



# THE KENT OPEN 2026

## FOR UNDER 16'S, JUNIORS, SENIORS & MASTERS

A Level 3 Event

Organisation	B.J.A Kent County Enquiries; <a href="mailto:kentjudocomps@outlook.com">kentjudocomps@outlook.com</a>												
Entries	Online Entries only, via BJA online entries,												
Venue	Medway Park Leisure Centre Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 IHF												
Date	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 - U16 Competitors Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Juniors, Seniors and Masters												
Registration and Weigh In	<p><b>All competitors must hold a valid BJA, affiliate or their national organisation licence.</b></p> <p><b><u>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026</u></b> – Competitors must be 8-15 years old on the day of the competition</p> <table><tr><td>A - Yellow Belt Boys</td><td>8.00am – 9.00am</td></tr><tr><td>A - Yellow Belt Girls</td><td>9.30am – 10.00am</td></tr><tr><td>B - Orange/Green Belt Boys</td><td>10.30am - 11.30am</td></tr><tr><td>B - Orange/Green Belt Girls</td><td>12.30pm-1.00pm</td></tr><tr><td>C - Blue/Brown/Black Belt Boys</td><td>1.30pm - 2.00pm</td></tr><tr><td>C - Blue/Brown/Black Belt Girls</td><td>2.30pm - 3.00pm</td></tr></table> <p><b>Open weigh-in: All players must weigh in competition acceptable judogi trousers and white crew neck t-shirt/ rash guard. 0.8 kg weight allowance will be given for all competitors.</b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – NB: Sunday categories are NOT grade-banded and age bands apply to age of the competitor on 28 June 2026</u></b></p> <p>All Juniors, aged 14 years to 19 years inclusive - 9.00am - 9.30am All Masters, Minimum age 30 years - 10.30am – 11.00am All Seniors - Minimum age 14 years - 12.00 – 1.00 pm</p> <p><b>As the Weigh-in is open, requirements are as for the under 16 event</b></p>	A - Yellow Belt Boys	8.00am – 9.00am	A - Yellow Belt Girls	9.30am – 10.00am	B - Orange/Green Belt Boys	10.30am - 11.30am	B - Orange/Green Belt Girls	12.30pm-1.00pm	C - Blue/Brown/Black Belt Boys	1.30pm - 2.00pm	C - Blue/Brown/Black Belt Girls	2.30pm - 3.00pm
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Weight Categories	<p>Band A Girls - U28 U32 U36 U40 U44 U48 U52 U57 U63 063  Band A Boys - U27 U30 U34 U38 U42 U46 U50 U55 U60 U66 066  Band B Girls –U32 U36 U40 U44 U48 U52 U57 U63 U70 070  Band B Boys - U30 U34 U38 U42 U46 U50 U55 U60 U66 U73 073  Band C Girls - U44 U48 U52 U57 U63 U70 U78 078  Band C Boys - U42 U46 U50 U55 U60 U66 U73 U81 081</p> <p>Junior Women - U44 U48 U52 U57 U63 U70 U78 078  Junior Men - U55 U60 U66 U73 U81 U90 U100 0100  Senior Men - U60 U66 U73 U81 U90 U100 0100  Senior Women - U48 U52 U57 U63 U70 U78 078  Veteran Men - U60 U66 U73 U81 U90 U100 0100 (if entries permit this Category may be divided into age bands, eg 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50 years and over)  Veteran Women – Matched on the day but please indicate weight when entering</p>
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Closing Date for Entries	<p>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Please note entries to this event are limited to 500 U16s and 350 Juniors, Seniors and Masters. The entry will be closed when sufficient entries have been received even if this is before the stated closing date.</p>
Entry Fees	<p>£27.00 for first category, £14.00 for each additional category an individual enters.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to ensure that you have entered the correct weight and category.</p> <p>Entry fees are not refundable in any circumstances (including injury) unless the competition is cancelled or if insufficient entries are received in any category</p>
Spectators Fees	<p>Adults - 1 day - £6.00  Adults - 2 days £9.00</p>
General Rules	<p>BJA contest rules will be operative throughout the event; all other regulations regarding the event will be in accordance with the BJA Tournament Handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compound knockout will be in use throughout the event, however if a group has seven or less players a pools system will be used.</li> <li>• Technical restrictions will apply for ALL Group A contests.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Golden Score' will operate throughout the event.</li> <li>• Any rules incorporated after the issue of this entry form will also apply.</li> <li>• Point Scoring — Juniors, Seniors and Masters where appropriate. <b>NB: No point scoring in the Under 16 event.</b></li> <li>• Medallists must wear judogi during the medal presentations. Medals will only be given when each group is presented.</li> <li>• Competitors are expected to provide their own blue and white competition belts.</li> <li>• Competitors must wear suitable footwear at all times when off the mat.</li> <li>• The organiser reserves the right to refuse entries and to combine any weight group should it be necessary. In the event of a dispute the Tournament Directors decision is FINAL.</li> <li>• NO LICENCE, NO ENTRY, NO EXCEPTIONS</li> </ul>
Coaching	<p>To ensure the arena floor is kept as clear as possible only coaches with a valid BJA, affiliate or their national organisation Coaching Card will be allowed entry to the mat side area. To avoid any problems regarding access to the arena floor please ensure you bring your card with you to the event.</p>
Policies & Codes of Conduct	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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> </ol>

2. Codes of Conduct

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions>

3. Contest rules

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/>

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources>

4. Stoma bags:

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags>

5. Prosthetic limbs:

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs>

You must contact the organisers and [events@britishjudo.org.uk](mailto: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 have a good experience.

