



Northern Ireland Open Championships 2026

Junior, Seniors and Veterans

BJA Level 4 Event (Veterans Level 3)

Organisational/Entries:	Northern Ireland Judo Federation, House of Sport, 2a Upper Malone Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT9 5LA Competition enquiries email: events@nijudo.com
Venue:	Foyle Arena, 2 Limavady Road Derry/Londonderry, BT47 6JY Telephone: (028) 71 376555
Date:	Sunday 12th April 2026
Eligibility:	All players must have a current up-to-date membership of the BJA, NIJF, WJA, Judo Scotland, BJC or AJA. All international players must produce proof of membership to their federation Juniors: Year of birth 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 – Contest time 4 mins - minimum grade – green belt (10th Mon/3rd Kyu) (all Cadets may also compete in the Junior category) Seniors: Year of birth – Minimum age of 14 years on day of competition – Contest time 4 mins – green belt (10th Mon/3rd Kyu) Veterans: Year of birth – Minimum age of 30 years on day of competition – Contest time 3 mins. Minimum grade – Green Belt It is the judoka's/parent's responsibility to check that their membership/licence is in date and that they meet the eligibility criteria to compete. Competitors who are entering a category which is different to their sex assigned at birth are requested to contact safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.
Competition Format:	Knockout with Compound Repechage for categories with eight or more competitors. Categories with fewer than eight competitors will be fought in pools or pools to knockout. The Tournament will be run under BJA Rules as per latest Tournament Handbook. This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes. IJF Rules will be in operation. Please note the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No 30 second rule• BJA Technical Restrictions will apply to Minors categories. The wearing of WHITE judogi is compulsory at this event; any competitors choosing to wear Blue Judogi must also have a white Judogi when required. <u>Competitors should bring their own white and blue belts for competition use.</u>
Seeding:	Seeding for the Junior and Senior event will be based on the current GB Ranking list.
Weight Categories:	Junior Male -55kgs, -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, -100kgs, +100kgs Junior Female -44kgs, -48kgs, -52kgs, 57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kg, +78kgs

	<p>Senior Male -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, -100kgs, +100kgs</p> <p>Senior Female -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kgs, +78kgs</p> <p>(STRANGLES AND ARMSOCKS PERMITTED IN ALL CATEGORIES)</p> <p>Veterans category 1: 30-39 years of age (M1/M2 & F1/F2)</p> <p>Male -60kg, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, -100kgs, +100kg</p> <p>Female -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kgs, +78kgs</p> <p>Veterans Category 2: 40-49 years of age (M3/M4 & F3/F4)</p> <p>Male -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>Female -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kgs, +78kgs</p> <p>Veterans Category 3: 50-59 years of age (M5/M6 & F5/F6)</p> <p>Male -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>Female -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kgs, +78kgs</p> <p>(STRANGLES AND ARMSOCKS PERMITTED IN ALL CATEGORIES)</p> <p>Players can change weight categories during the registration process (weight changes must take place prior to the player stepping on the official weigh in scales).</p> <p>The Northern Ireland Judo Federation reserves the right to amalgamate adjacent weight categories depending on the number of entries in the respective weight categories.</p>
	<p>The official registration and weigh-in will take place –</p> <p><u>Sunday 12th April 2026</u></p> <p>Juniors - 8.00am to 8.30am (Test Scales available)</p> <p>Seniors - 8.30am to 9.00am (Test Scales available)</p> <p>Veterans - 11.00am to 11.30am (Test Scales available)</p> <p>Please note: Competitors who are competing in both Junior and Senior or Senior and Veterans categories should collect both their registration cards and weigh in during the allocated Junior/Senior weigh in time.</p> <p>An open weigh in will be conducted at this event therefore ALL competitors must weigh-in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers and a t-shirt (a 0.8kg allowance will be given).</p> <p>Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category.</p> <p>All Cadets who competed at the Saturday event and are competing in the Junior event on the Sunday must register and weigh-in for the Junior event during the allocated time, they will not be required to make their weight category limit but should be within 5% of the maximum weight limit for their weight category.</p> <p>Test scales will be available at registration (where the officials must be notified of any weight category changes).</p> <p>Please note: No changes of weight category will be permitted after the player has weighed in on the official scales.</p> <p>All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo licence/membership to registration and also their record book showing they meet the minimum grade requirement (valid digital versions accepted).</p> <p>The use of mobile phones is NOT PERMITTED in the weigh in area (except if required for membership/grade proof).</p>
Competition Start:	Sunday 12th April 2026

	Competition starts: 09.30am
Matside Coaching/Coaching Passes:	Coaching passes may be obtained at the Safeguarding Desk. Coaches must produce a valid Governing Body Coach Award to receive a coaching pass. Only coaches with a coaching pass will be allowed matside. Only one coach should be matside per player at any one time
Closing Date:	Wednesday 1st April 2026 Northern Ireland Judo Federation reserve the right to close the entry prior to the published closing date if the maximum entry number permitted is reached.
Entry Information:	<p>£30 per individual entry; £45 per double entry (Cadet/Junior or Senior/Master); £55 per triple entry (Cad/Jun/Sen) (Includes online booking admin fee.)</p> <p>ON-LINE ENTRY ONLY</p> <p>All payments must be made by Credit or Debit Card via the online system when entering.</p> <p>Your entry will not be accepted without payment being made.</p> <p>Online entry enquiries – events@nijudo.com</p> <p>Spectators: £3 per person per day (children u16 free) – payable on the day</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"> - 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/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 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/
Photography:	Photographs may be taken for promotional purposes including publication on websites. By entering the event all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the Northern Ireland Judo Federation at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future N I Judo Federation publications. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact events@nijudo.com In line with the British Judo's Safelandings Policies and Procedures, the organisers of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video or photography must register their details with staff at the Safeguarding desk before carrying out any such photography.
Doping Control:	<p><i>Testing may be conducted by UK Sport.</i></p> <p><i>UK Sport may conduct drug testing at this event. Therefore, any player entering the event may be drug tested, and will need to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) if taking any medication containing banned substances. For further information see the drug-free sport section of the UK Sport website www.uksport.gov.uk</i></p>

**ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
(including injury)**

**CHANGES TO THE TOURNAMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S
DISCRETION**

**PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY
FEE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. ONLINE ENTRY ONLY.**