

Organisational/ Entries	Northern Ireland Judo Federation, House of Sport, 2a Upper Malone Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT9 5LA Competition enquiries email: events@nijudo.com
Introduction	This is a follow-up event for the recent No-Gi Judo event held in Northern Ireland. There will be a brief coaching session on No-Gi Judo highlighting the rules and regulations this will be followed by warm-up and competition. This No-Gi Judo event is being run and facilitated by Northern Ireland Judo Federation & British Judo Association. Further details regarding the British Judo No-Gi can be found on the British Judo website.
Venue	Carnmoney Primary School: Carnmoney Rd, Newtownabbey BT36 6LB
Date	Saturday 15th August 2026
Event Level & Tournament Licence	This event will operate under a Level 1 Event tournament licence and will be operate differently to the British Judo Tournament Handbook and British Judo Contest Rules.
Entry Process	Online entry is via Northern Ireland Judo Federation website. Telephone, postal or email entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted. All entries must be received by Midday Friday 7th August 2026 Entry is capped at 40 players and no on the day entry will be allowed No entry list will be published
Eligibility	All competitors must have a current up-to-date membership of the BJA, NIJF, IJA (IJA/BJA members resident in Northern Ireland). All competitors must bring their valid judo membership licence or book to registration.
Categories	Players must be minimum of 14 years of age or older. Contest Duration: 4 minutes Players will be put into pools of 3, 4, 5 or 6 based upon their gender, age, grade, weight & competition experience with the aim to create meaningful contests and provide fighters with as much contest time as possible. 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	A mandatory brief coaching session of rules will be run before contests start to highlight the rules and allow players to become accustomed before the competition. Players must attend the session to able to take part in the event. This event aims to introduce fighters to a new way of practicing judo without the Judogi. Players must wear a t-shirt/rash guard, Judo bottoms & their judo belt. T-Shirts/Rash guards:

	<p>Both genders must wear a shirt of elastic material (skintight) long enough to cover the torso all the way to the waistband of the shorts, coloured blue or white,</p> <p>Accessories:</p> <p>The Judo belt will be worn with first name called in White and second name in blue.</p> <p>Footwear or wrestling boots are not permitted.</p> <p>Knee or elbow pads are permitted in line with British Judo competition rules, they must not contain any metallic or hard plastics.</p>
<p>Event Rules</p>	<p>Both competitors will bow at the beginning and end of the match. The match will start with Hajime and stop with Matte. Hansoku-make will be called for disqualification.</p> <p>No-Gi Judo rules emphasise the importance of attacking and progressive modern judo, awarding points for throws, armlocks & strangles. It allows a limited time for each match, of 4 minutes. During that time, judges note advantage points for certain techniques and control positions:</p> <p>6 Points will win the contest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points wazari throw (3 secures a win) • 3 points ippon throw (2 secures a win) • 6 points for ippon by submission (hold down, arm lock, strangle/choke techniques only and 1 secures a win). <p>Scoring will be accumulative.</p> <p>No golden score: the first player to gain 6 points, (or advantage) wins the match.</p> <p>Judges award points only if the players can keep the position with full control.</p> <p>Penalties:</p> <p>Shidos awarded as normal; 3 shidos equals disqualification.</p> <p>Leg grabs are allowed.</p> <p>In the event that nobody has completed a 6-point win after the allocated contest time, the point system with waza ari throws comes into play to identify the winner with the most points.</p> <p>You will be allowed around 15 / 20 seconds of time on the ground to secure a submission position. If this is not achieved, both contestants will be stood up.</p> <p>Advantage Point:</p> <p>If no player completes a submission or scores any points during a match, advantage point come into play as a last resort. Advantage point is decided by the contest referee, they will give the winning decision to the player who they deem to of put in the most attacks during the contest. The referee's decision will be final, and it is in the interest of the players to be looking for attacking opportunities within the rules.</p>
<p>Registrations and Weigh-In</p>	<p>Players will weigh-in prior to the coaching and rules session. Players must weigh-in wearing t-shirt and Judo bottoms.</p> <p>The use of mobile phones is NOT PERMITTED in the weigh in area (except if required for membership/grade proof).</p> <p>During the online registration, you will be asked to provide details of any other martial art experience or grade you have. As this is a level 1 event, we ask you to declare this for matches to be made as fair as possible. Due diligence will be undertaken by the organisers and failure to declare other experience may result in your being disqualified from taking part.</p>
<p>Day Timings</p>	<p>Saturday 15th August 2026</p>

	<p>9:30-10.00am – Registration</p> <p>10:00-10:30am – Coaching rules session and warm-up</p> <p>10:30am – Competition Start</p>
Closing Date	<p>12:00pm Friday 7th August 2026</p> <p>E-mail or telephone entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.</p>
Entry Information	<p>Single Entry</p> <p>£18.50 per person</p> <p>(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>
Photography:	<p>By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the NIJF or an official NIJF contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future NIJF publications or published by the contractors. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact events@nijudo.com.</p> <p>Mat side photographers & film makers must be accredited. Photographers & film makers must register on the day.</p>
<p>ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. (including injury).</p> <p>PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.</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 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.