



U8 Festival - Northampton

Winter Sho Grades Championships

14 March 2026



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| Venue | <p>Abington PDC, Sports Centre behind 72 Barry Road, Northampton, NN1 5JS</p> <p>Parking - On street parking at Barry Road and nearby streets. Please note: Co-op car park is limited to 1 hour.</p> |
| Groups <i>(All ages relate to the day of competition)</i> | Group 1: Girls & Boys aged 5-7 |
| Participation | <p>All competitors MUST hold a current BJA, BJC or AJA license. NO LICENSE NO ENTRY!</p> <p>Players must have graded within the last 12 months.</p> <p>Novice competitors must have held a judo membership for no longer than 6 months prior to the event.</p> |
| Judogi Rules | <p>Competitors can wear any colour judogi, as long as it's a judo suit. If you're in a BJJ gi, or any other martial-art suit, you will be turned away from the competition.</p> <p>ALL COMPETITORS WILL WEIGH IN IN A T-SHIRT AND GI BOTTOMS (optional for Boys to fight in white t-shirts under judogi).</p> <p>All female competitors will wear a plain white t-shirt under their judogi.</p> <p>All Judogi must fit correctly.</p> |
| Randori Rules | <p>BJA technical restrictions will apply throughout the day.</p> <p>Randori times shall be: Group 1 - 2minutes</p> <p>See BJA contest rules for details.</p> |
| Competition Format | <p>All competitors will be weighed on the day and grouped into Pools of 4 depending on age, weight, and grade. Using the index system (Age+grade+weight).</p> <p>It is a mixed gender event (female players competing against males will receive a fair weight advantage).</p> <p>All efforts will be made to find a suitable group for each competitor, the Tournament Director will consult coaches/parents if any suitable matches can't be found.</p> <p>If required age groups may be merged (within reason), coaches and competitors will be consulted the week of the competition date of any issues.</p> <p>All competitors will receive a medal.</p> |
| Weigh-in Times | <p>Girls & Boys Group 1: 12:45 - 13:15</p> <p>*(Subject to change after all entries received)</p> |



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| <p>Spectators, coaches and officials.</p> | <p>Entry is free of charge for spectators, however, please remember this is a children's development event and it's about learning. Some of the refs and table officials may be developing, so please be patient with them. Seating is limited therefore be respectful of others and do not reserve with bags etc.</p> |
| <p>Closing date</p> | <p>Entries will be accepted up to Wednesday 11th March 2026 (or when the entry limit is reached).</p> |
| <p>Cost</p> | <p>£28.00 per player - Non-refundable unless tournament is cancelled.</p> |
| <p>Photo/Video Policy</p> | <p>By entering the event, participants and parents/guardians consent to photography and filming. Images may be used by the organisers for promotional and informational purposes. Names or identifying details will not be published without additional consent.</p> |
| <p>Entries</p> | <p>For single entry, Enter online: https://northamptonjudostore.co.uk/products/sho-comps-14-march-2026</p> <p>For club entries in bulk, please use the form below, email us for excel form, and email the list to hello@judoacademy.uk</p> <p>Payment for entries in bulk, please send entry fee to: Northampton Judo Academy ACC: 21928519 SC: 04-06-05 BACS REFERENCE FORMAT: Your club's name e.g. NorthamptonJudoAcademy</p> |
| <p>Safeguarding</p> | <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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/ 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/ <p>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.</p> |



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Entry Form

Club: _____

Coach: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

ALL fields in the table below must be completed or your entry will not be accepted.

Please ensure competitors are weighed accurately before completing the actual weight column on the entry form.

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