



## SAMURAI EVENTS 2026

Venue: Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 7DY

### Competitions and Gradings

Sat	Jun	6	Dan Grading for Men & Women
Sat	Jul	18	Samurai Mini-Me (Yellow & Under)
Sat	Oct	11	Rod Lane Senior Low Kyu Grades
Sat	Nov	7	Dan Grading for Men & Women
Sat	Nov	21	Boys Green & Under
Sun	Nov	22	Girls Green & Under & Ladies Blue & Under

### BJA Courses (all info and booking via BJA events calendar)

Sept 19-20			Level 2 Coach course (also 17-18 Oct and 15 Nov)
Sun	Nov	8	Safeguarding and First Aid course
Sat	Nov	14	Technical Grading 1 & 2

Weigh-in times will be posted on the club website and Facebook page a week before the event. This makes it important that entries are in on time. Please be warned that our events are almost always oversubscribed: entries close when we are full, even if this is before the closing date. Entries cannot be taken on the day, except for the Dan Gradings. Even then, prior entry is preferred and cheaper. No spectator fees for any of our events.

For further info, visit the website at [www.samurai.org.uk](http://www.samurai.org.uk) or go to

[www.onlineentries.co.uk/samurai](http://www.onlineentries.co.uk/samurai)

Email [club@samurajudo.uk](mailto:club@samurajudo.uk)



Those with a credit from any previous Samurai event can transfer their entry fee to any one of these events. Do not enter online, email us with entry details and we will do the rest. Please do this early as we can't do this once the event is full.



# SAMURAI JUDO CLUB



## Dan Grading for Men and Women

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

### Categories

This is a BJA dan grading for men and women currently graded 1st kyu to 4th dan.

This follows our previous extremely successful gradings, we average over 60 players at each grading and usually have high grades, male and female, up to 4th dan. At our last grading we had 100 entries including 30 women. We therefore confidently expect a high turnout of all grades for this grading.

We ask people to enter early in advance so that we can inform others interested in attending as to how many players there are in each grade section.

Masters will be paired together where reasonably possible.

Under the new theory system, no theory assessments can be done on the day.

### Book-In

Male 1<sup>st</sup> kyu: 9.30 – 9.50 am

Male Dan grades: 11.30-12.00 noon

All women: 11.30-12.00 noon

### Eligibility

All candidates must hold current BJA membership and be a minimum of 15 years of age. Candidates must be BJA 1st kyu or above. Players holding AJA or BJC grades and wishing to convert to BJA grades are also welcome, please contact us by email to discuss, well in advance of the event.

For dan grades, please note that it is the COMPETITIVE dan grade which is the relevant grade. For example, a competitive 2nd dan who holds a technical 3rd dan is regarded for the purposes of this grading as a 2nd dan.

### Entry

Entry fee: £22 if booked & paid online in advance. £30 if paid on the day. Spectators free.

Enter and pay online, go to [www.onlineentries.co.uk/samurai](http://www.onlineentries.co.uk/samurai) Even if you intend to pay on the day, please email with your intention to enter so that we know who is coming.

Closing date for entries: June 2. Early entry will help us plan, so please get your entries in early.

Please ensure that ALL required information is on your entry. Email us if for any reason it is not.

Confirmation of purchase is also confirmation of entry.

Enquiries: e-mail: [club@samurajudo.uk](mailto:club@samurajudo.uk)

For further info, visit the website at [www.samurai.org.uk](http://www.samurai.org.uk) or our Facebook page.

For contact in case of emergency on day of competition **only:** 07986 422335

Competitors who are entering a category which is different to their sex assigned at birth are requested to contact [safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk) at the earliest opportunity.





## Samurai Mini-Me's Minimon

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

### Categories

Boys and Girls red and yellow belts.

All players will be sorted into categories of 4 or 5 where possible after weighing in. Every competitor will receive a medal.

Notes: This is an event for inexperienced players, not gong-hunters. It should be seen as an introduction to competitive judo for newer players. Positive coaching is welcomed.

### Weigh-In

All weigh-in times will be posted on the club website and Facebook page a week before the event or when we have all the entries in. The first weigh-in will not start until 9.30 am.

### Notes

All competitors must be under 16 years old on the day (minimum age 8) & hold current BJA membership or equivalent. Those with non-BJA grades should not hold grades above yellow. Players weigh in wearing judogi bottoms and a t-shirt. BJA Level One event.

BJA Technical Restrictions will apply in all categories, irrespective of age.

### Entry

Entry fee: £17 per player; £20 if entered in advance but paid on the day. NO entries on the day.

Spectators free.

Closing date for entries: July 11 or when event is full if that is earlier. This event will be oversubscribed, so early entry is advised.

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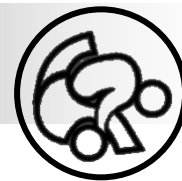
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## Rod Lane Senior Low Kyu Grades

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

This event is held in memory of Rod Lane, a Samurai and BJA stalwart of many years, a referee, coach and club vice-chair.

### Categories

GROUP A: Men novice to yellow belt

GROUP B: Men orange to blue belt

GROUP C: Women novice to yellow belt

GROUP D: Women orange to blue belt

Competitors will be sorted into weight groups depending on the entry, ideally in groups of 8 so that there are two pools into crossover. Veterans may be separated if there are sufficient entries.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are an experienced BJJ player or similar but do not hold a judo grade, DO NOT enter the green & below sections. These are for genuine inexperienced players. If in doubt, email us to discuss.

### Weigh-In

All weigh-in times will be posted on the club website and Facebook page a week before the event or when we have all the entries in. The first weigh-in will not start until 9.30 am.

