



CLUB WELFARE OFFICER UPDATE

JULY



Welcome to the July Club Welfare Officer update, where we bring you the latest news and resources to help you in your role as the CWO for your club.

BRITISH JUDO UPDATES



BJA Online Safeguarding Conference 2026

The theme for this year's BJA conference will be: Safeguarding our Sport Communities within the risks of child/adult sexual abuse and exploitation.

Covering topics such as:

- Survivor Perspective
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Operation Make Safe
- CSA & CSE
- Online Risks & Threats

BJA Club Welfare Officers (BJA, AJA & BJC CWOs only): 6 October, 7:00pm–9:30pm

Stakeholder Conference (including partner organisations and BJA clubs): 8 October, 10:00am–3:30pm

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



BJA Free Bystander Training

The NWG Network's sports team are delivering a FREE session on Active Bystander Actions and the role that everyone can play in keeping sport safer for all.

The sessions are for:

- Coaches
- Referees
- Officials
- Club Welfare Officers
- Volunteers
- Parents/Guardians
- Anyone involved in judo

For more information, contact Andrew Bowly, Head of Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion at the British Judo Association, at andrew.bowly@britishjudo.org.uk

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

WHY DO WE HAVE THIS GUIDANCE?

BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED AND STRIVING TOWARDS INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE JUDO FOR ALL.

AS A SYSTEM PARTNER WITHIN SPORT ENGLAND, BRITISH JUDO PROMOTES GOOD PRACTICE OUTLINED BELOW:

“ Sport England focuses on making sports clubs inclusive to all religions by embedding, faith-sensitive, culturally aware practices into community sport through their “Uniting the Movement” strategy. Key approaches include tackling inactivity by tailoring opportunities to specific, diverse needs rather than using a “one-size-fits-all” approach, providing gender-segregated activities, and building partnerships with local religious groups. ”



BJA Guidance to Clubs: Including Judoka from Faith & Cultures

British Judo Association is committed and striving towards inclusive, accessible and safe Judo for all.

Making sports clubs inclusive to different religions involves creating a welcoming environment that respects diverse beliefs, practices, and needs through flexible scheduling, facility adjustments, and open communication. Key strategies include accommodating prayer times, offering appropriate food options, adapting dress codes for modesty, and avoiding scheduling matches during major religious festivals.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Buddle - An Introduction to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Everyone has the right to be active in a safe, enjoyable environment, free from discrimination and abuse. That's why it's important that community clubs and organisations prioritise EDI in everything they do.

We know it can be hard for some clubs and community organisations to understand how to embed EDI in practice.

Buddle's latest downloadable infographic, created with support from England Volleyball and Sport England's EDI team, can help by providing an introduction to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Champion Parents - The Importance of Parent Education in Judo

Champion Parents helps clubs create positive, child-centred environments by equipping parents with the knowledge and practical tools to support their children effectively.

When parents understand how to encourage effort, resilience, learning, and enjoyment, young judoka are more likely to stay engaged, develop confidence, and build a lifelong love of sport.

Champion Parents offers both face-to-face workshops and flexible online learning, making parent education accessible for every club and family.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Safeguarding is a team effort

nspcc.org.uk/sport | sport@nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Sport

The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) is now called NSPCC Sport.

They're the same team we've always trusted to help us keep children safe in judo — just with a new name and refreshed look.

We'll continue working with NSPCC Sport to support our clubs, coaches and volunteers with guidance, training and safeguarding best practice.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

[To view previous Club Welfare Officer updates, click here!](#)