

England Development Squad & England Performance Potential Programme Booklet

**Pre Cadet, Cadet, Junior Age Groups
September 2026 – August 2027**

This booklet serves as a supplement to the England Development Squad (EDS) Identification Policy and the England Performance Potential (EPP) Identification Policy for 2026-2027. It provides detailed information regarding training camps, international competitions, required commitment levels, communication protocols, and other essential topics for athletes, coaches, and parents.

Any queries please contact Head Coach Jason Parsons.

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1. Training Camps

The 2026/2027 annual calendar will be published on the England Judo webpage <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/home-nation-programmes/england-judo/> by 31 August 2026. This will be updated as necessary.

All training camps will take place at the British Judo Olympic & Paralympic National Training Centre in Walsall.

Camp Type	Date	Attendance
EDS Induction	Saturday 27 September 2026	EDS Group 1
	Sunday 28 September 2026	EDS Group 2
EDS Camp - November	Saturday 21 November 2026	EDS Group 1

	Sunday 22 November 2026	EDS Group 2
EPP Training Weekend - November	Sat 21 – Tues 24 November 2026	EPP
EDS & EPP Camp – January 1	Saturday 2 January 2027	EDS Group 1 & EPP
	Sunday 3 January 2027	EDS Group 2 & EPP
EDS & EPP Camp – January 2	Saturday 30 January 2027	EDS Group 1 & EPP
	Sunday 31 January 2027	EDS Group 2 & EPP
EPP Training Weekend - March	Fri 12 – Mon 15 March 2027	EPP
EDS Camp - March	Saturday 13 March 2027	EDS Group 1
	Sunday 14 March 2027	EDS Group 2
EDS & EPP Camp - April	Saturday 3 April 2027	EDS Group 1 & EPP
	Sunday 4 April 2027	EDS Group 2 & EPP
EPP Training Weekend - May	Sat 1 – Mon 3 May 2027	EPP
EDS Camp - May	Saturday 2 May 2027	EDS Group 1
	Sunday 3 May 2027	EDS Group 2
EDS & EPP Camp - June	Saturday 5 June 2027	EDS Group 1 & EPP
	Sunday 6 June 2027	EDS Group 2 & EPP
EDS & EPP Camp - July	Saturday 10 July 2027	EDS Group 1 & EPP
	Sunday 11 July 2027	EDS Group 2 & EPP

All scheduled training days may be subject to change in the event of clashes with other events. We will provide as much notice as possible.

2. Performance Pathway Training

It is recommended that EDS/EPP athletes participate in England Programme Additional Randori sessions as outlined below:

Age Group	England Judo Training Randori	Area or interclub randori/training
Pre-Cadet	Weekly (min. 2 x month)	Encouraged to attend
Cadet	Weekly	Encouraged to attend
Junior	Weekly	Encouraged to attend

Please click the link here for the England Judo Training Opportunities:
[England Judo Training Opportunities - British Judo Association](#)

3. EDS Training Groups

The EDS are divided into two training groups:

Group 1:

- ✓ All Pre-Cadets selected for EDS
- ✓ 2012 born Cadets that placed in the top four at 2025 English Closed Championships but were outside of the medals at the 2026 England Closed Championships.

Group 2:

- ✓ Cadets who placed in the top four, with at least 2 wins, at the 2026 English Closed Championships, 2026 British Championships or 2027 English Open.
- ✓ All Juniors selected for EDS.

4. International Camp and Competition Opportunities

The England Talent Programme coaches have reviewed the 2026/2027 international competition calendar and identified a programme of competitions suitable for EDS and EPP athletes.

To support planning and ensure athletes are entered into competitions that match their stage of development, events have been categorised as A Level or B Level. B Level competitions are generally more suitable for athletes gaining international experience and developing consistency. A Level competitions are aimed at athletes who have demonstrated strong international results and are ready to compete against a higher standard of international opposition.

Information on how to register interest in each competition will be communicated by England Talent Programme staff prior to each event.

Some competition details are to be confirmed and will be shared as soon as they are available.

England Development Squad:

Competition	Level	Age groups	Location	Month
Harnes International	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet	Harnes, France	November 2026
Danish Open	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Odense, Denmark	February 2027
Copenhagen Open	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Copenhagen, Denmark	March 2027
International Masters Bremen	A	Male Cadet / Junior	Bremen, Germany	March 2027
International Thuringia Cup	A	Female Cadet / Junior	Bad Blankenburg, Germany	March 2027
To be confirmed	B	Junior	Latvia	May 2027
Solanin Cup International Tournament	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet	Nowa Sol, Poland	June 2027
Venray International	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Venray, Netherlands	June 2027

England Performance Potential - Cadets:

