

Organisation / Entries	<p>Events Team, British Judo Association, Wolverhampton University, Walsall Campus Gorway Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3BD</p> <p>Tel: +44 (0)121 728 6920</p> <p>Email: events@britishjudo.org.uk</p> <p>Website: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/event/british-schools-championships-2026/</p>
Venue	English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Rd, Sheffield, S9 5DA
Date	<p>Saturday 7th March 2026: Years 8 & 9, and Years 10 & 11</p> <p>Sunday 8th March 2026: Years 6 & 7, and Years 12 & 13 and VI & Adaptive Judo.</p>
Entry Process and Important Dates	<p>Years 6 and 7, 8 and 9, 10 and 11 and, 12 and 13:</p> <p>Early Bird Entry Fee Open – Monday 19th January 2026 Early Entry Fee Closes – Sunday 1st February 2026 Early Bird Entry Fee - £35</p> <p>Standard Entry Fee Opens – Monday 2nd February 2026 Standard Entry Fee Closes – Friday 20th February 2026 Standard Entry Fee - £40</p> <p>Entry via the online system takes only a couple of minutes to complete and will ensure that your entry is processed correctly, and the payment is processed immediately via our secure system.</p> <p>The online entry system can be accessed via https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/event/british-schools-championships-2026/</p> <p>When entering online please provide an email address for your school (form tutor or PE teacher) for us to provide results of the event.</p>
Event Eligibility and Participation	<p>To enter the British School Championships, judoka must have competed at least one regional schools' competition or a minimum of 2 events at level 2 or above between September 2025 to March 2026. And attend a school in Great Britain.</p> <p>This is a Level 3 Development event for all Academic Years and is not open to the following:</p> <p>Any player who has won any medal at a British Pre-Cadet, Cadet, Junior or Senior Championships in December 2025.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: any medallist who won less than two contests IS eligible.</p> <p>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, BJC or AJA.</p> <p>If you attend a British School but hold a licence with an unaffiliated governing body, who are recognised by the IJF, there will be an additional charge.</p> <p>Please enter as usual and once entry has been confirmed the events team will be in contact.</p> <p>If you are unsure about your eligibility for this event, please contact us: Tel: +44 (0)121 728 6920 or Email: events@britishjudo.org.uk</p>

<p>Categories and minimum grades</p>	<p>Academic years 6 and 7: born 1st Sept 2013 – 31st Aug 2015 <u>minimum grade</u> – 6th Mon (Top Yellow Belt).</p> <p>Academic years 8 and 9: born 1st Sept 2011 – 31st Aug 2013 <u>minimum grade</u> – 7th Mon (Bottom Orange Belt).</p> <p>Academic years 10 and 11: born 1st Sept 2009 – 31st Aug 2011 <u>minimum grade</u> – 10th Mon (Bottom Green Belt).</p> <p>Academic years 12 and 13: born 1st Sept 2007 – 31st Aug 2009 <u>minimum grade</u> – 10th Mon (Bottom Green Belt)</p> <p>All coaches will be responsible for ensuring that their athletes are ready for this level of competition.</p> <p>All players MUST bring their <u>VALID</u> judo membership and record book (licence) to the event.</p>
<p>Seeding</p>	<p>There will be no seeding for this event.</p>
<p>Weight Categories</p>	<p>Academic years 6 and 7: born 1st Sept 2013 – 31st Aug 2015 <i>Technical Restrictions</i> Male: -27kgs, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, and +55kg. Female: -28kgs, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, and +57kg.</p> <p>Academic years 8 and 9: born 1st Sept 2011 – 31st Aug 2013 <i>Armlocks and strangles are NOT permitted</i> Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, and +66kg. Female: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, and +63kg.</p> <p>Academic years 10 and 11: born 1st Sept 2009 – 31st Aug 2011 <i>Armlocks and Strangles are permitted</i> Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, and +90kg. Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, and +70kg.</p> <p>Academic years 12 and 13: born 1st Sept 2007 – 31st Aug 2009 <i>Armlocks and Strangles are permitted</i> Male: -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, and +90kg. Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, and +70kg.</p>

