JudoScotland

The Scottish National Closed Championship 2026

Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, 1 O'Donnell Way, Motherwell, ML1 2TZ

Saturday 7th November: Cadets (C Band), Minors (A Band), Adapted &VI, Pre Cadets (B Band)

Sunday 8th November: Juniors, Veterans, Seniors

This event will also serve as a British Judo Association Regional Schools qualifying event for the British Schools Championship.

The Scottish National Closed Championship is intended to provide judoka with an appropriate level of competition for their development. This event is suitable for those that are at the progression (minors and pre-cadets), developing athletes (cadets & seniors) and athletes stage (seniors) within the JudoScotland Player Development Framework. **Please speak to your club coach before entering to ensure this event is suitable for you.**

Following changes to the qualification process for the British Schools Championship, the Scottish National Closed Championship will serve as a British Judo Association Regional Schools qualifying event for the British Schools Championship.

Organiser JudoScotland

Contact Details
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Venue: Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, 1 O'Donnell Way, Motherwell, ML1 2TZ

Competition date

Saturday 7th November 2026: Cadets (C Band) Adapted & VI, Minors (A Band) Pre-Cadet (B Band)

Sunday 8th November 2026: Juniors (JNR), Veterans, Seniors (SNR)

Closing date: All entries and payment must be received by 1200 hours on Friday 23rd October 2026.

JudoScotland reserve the right to close the entry before the published closing date if the maximum entry number has been reached.

Entry Fee
Single entry fee. £35.00

Double entry fee. £65.00 (Cadet & Junior) (Junior & Senior) (Senior & Veteran) (Adapted, VI & Senior) Adapted, VI & Cadet)

Event T-shirt

The Adidas Entrada 26 Tee is crafted from soft single-jersey fabric, providing a comfortable and breathable fit. Designed with a regular fit for ease of movement, it is ideal for both training sessions and casual wear. This edition features a bespoke full-back design showcasing competitor names, creating a unique and memorable keepsake.

Event T-shirt orders must be received by 1200 hours on Friday 9th October 2026. Children sizes: 7/8, 9/11, 12/13, 14/15, Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL **£25.00.** Event T-shirt fees are non-refundable. Collection from JudoScotland reception on the day of the event

Entry/Payment
JudoScotland members can enter online – www.judoscotland.com. Telephone entries will be accepted if accompanied by a card payment.

Event Type
Level 3 Point Scoring

Please can coaches make sure that their players only enter if they are the appropriate age, grade and level.

Level 3 events are designed for players who have had substantial experience at level two events as a minimum.

Rules & Method
All IJF/BJA contest rules will apply; all other rules will be in accordance with the latest BJA Tournament Handbook.

Eligibility
All players must have a current up-to-date membership of JudoScotland. It is the Judoka's

responsibility to check that their licence is in date and that they meet the eligibility criteria to compete. (Age, Grade & Weight)

All competitors must be within the specified age, grade and weight limits for their category.

A competitor may enter two sections if they meet the age and grade limits specified for each category.

Minors (A) Band born in the following years, **2015/2016** (Minimum Grade 4th Mon /Bottom Yellow Belt). Contest Times: 3 minutes, No Golden Score

- BJA technical restrictions will apply for Minors

Pre-cadets (B)Band born in the following years, **2013/2014.** (Minimum Grade 6th Mon /Top Yellow Belt) Contest Times: 3 minutes, unlimited Golden Score

Cadets (C) Band born in the following years, **2010/2011/2012.** (Minimum Grade 10th Bottom Green / 3 Kyu Senior Green Belt) Contest Times: 4 minutes, unlimited Golden Score

Juniors (JNR) born in the following years: **2007/2008/2009/2010/2011/2012.** (Minimum Grade 10th Mon Bottom Green / 3 Kyu Senior Green Belt) Contest Times: 4 minutes, unlimited Golden Score

Senior SNR players must be 14 years or older on the day of competition (Minimum Grade 10th Mon Bottom Green / 3 Kyu Senior Green Belt). Contest Times: 4 minutes, unlimited Golden Score

Veteran players must be 30 years or older on the day of competition. (Minimum Grade 4 Kyu Senior Orange Belt)

Contest Times M/F1 - M/F6 3 minutes. M/F 7+ 2.5 minutes. Unlimited Golden Score excluding M6/F6+

Adapted & VI

Adapted L1-L5 Vision Impaired J1, J2 (VI): Must be A band or above 2015/2016

If you are uncertain of your eligibility, contact our events manager on 0131 333 2981. Option 2.

