



British National Team Championships 4th July 2026



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Venue Address:	Walsall Sports Centre, The University of Wolverhampton, Broadway, Walsall WS1 3EZ
Entry process:	Entry is via BACS. Please make payments to: Account name: BJA Midland Area Bank: Lloyds Sort code: 30-98-97 Account number: 84366863 The closing date to enter teams is 19th June 2026. The details of the teams (ie names etc) must be entered by 26th June 2026.
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each players Area or Home Country must be shown on their proof of membership.• A player may, if eligible, compete in both Cadet / Junior and Senior Teams.• Players must satisfy the minimum and maximum limits (if applicable) of their weight category.• One team per category per BJA Area or Home Country. <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.</p>
Age Bands & Weight Categories	<p>Pre-Cadets and Minors: Born 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Min Grade: 7th Mon / Orange Belt (3 min contests, no arm locks or strangles allowed) Pre-Cadet and Minor Girls: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg Pre-Cadet and Minor Boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, +60kg</p> <p>Cadets and Juniors: Born 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 Min Grade: 10th Mon / Green Belt (4 min contests, arm locks and strangles allowed) Cadet and Junior Girls: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg Cadet and Junior Boys: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, +81kg</p> <p>Seniors (Must be a minimum of 14 years of age on day of event) Minimum Grade: 1st Kyu / Brown Belt (4 min contest) Women: -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg Men: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg</p> <p>Players in the Minors / Pre-Cadet teams will compete under Level Three Rules, with no strangles (shime-waza) and arm locks (kansetsu-waza) permitted. All other teams will compete under Level Four Rules.</p>
Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules	<p>The method of elimination for this event will be pools to knockout and repechage.</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>Team Event Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams shall fight in weight order (lightest to heaviest)• Before each round the team coach must present to the Technical Official the composition of the team. Once it is presented it cannot be changed.• At each team contest the team coach has the right to replace one or several competitors by other(s) competitors from the same weight categories or the weight category below.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All competitors presented for the team contest on the list to the official and at the official bow on the mat have to compete. If one competitor does not compete the team will lose that place by disqualification. • A competitor, who has presented themselves for the contest and does not compete, loses the right to compete in the event. • If no competitor is stood in a particular weight group place at the team bow at the start of a team contest (Fusen-Gachi) that place will remain empty for that team for the rest of the tournament. • After the team bow the byes are displayed on the scoreboard and wins are given. • These byes are skipped later, no player needs to return to the tatami to bow again if there is no contest to be fought. • Any player who receives a Direct Hansoku-Make against the spirit of Judo will not be allowed to continue for the rest of the competition and it will not be possible to replace the disqualified player. • An injured player may forfeit a contest without competing (Kiken-Gachi) on only one occasion, in order to keep the space open for future rounds of the competition. • If an individual contest is a draw after the allotted contest time, there will be an unlimited Golden Score period. • The winning team is the team with the most number of individual contest wins, if individual wins are level then the team with the wins by the higher total of individual points is the winner. • It is compulsory that all athletes listed for the match compete until the team reaches the winning result. If an athlete refuses to compete the team will be disqualified. • If one team does not arrive for a match, the other team will be declared the winner. <p>The draw for the competition will take place on Saturday morning after weigh-in has finished, a representative from each Area will be invited to be present at the draw.</p> <p>Blue judogi is not compulsory. All teams must provide their own blue and white belts.</p> <p>Back Patches</p> <p>Back patches that state a different country must be removed before competition. You will not be allowed to compete with a back patch showing a federation outside of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Back patches are not obligatory.</p> <p>Medals will be presented after all matches in the category have been completed.</p> <p>This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes.</p>
Seeding	Seeding will be based on the competition held in 2025
Registration & Weigh-In	<p>Saturday 4th July 2026 Cadet /Juniors: 08:15 – 08.45 To be followed by Minor/Pre-Cadet Teams and Senior Teams: The precise weigh time for these will be published and communicated via the BJA website after the closing date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All players will be weighed in an OPEN weigh in with judogi trousers and t-shirt (0.8 kg allowance). • Cadets competing in the Cadet/Junior Team also competing in Senior Team will have their weight carried over, no need to re-weigh. <p>Test scales will be available</p>
Entry Fees	<p>Senior Teams £150 Minors & Pre-cadet Male Team £210 Minors & Pre-cadet Female Team £150 Cadet & Junior Male Team £210 Cadet & Junior Female Team £150</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. Team managers should inform the organiser if any member of a team wishes to opt out.</p>
Area Team Managers	<p> Eastern - ea-secretary@judouk.org London - londonareajudosecretary@gmail.com Midland - Bill Kelly trinamkel@blueyonder.co.uk or info@bjamidlandarea.co.uk Northern - squadmanager@bjanorthernarea.org.uk Northern Home Counties - nhccoaching@gmail.com Northern Ireland - admin@nijudo.com North West - info@nwajudo.org.uk Police Sport UK - paajudo@aol.com Scotland - info@judoscotland.com Southern - info@sajudo.org.uk Wales - office@welshjudo.com Western - contact@wajudo.org.uk Yorkshire & Humberside - Davedunsford63@gmail.com </p>