<p>Competition Format</p>	<p>The British Judo Association rules will apply throughout the competition. Armlocks & Strangles are permitted in Academic Years 10 to 13. These categories will be points scoring for eligible players.</p> <p>Compound Knockout will be used in categories where there are more than 8 players. In categories where there are 7 players or less, pools or pools and knockout will be used.</p> <p>The Tournament Director reserves the right to amalgamate categories where there are insufficient entries and reserves the right to subdivide categories where appropriate.</p> <p>Contest Times</p> <p>Academic years 6 and 7: 3 minutes, 3 minutes Golden Score, Referee Decision.</p> <p>Academic years 8 and 9: 3 minutes, unlimited Golden Score.</p> <p>Academic years: 10 to 13: 4 minutes, unlimited Golden Score.</p> <p>Golden Score is per IJF rules.</p> <p>Medals will be presented shortly after the conclusion of each category.</p> <p>Players called up first must wear a white judogi. If the second player called wishes they may wear a blue judogi. However, they MUST also bring a white judogi.</p>
<p>Registration & Weigh-In</p>	<p>The weigh-ins will take place in the Basketball Hall at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. All groups will have OPEN weigh ins and must wear competition acceptable judogi trousers and a plain crew neck t-shirt/ rash guard. All groups will have a 0.8kg allowance.</p> <p>Players are NOT permitted to change in the designated official weigh-in area.</p> <p>Saturday 7th March 2026: Years 8 and 9, and Years 10 and 11: 08:15 – 09:00 Academic Years 8 and 9 11:30 – 12:30 Academic Years 10 and 11 10:00 Competition starts</p> <p>Sunday 8th March 2026: Years 6 and 7, and Years 12 and 13: 08:15 – 09:00 Academic Years 6 and 7 10:30 – 11:30 Academic Years 12 and 13 10:00 Competition starts</p> <p>All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo licence and proof of grade (record book) to registration. It is recommended that coaches complete gradings 1 month prior to the event.</p> <p>Sweating Off: If a player is seen by BJA staff or officials sweating off, they will be asked to go straight to the scales and weigh in. A toilet visit is allowed <u>in this situation</u>, but no more running. If the athlete refuses to go to the scales, they will be withdrawn from the competition.</p>

Schools Trophy	<p>There will also be an overall winning school trophy awarded to the school with the most points accumulated during the weekend. Schools can gain points by the following:</p> <p>2 points – for a competitor that wins a bronze medal. 4 points – for a competitor that wins a silver medal. 6 points – for a competitor that wins a gold medal.</p> <p>This trophy will be awarded post event.</p>
Coaching Passes/group leader	<p>Coaches MUST have a valid coach licence on BJA or affiliated membership system to be eligible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gain entry free of charge to BJA centrally administered National Events. This excludes EJU and IJF events. • To gain mat-side access with their player at a BJA centrally administered National Event (Only one coach per player will be permitted at any one time). Coaches must be level 1 or higher. <p>Coaches registered with affiliated governing bodies must register before the event, to ensure checks can be carried out (minimum 1 week prior to the event). If you are attending the event but will not have a coach with you (For Example - if you are travelling with your PE teacher) please include this information on the entry form.</p>
Photography	<p>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 events@britishjudo.org.uk or contact a member of BJA staff at the event.</p>
Volunteer Development	<p>This event will be used as a volunteer development event for young officials and referees.</p>
Spectator Tickets	<p>Spectator Tickets: £6.00</p> <p>Concession Tickets: £3.00 - includes Under-16's, Senior Citizens, Students (must produce a valid NUS card)</p> <p>Spectator tickets will be available on the door at EIS, Sheffield from 07:30 during the event weekend (all tickets are subject to availability).</p>
Confirmation	<p>All confirmation of entries will be sent to the judoka email addresses supplied and the entry list will be visible on our website: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/event/british-schools-championships-2026/</p> <p>NO entries will be accepted after the late closing date of Friday 20th February 2026 OR when 375 entries per day are received. A reserve list will be opened if this total is reached before official entry close.</p>
Final Notes	<p>By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British Judo Association policies and codes of conduct. This includes but is not limited to:</p>

- Transgender policy <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibility-and-participation-in-competition-policy/>
- Codes of conduct <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/>
- Contest rules <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/>
 - o <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/>
- Stoma bags: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/>
- Prosthetic limbs: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/>

You must contact the organisers and events@britishjudo.org.uk if you require any support at the event or have any questions regarding the above points. Please note that failure to comply with these policies and codes of conduct may result in not being able to compete/attend this event, or removal from the event, and notification to the British Judo Association. These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event have a good experience.

**British School
Championships
guidelines – for
judoka, coaches
and parents****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 aims of the British Schools Championships are to have fun, help you develop as a judoka, improve your skills, and conduct yourself in a sportsman-like manner.
- Represent the ideals, disciplines and etiquette of British Judo to the highest level.
- Treat all 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.
- Contestants without instruction, adjust their judogi, so that the front and back of the jacket are inside the belt after every mate.

Parents and Coaches

- 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.
- Coaching is allowed throughout competition.
- Please remind your child/judoka that without instruction, they should adjust their judogi, so that the front and back of the jacket are inside the belt after every mate (see new BJA rules).

**ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury).
PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE ENTRY FEE HAS NOT BEEN
RECEIVED.**