Adapted Classification, Vision Impairment Criteria and BJA Adaptive Contest Rules can be found on page 8.

JudoScotland will work with players and coaches on the day of the event to keep all players safe and provide the best experience.

Judogi

The use of a blue judogi is NOT COMPULSORY for this event, but any player wearing a blue suit must also have a white suit.

If wearing a white suit only, competitors must have their own blue and white belts.

Registration & Weigh-in

Cadet (C Band), Adapted & VI, Minors (A Band), Pre-Cadet (B Band): Registration & weigh-in will take place on Saturday 7th November 2026 at the competition venue.

Juniors (JNR), Veterans, Seniors (SNR): Registration & weigh-in will take place on Sunday 8th November 2026 at the competition venue.

If a player is double entering into Cadet (C Band) and Juniors (JNR), Junior (JNR)and Senior (SNR), they will only need to weigh in once.

Weigh-in times will be emailed to competitors and displayed on the JudoScotland website.

At registration, players must show their valid JudoScotland membership.

Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category,

- e.g., a U34 kg player must weigh a minimum of 30.9 kg.

Players can change weight category to a higher or lower category at registration.

Players must make sure that their grade is correct, especially for point scoring purposes.

Saturday 7th November Running order of the day

1st Cadet (C Band) year born 2010/2011/2012.

2nd Adapted & VI & Minors (A Band) year born 2016/2015 or older

4th Pre-Cadet (B Band) year born 2013/2014

Sunday 8th November: Running order of the day.

1st Junior (JNR) year born 2007/2008/2009/2010/2011/2012.

2nd Veterans: You will be put into the category that reflects your age on 31st December 2026

3rd Senior (SNR)14+ years of age

If you decide to enter two categories if eligible, please note the running order of the days.

Weigh-in allowance. All genders of all ages in all British events are entitled to wear a T-shirt/Rash Guard at both weigh-in and during the contest should they wish to do so.

This event is an Open weigh in

Gender of the category entered	**For open weigh-ins**	**Allowance (Open weigh-ins)**	**In competition**
Female	Must wear a T-shirt/Rash Guard, with competition legal judogi trousers	0.8kg	Must wear a T-shirt/Rash Guard with their judogi
Male U18 & O18	Must wear a T-shirt/Rash Guard with competition legal judogi trousers	0.8kg	Can choose to wear a T-shirt/Rash Guard with their judogi

T-Shirt Criteria: The Standard T-shirt / Rash Guard worn in all categories will be plain white with a round neck collar and have a maximum sleeve length up to 5cm above the wrist joint. There will be no advertising on the T-shirt / Rash Guard of any description other than the standard manufacturer's label; the maximum size of the manufacturer's label will be 3cm x 15cm and not visible when the jacket is tied in its normal position. Should a T-shirt / Rash Guard become damaged or soiled to such a degree that the referee decides it requires changing, an appropriate official of the category gender will accompany the athlete to do so. The athlete must not be left on their own during this process in case of any anomaly occurring. Any changing must be conducted in a changing room irrespective of age.

Weight Categories

Minors (A Band) -year born 2015/2016 (Minimum Grade 4th Mon Bottom Yellow Belt)

No Strangles or Arm Locks, No Kata Sangaku Turnover, No Reverse Seoi/using head allowed.

