

2018
BJA SOUTHERN AREA
BRITISH SCHOOLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Medway Park Leisure Centre, Mill Lane, Gillingham, KENT, ME7 1HF

Date: Saturday 29th September 2018

This is a level 2 Development event for Academic Years 4 & 5, 6 & 7 and a Level 3 Development event for Academic Years 8 to 13 and, in line with the entry criteria for the 2019 British Schools National Championships, is NOT open to the following:

Any player who has won any medal at the British Minors Championships in the last two years (October 2017-October 2018) or who has won any medal at the British Pre-Cadet Championships or British Cadet Championships or British Junior Championships in the last two years (December 2017-December 2018).

Please Note:- Players who go on to medal as above at the 2018 Minors / Pre Cadet / Cadet Championships will NOT be eligible and will not be entitled to a refund.

EXCEPTION: any medallist who won less than two contests IS eligible.

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

This event is also open to Years 4/5 however, these players are not eligible for the British Schools National Championships.

Gold and Silver medalists will qualify for a priority entry to the 2019 British Schools Championships.

Please note: You will NOT be automatically entered into the 2019 British Schools Championships. It is your responsibility to enter via the email link which will be provided. It is also your responsibility to ensure you meet the criteria for the 2019 British Schools Championships.

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.

Academic Years 4 & 5 - born 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2010

Minimum grade 1st Mon (Bottom red belt)

Male: u27kgs, u30kg, u34kg, u38kg, u42kg, u46kg, u50kg, u55kg, and over 55kg

Female: u28kgs, u32kg, U36kg, u40kg, u44kg, u48kg, u52kg, u57kg, and over 57kg

[Technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 4 & 5]

Academic Years 6 & 7 - born 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2008

Minimum grade 6th mon (Top yellow belt)

Male: u27kgs, u30kg, u34kg, u38kg, u42kg, u46kg, u50kg, u55kg, and over 55kg

Female: u28kgs, u32kg, U36kg, u40kg, u44kg, u48kg, u52kg, u57kg, and over 57kg

[Technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 6 & 7]

Academic Years 8 & 9 - born 1 September 2004 to 31 August 2006

Minimum grade 6th mon (Top yellow belt) or 5th kyu (senior yellow belt)

Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg and o66kg

Female: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, and over 57kg

Academic Years 10 to 13 - born 1 September 2000 to 31 August 2004

Minimum grade 9th mon (Top orange belt) or 4th kyu (Senior orange belt)

Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg and o90kg

Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg and o70kg

Armlocks & Strangles permitted in Academic Years 10 to 13. This category will be points scoring for eligible players.

These are English school years; however, years of birth are given for those not attending a school in England or Wales.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or alter categories should entries dictate. In the event of large disparities in the lightest and heaviest weight groups, these will be split. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MINIMUM GRADES ARE LOWER THAN THE MINIMUM GRADE FOR THE BRITISH SCHOOLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PLAYERS HAVE HAD SOME COMPETITION EXPERIENCE BEFORE ENTERING THIS EVENT.

Even if you have achieved priority entry it is your responsibility to ensure you meet the British Schools Championships minimum requirement before entering.

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

Contest Times:

Academic Years 4 & 5: 3 minutes

Academic Years 6 & 7: 3 minutes

Academic Years 8 & 9: 3 minutes

Academic Years 10 to 13: 4 minutes

Weigh In Times:

08:30 - 09:00

09:30 - 10:00

10:30 - 11:00

11:30 - 12:00

An open weigh-in will take place for all players. All competitors MUST present themselves to the weigh-in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers and females a plain white tee-shirt. Male competitors will receive a 0.5kg allowance and female competitors a 0.6kg allowance. **NO VALID LICENCE - NO CONTEST – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Entry Fee: £19.00

Closing Date for Entries: Monday 24th September 2018

Spectator Fee: FREE

**Entries to: <https://www.sussexjudo.org.uk/home/competitions/bjasabsrc/>
Postal or Email entries will not be accepted.**

**Enquiries to: Nicky Sexton
paulandnicky1@sky.com**

Judogi & Zori:

White suits only, however you are expected to bring along your own blue and white belts, zori's must be worn at all times whilst not on the mat.

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 in order to promote the positive aspect of our sport. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact Nicky Sexton - paulandnicky1@sky.com

Coaches MUST produce a VALID BJA Coach Award card in person in order to be eligible to gain matside access with their player. Only one coach per player will be permitted at any one time.

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.

Competition Guidelines:

Judoka

- Help beginners or lower grades, if you can.
- Follow all judo rules throughout the event.
- Bow correctly at the beginning and end of a contest. It is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.
- Accept decisions; let your coach ask any necessary questions.
- Control your temper, do not shout or abuse other judoka or officials.
- Be a good sport, cheer all good play, and respect all of your fellow judoka.
- Remember that the aim of the British Schools Championships is to have fun. Help you develop as a judoka. Improve your skills and conduct yourself in a sportsman like manner, plus represent the ideals, disciplines and etiquette of the British Judo Association to the highest level.
- Treat all other judoka as you would like to be treated, do not take unfair advantage of any judoka.
- Co-operate with your coach and opponents, without them you do not have a game.

Parents

- Please be aware that children develop differently, at different rates and react differently to the same pressures.
- Children and young people are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment as well as yours and so please respect this at all times.
- Always encourage your child to train and compete by the rules of judo.
- Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each contest is accepted without unnecessary disappointment and with a positive sporting attitude.
- Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a contest.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not question publicly the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Set an example by being friendly to the parents of the opposition, emphasise enjoyment and fun, praise and reinforce effort and improvement.
- operate with your coach and opponents, without them you do not have a game.