Competition	Level	Age groups	Location	Month
Harnes International	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet	Harnes, France	November 2026
Rome Cadet European Cup	A	Cadet	Rome, Italy	February 2027
Danish Open	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Odense, Denmark	February 2027
International Masters Bremen	A	Male Cadet / Junior	Bremen, Germany	March 2027
International Thuringia Cup	A	Female Cadet / Junior	Bad Blankenburg, Germany	March 2027
Porec Cadet European Cup	A	Cadet	Porec, Croatia	March 2027
Latvia – to be confirmed	B	Junior	Latvia	May 2027
Solanin Cup International Tournament	B	Cadet	Nowa Sol, Poland	June 2027
Venray International	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Venray, Netherlands	June 2027

EPP Cadets that achieve a top 7 placing in Rome, Bremen, Thuringia or Croatia will have the opportunity to attend the following:

Berlin Cadet European Cup	A	Cadet	Berlin, Germany	April 2027
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England Performance Potential - Juniors:

Competition	Level	Age groups	Location	Month
Sarajevo Junior European Cup	A	Junior	Sarajevo, Bosnia	February 2027
Danish Open	B	Pre Cadet / Cadet / Junior	Odense, Denmark	February 2027
International Masters Bremen	A	Male Cadet / Junior	Bremen, Germany	March 2027
International Thuringia Cup	A	Female Cadet / Junior	Bad Blankenburg, Germany	March 2027
Kaunas Junior European Cup	A	Junior	Kaunas, Lithuania	April 2027
To be confirmed	B	Junior	Latvia	May 2027
To be confirmed	B	Junior		June 2027

EPP Juniors that achieve a top 7 placing in Bosnia, Bremen, Thuringia or Lithuania will have the opportunity to attend the following:

Berlin Junior European Cup	A	Junior	Berlin, Germany	June 2027
Prague Junior European Cup	A	Junior	Prague, Czech Republic	July 2027

Part Funded Support:

All EPP athletes attending A level tournaments with the England Talent Programme, will receive a contribution towards their costs of attending the event.

5. Squad Fees

Annual Fee	Due Date	Payable
£150	30 September 2026	Payments - British Judo Association

Late payments may incur additional charges.

The following benefits are included with your squad fee:

- England Judo squad training days at the British Judo Olympic & Paralympic National Training Centre
 - o a minimum of 8 camps per year (EDS Groups 1 & 2).
 - o a minimum of 2 x 4-day camps and 6 x 2-day camps (EPP athletes).
 - o supported with England Talent Programme coaches.
 - o supported with an England Talent Programme physiotherapist.
- Education workshops across the year to include nutrition, safeguarding (including social media guidance), anti-doping and performance lifestyle.
- Access to support to coaches and athletes from England Talent Programme coaches in between national camps and competitions.
- Voucher for purchase of England Team kit – to be worn at all training camps.
- International competition opportunities with England Talent Programme coaches in attendance.
- England Judo support for your applications for grants or bursaries to help support the costs associated with training (i.e. local council bursaries)

6. Attendance & Communication

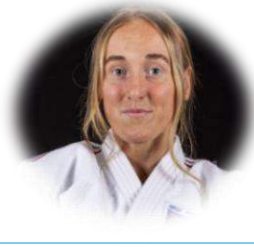
Regular attendance and professional engagement are the primary factors taken into consideration when selections are made for international competitions, training camps and additional training opportunities. They also support the aims of the England Talent programme of building strong foundations and future success.

Athletes invited to England Talent Programme camps will be required to respond to the calling notice as per the deadlines given by England Judo. If an athlete cannot attend a training camp, due to either injury or other valid reason (such as a family holiday), please ensure you respond by the deadline with details of the absence.

Where calling notices are persistently not responded to, the England Talent Programme has the right to remove athletes from the EDS/EPP. Charges will apply for continued late replies, or no shows, which incurs additional costs to the England Talent Programme.

7. England Talent Programme Staff

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If the first instance, please contact Jason Parsons for all queries.

Appendix 1

2026-27 England Talent Programme Fighter Agreement

As a member of the 2026-2027 England Talent Programme the terms and conditions of your inclusion are detailed below. It is important that you **read this document and agree to behave accordingly** by acknowledging and accepting this agreement when signing up to the England Talent Programme.

As a member of the England Talent Programme, you will be expected to conduct yourself in a manner appropriate of a representative of England and comply with the rules and the bylaws of the British Judo Association (BJA), including the GB Fighter Code of Conduct: [British-Judo-GB-Fighter-Code-of-Conduct-Agreement](#)

DO:

- ✓ Demonstrate professional training behaviours on and off the mat. Examples include:
 - Always engage with coaches.
 - Respect your fellow judoka.
 - Stay on the mat until told to leave.
 - Tell coaches if you are injured and follow the correct injury assessment procedures regarding ice, physio assessment and rest.
 - Give feedback when asked.
- ✓ Understand and follow the England Development Squad (EDS) expectations on attending training camps and process for absence.
- ✓ Follow good practice with relation to weight control management – see British Judo's Weight Management Guidance here: [Weight-Management-Guidance](#) - and injury management (see appendix 2).
- ✓ Exercise self-control, responsible behaviour, consideration of others, courtesy, good manners and adhering to the Judo Moral Code.
- ✓ Use social media positively to promote yourself, other fighters, and the England Talent Programme / British Judo Association
- ✓ Use social media and messaging platforms responsibly and respectfully.
- ✓ Wear the England Judo Programme clothing for all domestic training sessions/camps as specified in your selection letter (e.g., team tracksuit & t-shirt) for the duration of the camp/competition.
- ✓ Follow all instructions as laid out by England Staff, including all curfews and meeting times at all International Events and England squad training.
- ✓ Follow all rules and regulations of the competition organiser, IJF, EJU or IBSA.
- ✓ Report and call out any cases of bullying and unprofessional behaviour to the England Talent Programme staff or British Judo's Safeguarding team.