- Female -U28kg, U32kg, U36kg, U40kg, U44kg, U48kg, U52kg, +52kg
- Male -U27kg, U30kg, U34kg, U38kg, U42kg, U46kg, U50kg, U55kg, U60kg, +60kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Pre- Cadet (B Band) year born 2013/2014(Minimum Grade 6th Mon Top Yellow Belt)

No Strangles or Arm Locks, No Kata Sangaku Turnover, No Reverse Seoi/using head allowed.

- Female - U32kg, U36kg, U40kg, U44kg, U48kg, U52kg, U57kg, U63kg, +63kg
- Male - U34kg, U38kg, U42kg, U46kg, U50kg, U55kg, U60kg, U66kg, +66kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Cadets (C Band)-year born 2010/2011/2012. (Minimum Grade 10th Mon Bottom Green/3 Kyu Senior Green Belt)

Strangles and Arm Locks allowed; No Kata Sangaku Turnover, No Reverse Seoi/using head allowed.

- Female - U40kg, U44kg, U48kg, U52kg, U57kg, U63kg, U70kg, +70kg
- Male - U42kg, U46kg, U50kg, U55kg, U60kg, U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, +90kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Juniors (JNR) year born 2007/2008/2009/2010/2011/2012. (Minimum Grade 10th Mon Bottom Green/3 Kyu Senior Green Belt) Strangles and Arm Locks allowed.

- Female - U44kg, U48kg, U52kg, U57kg, U63kg, U70kg, U78kg, +78kg
- Male - U55kg, U60kg, U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Seniors (SNR)14+ years of age (Minimum Grade 10th Mon Bottom Green/3 Kyu Senior Green Belt)

Strangles and Arm Locks allowed.

- Female - U48kg, U52kg, U57kg, U63kg, U70kg, U78kg, +78kg
- Male – U60kg, U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Veterans – You will be put into the category that reflects your age on 31st December 2026. (Minimum Grade 4 Kyu Senior Orange Belt)

Strangles and Arm Locks allowed, excluding M6/F6+.

Group A: Men M1/M2 (30-39yrs)

- U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Group B: Men M3/M4 (40-49yrs)

- U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Group C: Men M5/M6 (50-59yrs)

- U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Group D: Men M7+

- U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, +100kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Group A: Female F1-F7

- U63kg, U78kg, +78kg
- If the player is in the Over category, please state their exact weight in Kg.

Adapted & VI - No Strangles or Arm Locks, No Kata Sangaku Turnover, No Reverse Seoi/using head allowed.

- Female -U28kg U32kg, U36kg, U40kg, U44kg, U48kg, U52kg, U57kg, U63kg, U70kg, U78kg, O78kg
- Male -U27kg, U30kg, U34kg, U38kg, U42kg, U46kg, U50kg, U55kg, U60kg, U66kg, U73kg, U81kg, U90kg, U100kg, O100kg

Medals

- 4 Medals will be awarded in each category where numbers permit. However, competitors must have won at least one contest to be eligible for a medal.
- The organisers reserve the right to combine age/weight categories when appropriate to maximise the number of contests available for a better event experience.
- Medals will be presented throughout the day.

Coaches and Mat-Side Coaching

- Coaches must apply for a coaching pass by registering via www.judoscotland.com and selecting the coaching pass ticket, before the closing date of **1200 hours on Wednesday 4th November 2026.**
- British Judo Amendments to the IJF Contest Rules
    - https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/20260221-BJA-Amendments-to-IJF-Contest-Rules_Final.pdf
- Coaching passes are non-transferable.
- Coaches must adhere to the code of conduct for coaches, a copy of which will be available at coach accreditation.
- Coaches should attend the coaches briefing before the commencement of the event in case of any rule changes.
    - The referee in charge will give a briefing on any updates.
- Coaching booths will be used; only one coach per player.

Venue Facilities

- Small café onsite.
- Free car parking. (Do not park on the street as wardens are in operation)
- No Cash machine.

