



British Senior & Junior Ranking Policy

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INTRODUCTION

The BJA Ranking Systems will now identify players who will contest the 2026 British Championships.

Only fighters who are eligible for GB Selection for International Competition can compete in the British Junior and Senior Championships.

BJA SENIOR RANKING SYSTEM:

The Senior Ranking List will be based on the following points allocation:

Placing	SNR World Champs & Olympic Games	IJF Masters	IJF Grand Slam	SNR European Champs	IJF Grand Prix & JNR World Champs	IJF Continental Opens & European U23 & JNR Euro Champs	SNR European Cups & British Senior Champs	Home Nation Opens (ENG, SCO, WAL & NIR)	Area Ranking Events
Gold	900	700	600	500	400	250	200	150	100
Silver	700	500	450	400	300	200	150	100	75
Bronze	500	400	350	300	200	150	100	75	50
5 th	400	300	250	200	150	100	75	50	25
7 th	250	200	175	150	100	75	50	25	5

Note:

- Operational from 1st January 2026 incorporating results from 2026 & 2025.
- Ranking Points will reduce in value by 50% after 12 months or when the same event is held in the following calendar year. They will reduce in value by 100% after 24 months or when the same event is held for the second calendar year.
- The top 5 results will count towards the ranking of fighters.
- With the exception of Junior World and Junior European Championships, Senior competition points will only be used in the Senior Ranking list.
- Seniors cannot transfer points between weight categories but may appear in more than one weight category in the senior ranking list.
- There will be **NO TRANSFER** of points between lists, but a fighter may appear on more than one list if they have collected points for the respective list.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE BRITISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Qualification for the British Senior Championships will be based on the following criteria:

- Top 16 on the BJA Senior Ranking List after **the final GB DOMESTIC Ranking Event**.
- Final year Junior Players in the Top 4 of the GB Junior Ranking List (born in 2006).
- Junior Gold Medallist from the British Junior Championships will be given the option to compete in the British Senior Championships. They will not be required to 'make weight', but must register their place at the Senior weigh-in.
- Wildcard entries will be limited and identified by the BJA Performance Director in consultation with the GB Performance Coaches, where it is in the best interests of the BJA Performance Programme objectives.
- All players must compete in the weight category they have qualified. Where a player has qualified in two weight categories, they must compete in the weight category they wish to be considered for international selection.

SEEDING:

The seeding for the British Senior Championships will be based on the Senior Ranking List.

BJA JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM:

The Junior Ranking List will be based on the following points allocation:

Placing	JNR World Champs	JNR European Champs	JNR European Cups (inc. Bremen & Thuringia)	British Junior Champs	Home Nation Opens (ENG, SCO, WAL & NIR)	Area Ranking Events
Gold	900	700	400	200	150	100
Silver	700	500	300	150	100	75
Bronze	500	400	200	100	75	50
5 th	400	300	150	75	50	25
7 th	250	200	100	50	25	5

Note:

- Operational from 1st January 2026 incorporating results from 2026 & 2025.
- Ranking Points will reduce in value by 50% after 12 months or when the same event is held in the following calendar year. They will reduce in value by 100% after 24 months or when the same event is held for the second calendar year.
- The top 3 results will count towards the ranking of fighters.
- Junior competition points will only be used in the Junior Ranking list.
- Juniors cannot transfer points between weight categories but may appear in more than one weight category in the senior ranking list.
- There will be **NO TRANSFER** of points between lists, but a fighter may appear on more than one list if they have collected points for the respective list.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE BRITISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Qualification for the British Junior Championships will be based on the following criteria:

- Top 16 on the BJA Junior Ranking List after **the final GB DOMESTIC Ranking Event**.
- Wildcard entries will be limited and identified by the BJA Performance Director in consultation with the GB Performance Coaches, where it is in the best interests of the BJA Performance Programme objectives.
- All players must compete in the weight category they have qualified. Where a player has qualified in two weight categories, they must compete in the weight category they wish to be considered for international selection.

SEEDING:

The seeding for the British Junior Championships will be based on the Junior Ranking List.

RANKING LISTS:

Both Senior and Junior Ranking Lists will be updated periodically after events and will be uploaded to the British Judo website under the “Events” section.

SCENARIOS:

Note:

- This section will be added to as specific cases occur. Outcomes will be implemented across both Junior and Senior Ranking events.
- **Normally** a fighter should need to win at least one contest to be awarded ranking points. The overriding principle is to be fair to all fighters at all times, including in exceptional circumstances beyond their control.
- Respect and courtesy between Tournament Directors, competition officials, coaches, parents and fighters is expected at all times.

Situation 1: Fighter A is entered into a category where there are other entries. On arrival at the event and after weighing in for the category, all other entries have either no shown or moved up leaving Fighter A as only entry.

Outcome: Fighter A receives a walkover and receives the Ranking points attributed to the gold medallist. Whether a medal is presented is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Situation 2: Fighter A is originally entered in a weight category and it is merged with the category above.

- i. If as in situation 1 (above) and Fighter A has the opportunity to fight in category above (Totally at the discretion of the Tournament Director with due consideration of timings, etc).

Outcome: If Fighter A places in the new category, they will receive Ranking points for that category. Whether a medal is presented is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

- ii. If Fighter A competes in the originally entered category and then has the option for additional contests at the category above due to low entry numbers (Totally at the discretion of the Tournament Director with due consideration of timings, etc).

Outcome: Fighter A may receive Ranking points in both categories, providing they win a contest in each category. Whether a medal is presented for both categories is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

- iii. If Fighter A moves up a category when there are others are in the originally entered category and doesn't compete in the category.

Outcome: If Fighter A will only receive Ranking points for the category they have competed in.

Situation 3: In a Roundrobin / Final Pool situation, Fighter A beats Fighter B and then Fighter B withdraws from the event.

Outcome: The pool positions continue as usual with no inclusion of any contests against Fighter B, with any medals awarded in accordance with the Tournament rules.

As previously stated, normally a fighter should need to win at least one contest to be awarded ranking points. Should Fighter A finish 5th with no wins, although they did win against Fighter B before their withdrawal, 5th place Ranking points will be awarded to Fighter A.