



**WELSH** JUNIOR & SENIOR  
**OPEN** 2026

**WELSH JUDO ASSOCIATION**

<b>Organiser Contact Details</b>	<p>Welsh Judo Association, Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff CF11 9SW</p> <p>www.welshjudo.com/events</p> <p>competitions@welshjudo.com</p>
<b>Venue Address</b>	Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff, Wales, CF11 9SW
<b>Event Dates</b>	<b>Sunday 25 October 2026</b>
<b>Event Level</b>	British Judo Level 4 Event for all categories.
<b>Entry process</b>	<p>Online entry is via Welsh Judo website.</p> <p>Telephone, postal or email entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.</p> <p><b>All entries must be received by 13:00 on Friday 16 October 2026</b></p>
<b>Participation</b>	<p>If you are uncertain of your eligibility, please contact competitions@welshjudo.com</p> <p>Competitors must hold current Welsh Judo, BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors must bring their valid judo membership card and book to registration. The event has minimum grade criteria of green belt.</p> <p>International competitors (outside of the United Kingdom and ROI) can enter by contacting <a href="mailto:competitions@welshjudo.com">competitions@welshjudo.com</a>. International competitors must be the holder of a current membership and proof of grade recognised by their National Federation (IJF affiliate) and which must be produced on the day at registration.</p>
<b>Age Band: Junior</b> <b>Players born in the years 2007 - 2012</b>	<p><b>Players born in the years 2007 – 2012</b></p> <p><b>Minimum grade:</b> Green Belt (10<sup>th</sup> Mon or 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu)</p> <p><b>Contest Duration:</b> 4 minutes</p>
<b>Age Band: Senior</b> <b>Players must be aged 14 or older</b>	<p><b>Players must be aged 14 or older</b> on the day of the event</p> <p><b>Minimum grade:</b> Green Belt (10<sup>th</sup> Mon or 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu)</p> <p><b>Contest Duration:</b> 4 minutes</p>
<b>Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules</b>	<p>The intended method of elimination for this event will be IJF/EJU Full Repechage for 8 players or more.</p> <p><a href="#">British Judo Contest Rules</a> will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 30 second rule</li> <li>• Judoji measurements as per British Judo rules.</li> <li>• IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be required at this event.</li> </ul> <p>The wearing of both white judogi &amp; blue judogi is not compulsory for this event. <b>All competitors must have a white judogi available.</b></p> <p>Medals will be presented after each age-band final contests have been completed. This event is a level 4 event, competitors must win at least one contest to be awarded a medal.</p> <p>This tournament qualifies for points scoring for dan grade promotion purposes.</p>
<b>Seeding</b>	Seeding for the Junior and Senior event will be based on the latest <a href="#">GB Ranking list</a> .
<b>Weight Categories</b>	<p>Junior Male                    -55kgs, -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, -100kgs, +100kgs</p> <p>Junior Female                -44kgs, -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kg, +78kgs</p> <p>Senior Male                    -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, -100kgs, +100kgs</p>

Senior Female -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, -78kgs, +78kgs

**Please note:** Test scales will be available. Players may change weight categories during the registration process (weight changes must take place prior to the player stepping on the official weigh in scales).

The Welsh Judo Association reserves the right to amalgamate adjacent weight categories depending on the number of entries in the respective weight categories.

## Registration & Weigh-In

Junior and Senior competitors are expected to weigh-in during the official evening weigh-in.

### Sat 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**All Junior & Senior** 16:00 to 20:00 [Open weigh-in with t-shirt & judogi trousers]

#### Categories

Junior & Senior Draws will be conducted on Saturday 24 October following close of weigh ins.

#### On The Day Weigh Ins (Juniors and Seniors):

A limited on-the-day weigh-in option will be available by advance request only for competitors who are unable to attend the evening weigh-in. Competitors must pre-register for an on-the-day weigh-in before entry closing date by emailing [competitions@welshjudo.com](mailto:competitions@welshjudo.com). Competitors who do not pre-register will not be permitted to weigh-in on the day.

Draws will be completed following the evening weigh-in. Competitors using the on-the-day weigh-in option must make the weight for the category they entered. If they do not make the weight, they will be withdrawn from the event and will not be moved into another weight category.

