



Welsh Judo Association
Cymdeithas Judo Cymru

**Welsh National
Closed Championships 2026**
Saturday 05 September 2026

Organiser Contact Details:	Competitions Team, Welsh Judo Association, Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff CF11 9SW competitions@welshjudo.com
Venue Address:	Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff, Wales, CF11 9SW
Event Date:	Saturday 05 September 2026
Event Level:	British Judo Level 3 Event for all categories.
Entry process:	Online registration via Welsh Judo website at www.welshjudo.com/event/closed2026/ Telephone, postal or email entries will not be accepted. All entries must be received by Friday 28 August 2026
Participation	Competitors must hold current Welsh Judo Association licence. All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo membership to registration. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Competitors must hold and produce a valid membership licence with the Welsh Judo Association, no other licences will be accepted as this is a closed event.2. Be a Welsh resident; • or Be born in Wales; • or Have a parent or grandparent born in Wales3. Hold a British passport; or meet the Refugee & Younger Immigrant Policy4. Competitors must hold a Grade of the Welsh Judo Association or British Judo Association.5. Competitors must not have competed in another Home Nation closed event in 2026. If you are uncertain of your eligibility, please contact competitions@welshjudo.com
Age Band: Minor	Players born in the years 2015 & 2016 British Judo technical restrictions ruleset for u12's will apply. Minimum grade: Yellow Belt Contest Duration: 3 minutes with 3 minute golden score
Age Band: Pre-Cadets	Players born in the years 2013 & 2014 No Shime-waza or Kansetsu-waza. Minimum grade: Yellow Belt Contest Duration: 3 minutes with golden score
Age Band: Cadets	Players born in the years 2010, 2011 & 2012 Minimum grade: Orange Belt Contest Duration: 4 minutes with golden score
Age Band: Seniors	Players must be aged 14 or older on the day of the event. Must hold a Senior (16+) Competitive Licence and Kyu/Dan grade. Minimum grade: Green Belt Contest Duration: 4 minutes with golden score
Age Band: Veterans	Veterans group A: Players aged 30 to 49 on the day. Veterans group B:

	<p>Aged 50 and over on the day.</p> <p>Please note that the veteran groups and categories may be merged at the discretion of the tournament director in the interest of providing contests.</p> <p>Minimum grade: Green Belt Contest Duration: 3 minutes with golden score</p>																				
<p>Adaptive Categories</p>	<p>Minimum year of birth 2016 and older. Minimum grade: Red Belt</p> <p>The Adaptive and Visually-Impaired categories are for judoka with any form of intellectual, physical or visual impairment. For further guidance please contact the event organisers or view the British Judo Adaptive Judo page.</p> <p>It is the aim of the event organisers and Welsh Adaptive & VI Lead to provide meaningful contests if they can be facilitated.</p>																				
<p>Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules</p>	<p>The intended method of elimination for this event will pools. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend this as necessary.</p> <p>British Judo Contest Rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 30 second rule • Judogi measurements as per British Judo rules. • IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be required at this event. <p>The wearing of both white judogi & blue judogi is not compulsory for this event. All competitors must have a white judogi available.</p> <p>Medals will be presented after each age-band final contests have been completed.</p> <p>This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for dan grade promotion purposes.</p>																				
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<p>Weigh-in</p>	<p>Saturday 05 September 2026</p>																				

Minors & Pre-Cadets 08:00 – 08:30	Cadets 08:30 – 09:00 <i>[approx]</i>
Seniors 10:30 – 11:00 <i>[approx]</i>	Veterans 11:00 – 11:30 <i>[approx]</i>
Adaptive TBC	

Weigh-in times above event is approximate. Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes. The weigh-in times may change based on the number of entries received in each category.

All competitors **MUST** bring their **VALID** judo licence (Welsh Judo Association only) to registration and also their record book showing they meet the minimum grade.

For the weigh-in, both male & female must weigh-in wearing contest legal judogi trousers, and plain round neck t-shirt.

Groups	Weight Allowance
Female, all weight groups	0.8kg
Males, all weight groups	0.8kg

Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category, ie for -73kg players must weigh over 66.8kg.

Competition Start

Saturday 05 September 2026

Minors & Pre-Cadets:
Start 09:00am

All other categories
Confirmed start time will follow upon closing of the entry

Closing Date for Entries

Friday 28 August 2026
Telephone, postal or email entries will not be accepted.

Entry Fee

Single Entry
Early bird fee of £26 per person on or before 07 August 2026
£34 from 08 August 2026

Double Entry
£45 per double entry before 07 Aug | £54 from 08 Aug

Photography/Filming

By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the BJA/WJA or an official BJA/WJA contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future BJA publications or published by the contractors. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact competitions@welshjudo.com.

Mat side photographers & film makers must be accredited. Photographers & film makers must register for accreditation by 28 August 2026 by contacting competitions@welshjudo.com. Photographers & film makers must be able to provide proof of valid DBS.

Spectator Tickets

Spectator entry will be available for advanced purchase via the Welsh Judo website. Spectators will be required to demonstrate proof of purchase via mobile device on entry to the venue.

[Spectator tickets can be purchased online here](#)

Spectator entry purchased online will be charged £6.50 per person.
Spectator entry purchased with cash will be charged at £10.00 per person.

	There will be no spectator charge for children (under 16).
Coaching Passes	<p>Coaches must apply for a coaching accreditation pass by registering via www.welshjudo.com/coach-closed/ by the Sunday 30 August 2026.</p> <p>Coach registrations will be checked with British Judo or relevant governing body to confirm eligibility to coach matside at the event.</p> <p>Coaches must ensure that they attend the coaches briefing prior to the commencement of the event. The referee in charge will give a briefing on any updates.</p> <p>The event will be strictly adhering to the mat side coaching rule during the Cadet & Senior categories. In the following way: Coaches in the official mat side position can only advise the athlete during the mate-hajime period and not while the contest is in progress. Should any matside coach not adhere to this guideline they will firstly be reminded of this rule by the referee and on receiving the second reminder in the same contest will need to remove themselves to the general public area for the rest of the event on that day. Other personnel who insist on shouting coaching points will also need to remove themselves to the general public seating area.</p>
Payment	All payments must be made by Credit or Debit Card via the online system when entering. Your entry will not be accepted without payment being made.

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury).

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