	Online entry via: <a href="http://nwjudo.com">nwjudo.com</a>
<b>Participation:</b>	<p>This is a Level 2 Development event for Academic Years 4,5 6 &amp; 7 and a Level 3 Development event for Academic Years 8 to 13 and <b><u>is not open to the following:</u></b></p> <p><b>Years 4 &amp; 5:</b> No eligibility restrictions.</p> <p><b>Years 6 &amp; 7:</b> No eligibility restrictions.</p> <p><b>Years 8 &amp; 9:</b> Any player who has won a medal at last year's British Pre-Cadet or Cadet Championships (December 2025). EXCEPTION: any player who won less than two contests at either event IS eligible.</p> <p><b>Years 10 – 13:</b> Any player with 100 points or more on the ranking list after the British Cadet or Junior Championships (31<sup>st</sup> December 2025).</p> <p>This event is open to all school children who comply with the criteria above and hold a current valid licence of the BJA, Judo Scotland, NIJF, WJA, BJC or AJA.</p> <p>Players can change weight categories between this event and the British Schools Championships.</p> <p><b>NO VALID LICENCE - NO CONTEST – NO EXCEPTIONS – NO JUDO</b></p>
<b>Competition Format:</b>	<p><b>Technical Restrictions will apply in Years 4, 5, 6 &amp; 7 and below.</b></p> <p><b>Armlocks &amp; Strangles <u>permitted</u> in Academic Years 10 to 13. This category will be points scoring for eligible players</b></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> Academic Years 4 &amp; 5, 6 &amp; 7: 3 minutes, 3 minutes Golden Score, Referees Decision. Academic Years 8 &amp; 9: 3 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score. Academic Years 10 to 13: 4 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score.</p>

<b>Seeding:</b>	There is no seeding.
<b>Weight Categories:</b>	<p><b>Academic Years 4 &amp; 5:</b> (born 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017) Minimum grade 1<sup>st</sup> mon (Bottom Red 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><b>Academic Years 6 &amp; 7</b> (born 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2015) Minimum grade 4<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Under 12 years technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 4, 5 6 &amp; 7</b></p> <p><b>Academic Years 8 &amp; 9</b> (born 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2013) Minimum grade 6<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Academic Years 10 to 13</b> (born 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2011) Minimum grade (for years 10 and 11) 9<sup>th</sup> mon (Top Orange Belt) or 4<sup>th</sup> kyu (Senior Orange Belt). Minimum grade (for years 12 and 13) 9<sup>th</sup> mon (Top Orange Belt) or 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Also, ranking list eligibility for the British Schools Championships will go by the ranking list as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. If players rise up the ranking list between this event and December 31<sup>st</sup> into a non-eligible position, they will lose the right to compete at the British Schools Championships.</p>
<b>Registration &amp; Weigh In</b>	<p>OPEN weigh in: ALL female and male competitors MUST present themselves to the weigh-in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers and must wear a plain crew neck t-shirt/rash guard for weigh ins. <b>All competitors will receive a 0.8kg allowance.</b></p> <p>Weigh-in times should be decided by hosts, but we recommend as follows: Years 4/5: 8.30 to 9.00 Years 6/7: Years 8/9: Years 10-13:</p> <p>To be confirmed by email/Facebook and other media sources after closing date.</p>
<b>British School Championships guidelines – for judoka and parents:</b>	<p><b>Judoka</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help beginners or lower grades, if you can.</li> <li>• Follow all judo rules throughout the event.</li> </ul>

- Bow correctly at the beginning and end of a contest. It is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.
- Accept decisions; let your coach ask any necessary questions.
- Control your temper, do not shout or abuse other judoka or officials.
- Be a good sport, cheer all good play, and respect all of your fellow judoka.
- Remember that the aims of the British Schools Championships are to have fun, help you develop as a judoka, improve your skills, and conduct yourself in a sportsman-like manner.
- Represent the ideals, disciplines and etiquette of British Judo to the highest level.
- Treat all judoka as you would like to be treated, do not take unfair advantage of any judoka.
- Co-operate with your coach and opponents, without them you do not have a game.
- Contestants without instruction, adjust their judogi, so that the front and back of the jacket are inside the belt after every mate.

#### **Parents/ Coaches**

- Please be aware that children develop differently, at different rates and react differently to the same pressures.
- Children and young people are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment as well as yours and so please respect this at all times.
- Always encourage your child to train and compete by the rules of judo.
- Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each contest is accepted without unnecessary disappointment and with a positive sporting attitude.
- Never ridicule or shout at your child/judoka for making a mistake or losing a contest.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not question publicly the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Set an example by being friendly to the parents of the opposition, emphasise enjoyment and fun, praise and reinforce effort and improvement.
- Coaching is allowed throughout competition.
- Please remind your child/judoka that without instruction, they should adjust their judogi, so that the front and back of the jacket are inside the belt after every mate (see new BJA rules).

<b>Closing Date for Entries:</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>£25.00</b> online entry only: <a href="http://nwjudo.com">nwjudo.com</a>
<b>Spectator Tickets:</b>	£2.00
<b>Photography:</b>	By entering this event you are complying with British Judo policy
<b>Coaching Passes/group leader:</b>	

	<p>Coaches MUST produce a VALID BJA Coach Card in person in order to be eligible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To gain entry free of charge to BJA centrally administered National Events. This excludes EJU and IJF events.</li> <li>To gain mat-side access with their player at a BJA centrally administered National Event (Only one coach per player will be permitted at any one time). Minimum Level 1 coach award.</li> </ul> <p>If you are attending the event but will not have a coach with you (For example you are travelling with your PE teacher) please include this information on the entry form.</p>
<p><b>Policies and Codes of Conduct</b></p>	<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="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibility-and-participation-in-competition-policy/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibility-and-participation-in-competition-policy/</a></li> <li>Codes of conduct <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/</a></li> <li>Contest rules <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Stoma bags: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/</a></li> <li>Prosthetic limbs: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/</a></li> </ul> <p>You must contact the organisers and <a href="mailto:events@britishjudo.org.uk">events@britishjudo.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 Association.</p> <p>These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event have a good experience.</p> <p><b><i>Using the space provided on the online entry form, please inform the event organisers of any of the following information that you may feel relevant</i></b></p> <p>Do you identify as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woman/ Girl</li> <li>Man/ Boy</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> <p>Do you require any further support from the Event Organisers for this event entry? For example, are you an athlete with a mobility and physical impairment; live with a mental health condition; learning disability; visual impairment; stoma bag; a prosthetic; diabetes implant; or other and would like the Event Organisers to take note of any support you require to compete at this event. Please note that this information will be shared with British Judo Events Team to ensure the organisers can provide the appropriate support. If you have any questions, please email: <a href="mailto:events@britishjudo.org.uk">events@britishjudo.org.uk</a></p>