### Notes

We reserve the right to combine or alter categories if entries dictate.

All competitors must hold BJA membership or equivalent & must be at least 14 years of age.

Men grades should enter the equivalent senior colour grade for that section. Those holding non-BJA grades should not hold grades above the colours stated. Competition will be pools, K.O. and repechage. BJA Level Two event.

### Entry

Entry fee: £17 per player; £20 if entered in advance but paid on the day. NO entries on the day. Spectators free. Closing date for entries: Oct 3 or when event is full. This event will be oversubscribed, so early entry is advised.

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## Dan Grading for Men and Women

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026

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Masters will be paired together where reasonably possible.

Under the new theory system, no theory assessments can be done on the day.

### Book-In

Male 1<sup>st</sup> kyu: 9.30 – 9.50 am

Male Dan grades: 11.30-12.00 noon

All women: 11.30-12.00 noon

### Eligibility

All candidates must hold current BJA membership and be a minimum of 15 years of age. Candidates must be BJA 1st kyu or above. Players holding AJA or BJC grades and wishing to convert to BJA grades are also welcome, please contact us by email to discuss, well in advance of the event.

For dan grades, please note that it is the COMPETITIVE dan grade which is the relevant grade. For example, a competitive 2nd dan who holds a technical 3rd dan is regarded for the purposes of this grading as a 2nd dan.

### Entry

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Closing date for entries: Nov 3. Early entry will help us plan, so please get your entries in early.

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## Boys Green & Under Championships

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

No British National Pre Cadet or Cadet Championships medallists allowed

### Categories

GROUP A: Boys Red & Yellow Belts

GROUP B: Boys Orange & Green belts

### Weigh-In

All weigh-in times will be posted on the club website and Facebook page a week before the event or when we have all the entries in. The first weigh-in will not start until 9.30 am.

There are no weight categories. All players will be sorted into groups by weight, age and grade.  
Group A: all categories will be single pools with all players receiving a medal.  
Group B: will generally be two pools into semi-finals and final. (Single pools will be used if needed)

### Notes

All competitors must be under 16 years old on the day (minimum age 8) & must have a current BJA licence or equivalent. Players weigh in wearing judogi bottoms and a t-shirt.

Group A: BJA Level One event. BJA Technical Restrictions will apply.

Group B: BJA Level Two event, no technical restrictions.

### Entry

Entry fee: £17 per player; £20 if entered in advance but paid on the day. NO entries on the day.

Spectators free.

Closing date for entries: Nov 7 or when event is full if that is earlier. This event will be oversubscribed, so early entry is advised.

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## Girls Green & Ladies Blue & Under

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

### Categories

No British National Pre Cadet or Cadet Championships medallists allowed

GROUP A: Girls Red & Yellow Belts

GROUP C: Women Blue & Under

GROUP B: Girls Orange & Green belts

### Weigh-In

All weigh-in times will be posted on the club website and Facebook page a week before the event or when we have all the entries in. The first weigh-in will not start until 9.30 am.

Players weigh in wearing judogi bottoms and a t-shirt.

There are no weight categories. All players will be sorted into groups by weight, age and grade.

Group A: all categories will be single pools with all players receiving a medal.

Groups B & C: generally two pools into semi-finals and final. (Single pools will be used if needed)

### Notes

All competitors must have a current BJA licence or equivalent.

Groups A & B must be under 16 years old on the day (minimum age 8).

Group C minimum age 14 years. Group A: BJA Level One event. Groups B & C: BJA Level Two event.

BJA Technical Restrictions will apply in Group A. Strangles and armlocks are allowed in Group C only.

Players who qualify can enter both groups B & C. This can be done on the day with no extra charge.

### Entry

Entry fee: £17 per player; £20 if entered in advance but paid on the day. NO entries on the day.

Spectators free.

Closing date for entries: Nov 7 or when event is full if that is earlier. This event will be oversubscribed, so early entry is advised.

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## Technical Officials Course

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

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Being a technical official can be of great benefit to your club – and you get one of the best seats at a competition from which to watch the judo!

### Requirements to sit exam

Level	Minimum Age	Minimum Judo Grade	BJA membership
Contest Recorder (CR)	13 Years	None required	None required
Senior Recorder (SR)	18 Years	None required	Recreational (or full) licence

### Other Requirements

Candidates should have done at least 4 events since their last qualification.

Candidates for CR do not need to have previously gained Timekeeper award, but if not should have a good understanding of judo terms and should preferably (but not essentially) have had some experience of working on a table at an event (which could include a dan grading).

### Notes

There will be 2 courses running simultaneously, 1 for CR and 1 for SR. Candidates can only sit one course and exam.

It is possible (and preferable) to qualify as Timekeeper (TK) “on the job” prior to the day and then go for CR.

Those wishing to take the courses **MUST** register in advance.

Bring a notebook and Pen (no judogi required). Anybody may sit the CR course, parents and non-players are welcome. Examinees for senior recorder must hold a current BJA membership to take the assessment at the end of the course (membership not required for CR). There is no grade requirement for the qualifications; indeed, you don't need to have done judo at all to become a Technical Official, although familiarity with referees' words and signals will help.

Course Fee: FREE.

Start Time 9:30 for 9:45am

Estimated Finish Time: 4:00pm

To book a place, simply email us to let us know you are coming, no later than June 12<sup>th</sup>. Simple!  
We need the following info: name, club, judo grade (if any), age and present qualification (if any).

Enquiries e-mail [club@samurajudo.uk](mailto:club@samurajudo.uk)

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