- BJA Safe Landings Policy is here: [Safelandings-Jun-24.pdf](#)
- BJA Safeguarding team: call 0121 728 6920, email safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk or use My Voice website: [MyVoice](#).
- ✓ Maintain a tidy living and training environment.
- ✓ Follow the laws and expectations/culture of the countries you are visiting.
 - England Talent Programme staff will inform you about any cultural requirements prior to travel – please ensure you take responsibility for ensuring you follow the guidance.
- ✓ Comply with all anti-doping rules and regulations of UKAD and WADA.
- ✓ Download the 100% me Clean Sport App for everything you need to know about clean sport.
 - [Apple - App Store](#) [Google Play](#)
- ✓ Have a positive impact on the sport of judo by maintaining the behaviours outlined in the BJA Values and [GB Judo Way \(Code of Conduct\)](#)



DON'T:

- ✗ Take or share inappropriate images or videos. Always adhere to the British Judo Performance Programme Media Policy.
- ✗ Purchase or consume alcohol while at England Judo Programme events.
- ✗ Possess or use prohibited drugs/banned substances or participate in any other practice prohibited by the British Judo Association. Go into each other's rooms, especially boys in girls' rooms and vice versa.
- ✗ Go out of training/competition venue or players accommodation without permission of a member of the England Programme Staff (must be in groups of 4 or more).
- ✗ Drive other athletes in your own car unless you are insured to do so.
- ✗ Wear casual clothing (e.g., jeans) unless permission given by England Programme staff.
- ✗ Engage in bullying or harassment of others.
- ✗ Bring England Judo or British Judo into any situation that impacts its reputation.
- ✗ Participate in any activity that is against the Laws of the United Kingdom.
- ✗ Travel to a national or international competition/camp with an injury – inform the England Talent programme coaches in advance of travel.
- ✗ During camps/competitions, without approval of an England Talent Programme coach:
 - see the supporting physio.
 - miss a training session.
 - leave the mat.
 - ice an injury and return to the session.

Additional Elements:

1. I will maintain my BJA License.
2. I agree to the BJA/England Judo using my name and image in promotional materials, marketing, advertising, and merchandising, during my involvement in the England Talent Programme, without charge. Further, I agree to the use of my name and image in a factual context, following the end of my involvement in the England Talent Programme.

Any breach of this Code of Conduct will lead to disciplinary action.

Please **tick the box on the EDS registration form to confirm you have read, understood and agree** to abide by the GB Fighter Code of Conduct and England Fighter Agreement (including Weight Management Guidance).

It is strongly recommended that ALL England Programme fighters have medical and travel insurance. This is your responsibility.

Injury management

All England fighters together with their personal coaches are expected to follow good practice in relation to their growth and development. If a fighter has an injury, they are expected to seek appropriate medical attention and follow the recommended rehabilitation programme.

In the case of more serious injuries, a fighter should also reach a certain level of match fitness before they may be considered for selection or take part in further training. Considerations will be made on a case-by-case basis, and the England coaching team will liaise with the fighter's personal coach as to the individual's current fitness level. The England coaching team will make an informed decision around selections and match suitability.

Correct as of 12 August 2026.

Appendix 2

England Talent Programme Travel Checklist

When travelling with the England Judo team, it is essential that participants have the following with them during travel (ideally kept all together):

- As a minimum ensure your passport is valid for at least three months after the day you are due to return to the UK. Make sure you check the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for the country you are travelling to for passport/visa requirements, see their website here [Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK](#).
- A valid EHIC/GHIC card.
 - Available from: [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Travel insurance to cover the following:
 - Losses incurred due to withdrawal from the event.
 - Losses incurred in the case of flight cancellations and delays.
 - Losses incurred in the case of luggage being lost.
 - Injury caused by participating in Judo.
 - This can be obtained very quickly and affordably at: [Judo Insurance - Get A Quote | SportsCover Direct](#)
- A completed and signed In-LoCo Parentis form: [Microsoft Word - British Judo Medical & Emergency Contact Details Form](#)
- Suitable clothing: England or GB tracksuit and appropriate clothing for expected weather conditions.
 - Club or plain tracksuit may be worn if ENG/GB items are unavailable/out of stock.

If you haven't already, please upload your documents: [England Judo International Travel Documents - British Judo Association](#)

Failure to possess or provide any of these will result in you not being permitted to travel with the England team.