Cadet Identification Ranking 2026-2027

The Cadet Identification Ranking policy outlines the ranking system established in Great Britain & Northern Ireland in collaboration between England Judo, Judo Scotland, Welsh Judo Association, Northern Ireland Judo and British Judo. The GB Cadet ranking list recognises performances domestically and internationally. Any queries please contact your home nation or British Judo.

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Ages

Fighters appearing on the list must be born between 2010 (maximum of 17 years old) and 2012 (minimum of 15 years old) during the 2027 calendar year.

Domestic & International Competitions

The positional results and the number of contests for each fighter will be logged from the following identified domestic competitions and displayed in the GB Cadet Identification ranking:

1	Welsh Pre Cadet & Cadet Open	24 October 2026
2	British Championships	12 - 13 December 2026
3	Scottish Open Judo Tournament	16 - 17 January 2026
4	English Open	20 – 21 February 2027
5	Northern Ireland Open	10 – 11 April 2027 (tbc)

- For further details on these competitions visit: www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/find-a-competition/

The positional results and the number of wins for each fighter will be logged from the following international competitions and displayed in the GB Cadet Identification ranking:

1	Cadet European Cup Italy (Rome)	6-7 February 2027
2	Cadet European Cup Estonia (Tallin)	13-14 February 2027
3	Cadet European Cup Turkey (Antalya)	6-7 March 2027
4	Cadet European Cup Croatia (Porec)	13-14 March 2027
5	International Masters Bremen (Male) or International Thuringia Cup (Female)	19-21 March 2027
6	Cadet European Cup Czech Republic (Teplice)	26-27 March 2027
7	Cadet European Cup Germany (Berlin)	24-25 April 2027

- How to enter:
  Fighters must be entered by their respective home nation for all international events. Any funding support will be at the discretion of each home nation. Fighters should contact their home nation lead coaches for further information.

Should any competition be cancelled or postponed, they may be removed from the criteria. In these circumstances a replacement competition may be identified.

Ranking Points

Placing	**Domestic Ranking Points**	
	Home Nation Opens	British Championships
1st	25	30
2nd	20	25
3rd	15	20
5th	10	15
Participation	1	1

Placing	**International Ranking Points**	
	Cadet European Cup / International Open	Wins at 2027 internationals
1st	35	5 additional points per international win
2nd	30	
3rd	25	
5th	20	
7th	15	
Participation	3	

A fighter's best 3 domestic and best 3 international performances from the competitions listed in this policy will count towards a fighter's cadet ranking.

If a fighter moves up a weight category during the identification period, they will transfer half the points earned at the identification competitions stated. Fighters who move down a weight category during the identification period will not transfer any of the points earned at the identification competitions.

Important to note:

- No points will be awarded should a fighter place but not win a contest.
    - The exception to the rule is the participation point, which is awarded when a judoka has fought in at least one fight at one of the listed events.
- If a fighter (who has competed in their own weight category) also competes in a heavier category to enable fighters to have more contests (due to lack of entries for example), they will not receive ranking points in the heavier category.
    - Whether they receive a medal will be at the tournament organisers discretion.
- Any fighter who has contests because of other fighters moving up a weight to provide them opportunity to fight (due to poor entry in their category for example), must win at least one contest to receive ranking points, which will be decided by their finishing position in the whole group.

2027 British Cadet Championships Qualification

Entry for the 2027 British Cadet Championships will require athletes to have **competed in at least four BJA Level 3 – 4 competitions, including 1 home nation open**.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. When does the Cadet Identification Ranking run from?

The 2026/2027 GB Cadet Identification Ranking starts from the Welsh Cadet Open held on the weekend of 24 October 2026 and runs to the Cadet European Cup in Berlin on the weekend of 24-25 April 2027.

2. Because the previously used Ippon League has stopped, does that mean that winning by Ippon is no longer viewed as important?

Absolutely not. All home nation programmes still wish to emphasise the importance of striving to win by ippon either in tachiwaza and newaza - it should remain the ultimate aim for coaches and fighters. A strong technical foundation is key to a fighter's ability to progress to future senior international success at World and Olympic level.

3. Do wins by hansoku-make count?

Wins by hansoku-make received in the case of accumulation of 3 shidos will be included. A win by direct hansoku-make will not be counted.

Striving to win through scoring (by ippon) should be the core aim. Collectively the home nations believe that any fighter focused on only winning by penalties will be unlikely to progress to the highest levels internationally, although they acknowledge contest management is a key trademark of top international judoka.

4. Does a bye count as a win and carry points for the Cadet Identification Ranking?

No. However it is acknowledged that fighters that may receive a bye in the main or repechage draws may have fewer contests for a variety of reasons (seeding, numbers in category, fighter withdrawal, etc).