General Information:

Use of Personal Information: We will use the information provided on your entry form or online registration to: Process your entry or booking for a course, event, or competition. Communicate with you regarding your attendance at that event. All personal information will only be used for event organisation purposes. You can view the full JudoScotland Privacy Notice at: www.JudoScotland.com

Telegram: Keep up to date with event information by downloading Telegram.

Accommodation SportsHotels.com, the Official Accommodation Partner of JudoScotland, is here to help secure the ideal accommodation at the perfect price.

All participants can take advantage of exclusive discounted hotel rates, with savings of up to 40% at a range of hotels near the event venue.

Need Assistance? The SportsHotels.com team is ready to help with any accommodation queries.

Feel free to reach out directly:

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Photography and Video
Video recording and photography will take place at this event. Footage and images may be used for promotional purposes, including publication on websites and social media.

By submitting an entry, you accept these conditions. In the absence of any expressed objection, parental/guardian consent is assumed for the taking and use of photos or videos.

Welfare and Safeguarding
The event will be run in accordance with the JudoScotland / BJA Child Protection Policy. An information poster of our Wellbeing and Protection Officer will be displayed throughout the venue. If you have any concerns about judoka welfare on the day, please contact our Lead Wellbeing and Protection Officer: Email: safeguarding@judoscotland.com

Liability
JudoScotland shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform any obligation, or for any alterations/cancellations, due to causes beyond its reasonable control. These may include, but are not limited to: venue closure, strikes, lockouts, or labour disputes, acts of god (e.g. war, riot, civil unrest, terrorism, etc.) threats to safety, compliance with government laws or orders, environmental contamination, pandemics, disease outbreaks, equipment failure, fire, flood, storm, shortage or increased cost of staff, materials, or goods

Refund Policy Entry Fees: Refunds will only be issued if requested before the official closing date of the event. No refunds will be considered after this date. Administrative fees may apply.

Additional Information: 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:

Transgender Policy

Codes of Conduct

Contest Rules

Stoma Bags

Prosthetic Limbs

Diabetic Implants

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

Adapted Classification Contest Level Help Sheet

- Level 1 (Most Able Player) A judoka who can train and compete with mainstream players on club level. Has a good understanding of the meaning and goal of the competition. Capable of taking part in mainstream national and international competitions.

- Level 2 (More Able Player) A judoka who can train and take part in light competition (RANDORI) with mainstream players. Understands the meaning and goal of the competition. Capable of taking part in mainstream local competitions and tournaments.

- Level 3 (Medium Player) A judoka who can take part in training with mainstream players but only competes in adaptive competitions with athletes of the same level. Understands most of the rules, meaning and goal of the competition.

- Level 4 (Medium/Less Able Player) An athlete who is only capable of taking part in special training and competitions. This athlete needs guiding during the competition but understands most of the rules and goal of a competition.

- Level 5 (Less Able Player) An athlete who is only capable of taking part in special training and competitions with specialist care. This judoka needs a lot of guidance during the competition.

The competition might need to be adjusted to the competitors. Due to safety considerations, this judoka may be restricted to compete only on the ground (ne-waza).

BJA Adaptive Contest Rules will apply: To view the rules, click here.

Vision Impairment Criteria

J1: The Athlete's Vision Impairment must result in a visual acuity of less than or equal to LogMAR 2.6 in binocular vision.

J2: The Athlete's visual acuity must be within a range between LogMAR 1.3 and 2.5 with binocular vision, or with a binocular visual field of 60 degrees or less in diameter. Click here to view IBSA Classification.

Additional Criteria:

- If Adapted judoka and Vision Impaired judoka are combined categories, strangles and armlocks are **not** permitted.
- If there is a category consisting only of Vision Impaired judoka, strangles and armlocks **are** permitted.
- Judoka must have previous engagement/participation in level 3 events to ensure competency.
- Divisioning will be undertaken to ensure appropriate judo ability; the following system for divisioning will be in place.
- JudoScotland will work with players and coaches on the day of the event to keep all players safe and provide the best experience

Please note: Categories may be merged to ensure meaningful competition; prior notification will be given after the closing date where possible.