



# Senior Open (Level 4 Ranking), Veteran Teams and Kyu Grade Competition (Level 3) Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>introduction</b>	<p>We are endeavouring to create a Veteran Teams Event, something that is currently absent from the Events calendar. It is very much in its infancy and we are not entirely sure that we have the ideal format however we have to start somewhere and we will evaluate following the event and make any necessary changes moving forward to develop, what we hope will eventually become a National Event on a par with the National Teams.</p> <p>The format is mixed teams in 10 year age bands. <b>In order to make up teams, players can compete in teams in the age band below but not above.</b></p> <p>It is proposed to create a database of individual players who are interested in order that Team Captains can find players to fill gaps if necessary. Details to be confirmed.</p>
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<b>Venue Address:</b>	Walsall Sports Centre, WLV Gym, The University of Wolverhampton, Magdalene Road, Walsall WS1 3TA
<b>Event Date:</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>Entry process:</b>	<p>Entry is via Judo Technologies Online Entries. Link: <a href="https://www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland">https:// www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland</a></p> <p>The closing date for entries is <b>Monday 22nd June 2026</b> However, entry will close early if the event becomes full. Early entry is therefore advised. Entry fee: Teams - £175 per team Individual players - £30      Double entry - £45</p>
<b>Participation</b>	Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors <b>MUST</b> bring their <b>VALID</b> judo membership card to registration along with their record book which shows they meet the minimum grade.
<b>Veteran Teams</b>	<p><b>Veteran Teams – players should be 2 Kyu and above</b></p> <p><b>Teams:</b></p> <p><b>F1/M1 30-34 (1996-1992) and F2/M2 35-39 (1991-1987)</b> Female players -63Kg, +63Kg, Male players -66Kg, -73kg, -81Kg, -90Kg, +90Kg</p> <p><b>F3/M3 40-44 (1986-1982) and F4/M4 45-49 (1981-1977)</b> Female players -63Kg, +63Kg, Male players -66Kg, -73kg, -81Kg, -90Kg, +90Kg</p> <p><b>F5/M5 50-54 (1976-1972) and F6/M6 55-59 (1971 – 1967)</b> Female players -63Kg, +63Kg, Male players -66Kg, -73kg, -81Kg, -90Kg, +90Kg</p> <p><b>F7/M7 60 – 64 (1966-1962), F8/M8 65 – 69 (1961-1957) and F9/M9 70+ (1956 or earlier) (no shime-waza / strangles)</b> Female players -63Kg, +63Kg, Male players -66Kg, -73kg, -81Kg, -90Kg, +90Kg</p>

The method of elimination for this event will be pools to knockout and repechage.

Current IJF Rules as amended by BJA rules will be in operation. Please note the following:

- 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.

#### Team Event Rules

- 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.
- 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. 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.

The draw for the competition will take place on Sunday morning after weigh-in has finished, a representative from each Area will be invited to be present at the draw.

Blue judogi is not compulsory. All teams must provide their own **blue and white belts**.

Medals will be presented after all matches in the category have been completed.

This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes.

#### Senior Open and Kyu Grade

##### **Senior Open (Must be a minimum of 14 years of age on day of event)**

##### **Minimum Grade 10 Mon / 3 Kyu**

Women: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

##### **Kyu Grade Intermediate**

4 Kyu – 2 Kyu:

Male -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Female - -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

##### **Kyu Grade Novice (Technical restrictions will apply)**

5 Kyu & 6 Kyu:

Male - Players will be grouped by age (on the day), weight and grade

Female - Players will be grouped by age (on the day), weight and grade

The organisers reserve the right to combine categories where numbers dictate.

#### Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules

The main method of elimination for this event will be pools or compound knockout dependent on numbers, with twin or single pools if fewer than eight entrants in a category.

	<p>Current IJF Rules as amended by BJA rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 30 second rule</li> <li>• Judogi measurements as per 2018 IJF rules.</li> <li>• 2018 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition.</li> </ul> <p>Coloured judogi are not acceptable. Blue judogi are not compulsory. <b>All players must provide their own blue and white belts.</b></p> <p>This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes.</p>
<p><b>Registration &amp; Weigh-In</b></p>	<p>Sunday 5th July 2026</p> <p>Veteran Teams: 08:15 – 08.45 Novice Men: 08.30 – 09.00</p> <p>Other weigh in times will be announced once the entry has closed.</p> <p>This will be an open weigh therefore women and all players under 18 years of age will be weighed in with judogi trousers and t-shirt (0.8 kg allowance).</p> <p>Male competitors over 18 have 0.8kg allowance if wearing t-shirt or rash guard</p> <p>Test scales will be available</p>
<p><b>Photography/ Filming</b></p>	<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. Coaches should inform the organiser if any player wishes to opt out.</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:

- 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/>
  - 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/>

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.