

MEMORANDUM

To: BJA Members

cc: BJA Clubs and Coaches

Date: 1st October 2019 (updated 1st October 2025)

Subject: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REFUGEES AND JUNIOR AND YOUNGER IMMIGRANTS

On the 1st of July, British Judo received information from the IJF, regarding an amendment to the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules (SOR), which will support the integrated participation of refugees and Junior and younger immigrants to compete for the country in which they reside.

“Juniors and younger foreign judoka living in a host country can participate in their host country national Juniors and younger championships and thus qualify themselves for IJF or Continental Union Juniors and younger competitions. They can be registered, by the national federation of the host country, into IJF or Continental Unions Juniors and younger competitions if they meet the following requirements:

- To prove their residency in the host country (at least 3 months),
- To prove the integration of their parents in the host country (at least 3 months),
- To prove their integration in the school or university system (at least 3 months),
- To prove their integration in a judo club of the host country, duly affiliated to the National Federation which is an IJF member.”

If you have any questions or wish to submit a request for authorisation, please contact Stefan Newbury, stefan.newbury@britishjudo.org.uk

(Information attached)



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