

GB Fighter Code of Conduct and Agreement

Purpose

This Code of Conduct ("the Code") outlines the standards of behaviour expected from all athletes competing in domestic and international competitions and camps. This includes all members of the World Class Performance Programme, GB Squad, England Development Squad, and athletes representing GB or their home nation, at any age.

The Code reflects the values of judo and is designed to help create a respectful, safe, and high-performing environment for all. These values guide how we train, compete, and represent British Judo. By adhering to these principles, athletes contribute to the integrity of the sport.

- Courtesy – Be polite and considerate to everyone.
- Courage – Face challenges bravely, on and off the mat.
- Honesty – Always tell the truth and act with integrity.
- Honour – Do what is right, even when it's hard.
- Modesty – Stay humble, no matter your achievements.
- Respect – Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Self-Control – Stay calm and in control of your actions.
- Friendship – Support and encourage your teammates.

Your Responsibilities as an Athlete

During Competitions and Training Camps:

- Be on time for curfews, meetings, and training.
- Respect others' privacy—don't enter another fighter's room without permission.
- No alcohol—stay focused and professional.
- Follow local laws, culture and customs when abroad.
- Keep your living and training spaces clean.
- When selected for a GB or home nation team, wear official clothing when travelling or competing.
- Follow competition rules (IJF, EJU, IBSA) and staff instructions.
- Show respect to everyone—officials, coaches, teammates, and spectators.

Always:

- Follow British Judo's guidance on weight management. See the policies section on the British Judo website here <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/support/gb-judo-policies/>.
- Obey UK laws, and laws of any country you are visiting.

- Use social media responsibly—promote yourself, your teammates, and British Judo positively.
- Never share inappropriate images or content.
- Never bully or harass others.
- Protect the reputation of British Judo and judo in Great Britain.
- Follow anti-doping rules (UKAD and WADA). Visit the UKAD website here <https://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes>.
- Be a role model as you represent judo in Great Britain, your club and British Judo every day.
- Follow BJA policies including but not limited to, social media, anti-doping, safeguarding and anti-bullying.

Additional Commitments:

- Keep your BJA membership up to date.
- If you are a member of the British Judo World Class Performance Programme, GB Squad or England Development Squad, allow British Judo to use your name and image in promotional materials during and after your time in the programme.
- Understand that serious breaches of this Code may be referred to an independent investigation service such as Sports Integrity for investigation.
- Know that misconduct may lead to removal from any British Judo programme and loss of current, or future, funding from any of British Judo partners, including, but not limited to, UK Sport, Sport England, TASS and SportsAid.
- Make sure you have your own personal travel and medical insurance (that covers sport) unless told otherwise.

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By signing this, you agree to follow the Code, and a breach of this agreement may result in disciplinary action against the BJA Athlete Disciplinary Policy.

If you're under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign and confirm their understanding and consent.

Athlete Name _____

Signed _____

If under 18

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____