



Midlands Area Open and Regional School Championships

23rd January 2027

Contact Details:

The Area Regional Schools Events have been developed to allow players to represent their school and enter a series of events leading to the National Schools Championships without the fear of having to compete against a National Medallist. By competing with players of a similar level, it also allows coaches and parents to assess if the player is ready for the opportunity to enter the National Championships.

These events are also aimed to assist the development of young people as referees, table officials and coaches.

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Venue Address:

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Event Date:

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Entry process:

Entry is via Judo Technologies Online Entries.
Link: www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland

The closing date for entries is January 17th. However, entries will close early if the event becomes full. Early entry is therefore advised.

Entry fee: £20 Schools, £25 Area Open.

£35 double entry (i.e. Schools and Area Open).

Participation

Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors **MUST** bring their **VALID** judo membership card to registration along with their **record book** which shows they meet the minimum grade. Foreign entrants are welcome to enter the Open but must bring proof of membership of their National Federation which must be a member of EJU or IJF, they are **not** allowed entry to the Schools section of the event

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Categories:

This is a Level 2 Development event for years 6 & 7 and a level 3 development event for years 8 to 13 with the following restrictions:

Years 6 & 7: No eligibility restrictions.

Years 8 & 9: and Years 10 – 13: Any player who has won a medal at the last British Pre-Cadet/ Cadet/ Junior/ Senior Championships (December 2026). **EXCEPTIONS:** any player who won less than two contests at either event **IS** eligible.

Any player with 100 points or more on the Cadet/ Junior/ Senior BJA ranking lists

This event is open to all school children who comply with the criteria above and hold a current valid license of the BJA, Judo Scotland, NIJF, WJA, AJA or BJC.

Players are able to change weight categories between this event and the British Schools Championships

If you attend a British School but hold a licence with an unaffiliated governing body,

	who are recognised by the IJF, there will be an additional charge. Please enter as usual and once entry has been confirmed the events team will be in contact. NO VALID LICENCE - NO CONTEST – NO EXCEPTIONS – NO JUDO <i>To enter the British School Championships, judoka must have competed in at least one regional schools' competition between September 2026 to March 2027, (Exceptions may be considered in certain circumstances; any requests must be submitted to the events team via email for approval no later than December 2026). Must attend a school in Great Britain. Those living in Scotland can qualify by competing at the Scottish National Closed 2026 or Highland Budokan Grand Prix 2026. .</i>
Competition Format	Armlocks & Strangles permitted in Academic Years 10 to 13. This category will be points scoring for eligible players. Please see the BJA Contest Rules for further information. <u>Method of Elimination</u> The British Judo Association rules will apply throughout the competition. The method of competition will be compound knockout in categories of 8 or more players and pools and knockout in categories of 7 players or less. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or alter categories should entries dictate. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.
	<u>Contest Times</u> Academic Years 6 & 7: 3 minutes, 3 minutes Golden Score, Referees Decision. Academic Years 8 & 9: 3 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score. Academic Years 10 to 13: 4 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score.
Age Bands & Weight Categories	Academic Years 6 & 7 (born 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2016) Minimum grade 4th mon (bottom yellow belt). Male: -27kg, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, and +55kg. Female: -28kg, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, and +57kg. Technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 6 & 7 Academic Years 8 & 9 (born 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2014) Minimum grade 6th mon (top yellow belt). Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg and +73kg Female: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg and +70kg Academic Years 10 to 13 (born 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2012) Minimum grade 9th mon (top orange belt) or 4th kyu (senior orange belt). Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg and +90kg. Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg and +70kg. Please note that the minimum grades for regional competitions are lower than the minimum grade for the British Schools Championships
Coaching information	Coaches MUST produce a VALID BJA Coach Card in person in order to be eligible for the following: - To gain entry free of charge to BJA centrally administered National Events. This excludes EJU and IJF events. - To gain mat-side access with their player at a BJA centrally administered National Event (Only one coach per player will be permitted at any one time). Minimum Level 1 coach award. If you are attending the event but will not have a coach with you (For example you are travelling with your PE teacher) please include this information on the entry form.

	MIDLAND OPEN Minors & Precadets Level 3 Cadets Level 4
Age Bands & Weight Categories	Minors: Born 2015, 2016 (3 min contests, BJA technical restrictions will apply, no arm locks or strangles allowed). There are no specific weight categories, players will be grouped by weight. This prevents young children from trying to make weight limits and also evens out numbers in categories. Pre-Cadets: Born 2013, 2014 Min Grade: 7th Mon / Orange Belt (3 min contests, arm locks and strangles NOT allowed) Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg Boys: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg Cadets: Born 2010, 2011, 2012 Minimum Grade: 10th Mon / 3rd kyu / Green Belt (4 min contests, arm locks and strangles allowed) Girls: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70 kg, +70kg Boys: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg The organisers reserve the right to combine categories where numbers dictate.
Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules	The method of elimination for this event will be compound knockout, with twin or single pools if fewer than eight entrants in a category. Minors will be single or twin pools. This is a Level Three event. 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 in the rules at this competition. Blue judogi is not compulsory. All players must provide their own blue and white belts. This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes (cadets).

Registration & Weigh-In	Schools entries Years 10 – 13 9.00 – 9.30			
	Other weigh in times will be published once the entry has closed			
	Gender	Dress code	Weight allowance	
	All Female and Male U18	Must wear a t-shirt/ rash guard, with competition legal trousers	0.8Kg	
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 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.			

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/>
 - <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. These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event have a good experience.

British Schools FAQ's

Q1 Do I have to enter a regional school's competition in my own area?

No, you can attend any regional school's competition in any area.

Q2 Do I have to take part in a regional school's competition to be eligible to take part in the British School Championships?

Yes – to be eligible for the British School Championships, you need to meet the minimum grade requirement and have competed in at least one regional school championships.

Q3 Can I enter the regional championships and the British School Championships if I am home-schooled.

Yes – you are eligible to enter the competitions if you are home-schooled.

Q4 What if my regional championships are cancelled and there is not another opportunity to qualify?

Proof of entry to the regional championships and other competitions you have entered will be taken into consideration when deciding if you qualify for the British School Championships

Q5 If I have entered and taken part in a regional school competition, am I automatically registered for the final British School Championships in March?

No – if you wish to take part in the final British School Championships, you must enter through the BJA entry system.

If you have any further questions about the British Regional Schools events or the Championships, please do not hesitate to contact the BJA events team: events@britishjudo.org.uk