

MEMORANDUM

TO: GB & Home Nation Squads
CC: Support Staff and Coaches
From: Clean Judo Steering Group
Date: July 2026
Subject: National Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Pool - Judo

This is a memo as an annual reminder of the rules regarding TUEs for judo athletes. Please note that there has been no change since the 2025 memo.

National TUE Pool

You can check below to find out if you are included within the National TUE Pool:

1. Fighters submitting their daily whereabouts to UKAD (that is, fighters in the National Registered Testing Pool and Domestic Testing Pool)
2. British Judo World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) Fighters (Olympic and Paralympic)
3. British Fighters competing at IJF World Ranking List Events (with the addition of the Junior European Championships)
4. Fighters competing at the 2026 Commonwealth Games*

*Fighters who are selected to represent England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (and are not already in the National TUE Pool) are required to apply for TUEs for acute and chronic medical conditions as soon as their selection is confirmed.

NB. Fighters who are included in the International Judo Federation (IJF) Registered Testing Pool and/or are due to compete in any IJF Event should [apply directly to the IJA](#).

If you are part of this list, if you ever need to use a prohibited substance or method for therapeutic reasons, then you are required to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in advance of using the substance or method in question (unless there is an exceptional circumstance – please see UKAD website for these).

Strict liability means that all athletes are solely responsible for any banned substance they use, attempt to use, or that is found in their system, regardless of how it got there and whether or not they had an intention to cheat. Athletes should advise all medical personnel of their obligation to abide by the anti-doping rules and that any medical treatment received must not violate these rules.

At the point that you are prescribed with any medication (or purchase any medication over-the-counter), you should check the anti-doping status of that medication on Global DRO. <http://www.globaldro.com/UK/search>

If the medication or method of treatment is prohibited, then use the UKAD TUE Wizard to find out how to apply for a TUE. <https://www.ukad.org.uk/tue-wizard>

Please contact tim.ellis@britishjudo.org.uk or UKAD at tue@ukad.org.uk should you have any questions relating to medications or TUEs.

We are also obliged to inform you that you would be at risk of incurring an antidoping rule violation should you be subject to Doping Control without having first obtained a TUE (unless there is an exceptional circumstance for not doing so).