#### Multiple Weigh Ins (Double and Triple Entries):

Cadet competitors who are also entered into the Junior and/or Senior event must complete their official Cadet weigh-in during the Cadet weigh-in period on Saturday.

Those competitors must also complete a second weigh-in for their Junior and/or Senior entry. A 5% weight allowance will apply at the second weigh-in against the maximum weight limit of the Junior/Senior category entered. Competitors must still satisfy the minimum weight limit.

## Weigh-In Information

All competitors must bring their **VALID** judo licence (BJA, Welsh Judo or affiliate) to registration and also their record book showing they meet the minimum grade.

International competitors (outside of the UK) must show proof of membership with IJF affiliated body.

For the open 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. For the lightest weight categories, you need to weigh no less than 10%, ie for -55kg you can weigh no less than 49.5kg.

Players will be eligible to move weight category at the weigh-in.

## Random Weigh-In Check

For athletes that took part in the evening weigh-in. British Judo weigh in rules will apply, selected players names will be posted on the event [WhatsApp Channel](#) & Website an hour before the start of the competition.

Athletes selected for the random weigh-in must attend the second morning weigh-in. Up to 4 athletes can be selected for random weigh-in.

**The second weigh-in will take place 07:45 – 08:15.**

	The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5% higher (without Judogi) than the official maximum weight limit of the category.
<b>Competition Start</b>	Sunday 25 October 2026 - Competition starts: 09.00am
<b>Closing Date for entries</b>	<b>13:00 on Friday 16 October 2026</b> or when entry is full. E-mail or telephone entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted. Online entry only via Welsh Judo website.
<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Single Entry</b> Early bird fee - £28 per person on or before 10 September 2026 £36 from 11 September 2026  <b>Double Entry</b> (both Junior & Senior) £50 per double entry before 10 September   £65 from 11 September 2026
<b>Photography/Filming</b>	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 <a href="mailto:competitions@welshjudo.com">competitions@welshjudo.com</a> .  Mat side photographers & film makers must be accredited. Photographers & film makers must register for accreditation by 16 October 2026 by contacting <a href="mailto:competitions@welshjudo.com">competitions@welshjudo.com</a> . Photographers & film makers must be able to provide proof of valid DBS.
<b>Spectator Entry</b>	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.  <a href="#">Spectator tickets can be purchased online here</a>  <b>Spectator entry purchased online will be charged £6.50 per person.</b> Spectator entry purchased with cash will be charged at £10.00 per person. There will be no spectator charge for children (under 16).
<b>Coaches and Mat-Side Coaching</b>	Coaches must apply for a coaching accreditation pass by registering via <a href="http://www.welshjudo.com/coach-js/">www.welshjudo.com/coach-js/</a> by 23:59, <b>Monday 19 October 2026</b> .  Coach registrations will be checked with British Judo or relevant governing body to confirm eligibility to coach matside at the event. Coaches must hold a <b>minimum of Level 2</b> coaching qualification, or equivalent recognised by their governing body, in order to be eligible for matside coaching accreditation.  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.  The event will be strictly adhering to the mat side coaching rule during the Cadet 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.
<b>Live Event Information &amp; Updates</b>	This event will be operating a WhatsApp Channel to publish the latest information including confirmed weigh-in times and random weigh-in information.  Link: <a href="#">Event WhatsApp Channel</a>

	Please follow the channel and ensure you have the latest version of WhatsApp downloaded on your device. For more information, please view the <a href="#">WhatsApp FAQ page</a> .
<b>Payment</b>	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.
<b>Venue Facilities</b>	Venue information including catering, parking and travel can be found on the <a href="#">Sport Wales National Centre website</a> .
<b>Policies</b>	<p>By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British Judo Association and Welsh Judo Association policies and codes of conduct. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <p>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></p> <p>Codes of conduct: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/</a></p> <p>Contest rules: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/</a>  <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/</a></p> <p>Stoma bags: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/</a></p> <p>Prosthetic limbs: <a href="https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/">https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/</a></p> <p>You must contact the organisers and <a href="mailto:events@britishjudo.org.uk">events@britishjudo.org.uk</a> if you require any support at the event or have any questions regarding the above points.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event have the best experience possible.</p>
<p><b>ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury).</b></p> <p><b>PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.</b></p>	