

British Championships 2026
Pre-Cadets (Level 3), Cadets, Juniors and Seniors (Level 4)
12th & 13th December 2026

EVENTS

Organiser Details

British Judo Association Events Team
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Venue Address

David Ross Sports Village,
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Key Event Dates

Entry Opens: Monday 14th September 2026 – Online Entry Only
Entry Closes: Friday 27th November 2026 (or earlier if entry limit has been reached)

Competition Dates

Saturday 12th December 2026	Sunday 13th December 2026
Cadets (AM) – Level 4	Pre Cadets (AM) – Level 3
Juniors (PM, after Cadets) – Level 4	Seniors (PM, after Pre Cadets) – Level 4

Participation Criteria

All players must currently hold a valid British Passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain internationally (unless approved by the IJF to represent Great Britain internationally). Players already registered on the IJF Judobase system must be registered under GBR.

Players must submit their entry with a valid British Passport, anyone who does not hold a valid passport must contact the Events Team by email to obtain authorisation to enter (example a lapsed passport, birth certificate or eligible through younger immigrant policy).

Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors MUST have a VALID judo membership, and their grade must be correctly registered with BJA or affiliate.

Qualification/ Eligibility

This is described in full here: [LINK](#)

Any queries on eligibility to enter should be directed to: events@britishjudo.org.uk

Safeguarding

Competitors who are entering a category which is different to their sex assigned at birth are requested to contact safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.

Updates

For competition updates please follow our Telegram channel: [LINK](#)

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Age Bands

Age Band	Year of Birth	Minimum Grade	Notes
Pre Cadet	2013 or 2014	10 th Mon (Green Belt)	All contests will be 3 minutes. Shime-waza, Kansetsu-waza and Kata-sangaku are <u>NOT</u> permitted in all categories for Pre-Cadets.
Cadet	2010, 2011 or 2012	10 th Mon (Green Belt)	All contests will be 4 minutes.
Juniors	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012	13 th Mon/ 2nd Kyu (Blue Belt)	All contests will be 4 minutes.
Seniors	Minimum age of 14 years	16 th Mon/ 1st Kyu (Brown Belt)	All contests will be 4 minutes.

Weight Categories

Pre-Cadet Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg

Pre-Cadet Female: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

Cadet Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90Kg

Cadet Female: -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

Junior Male: -55kg*, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Junior Female: -44kg*, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

**Junior Male -55kg and Female -44kg do not take place at EJU and IJF events*

Senior Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Senior Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

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Registration and Weigh Ins:

Please follow signage from the main entrance to first attend the registration desk. At registration you will need to confirm your details, then you will be weighed in. All weigh ins follow British Judo Association rules.

Date	Age Band	Activity	Time	Notes
11/12/26	-	Test Scales	18:00-19:00	Open weigh in only
11/12/26	Cadet (M&F)	Registration and weigh in	18:00-18:45	Open weigh in only
11/12/26	Juniors (M&F)	Registration and weigh in	18:45-19:45	Open (all) and closed (18+) weigh in.
12/12/26	Senior (M&F)	Registration and weigh in	19:00-20:00	Open (all) and closed (18+) weigh in. No weight changes permitted.
13/12/26	Pre Cadet (M)	Registration and weigh in	07:30-08:30	Open weigh in only
13/12/26	Pre Cadet (F)	Registration and weigh in	09:30-10:00	Open weigh in only

Please note: Test scales will be available at registration (where the organisers must be notified of any weight category changes). No changes of weight category will be permitted after the player has weighed in on the official scales.

Weigh In Allowances

	ALL Pre Cadet, Cadet Entrants, Juniors and Seniors under 18.	Any over 18 who chooses Closed Weigh In
	Open Weigh In	Closed Weigh In
All weight groups must wear competition acceptable judogi trousers and crew neck t-shirt/rash guard	0.8kg	-

Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category, to check this please see the minimum weight guidance document.

Pre Cadets and Cadets who fail their weight will be automatically moved up or down to the appropriate weight group.

Juniors who are under 18 and on the day of their competition during test weigh ins are over or under the weight tolerances for their category, will need to seek approval from the BJA Performance Director.

Juniors who are 18 and older, and Seniors who fail their weight will be automatically removed from the category.

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On The Day Weigh Ins (Cadets, Juniors and Seniors):

This option can only be arranged by prior agreement with the events team by email (events@britishjudo.org.uk). Those who choose this option, must make weight for the group entered as the draw is conducted the night before.

Competitors must email the events team prior to entry close to arrange an on the day weigh in. On the day weigh in will be open weigh in only. These competitors will also have additional communication to confirm weight and attendance prior to the draw, failure to confirm will result in withdrawal – full instructions will be provided by email on request.

Multiple Weigh Ins (Double and Triple Entries)

All Cadets that are entered into the Juniors **must register** and weigh-in for the Junior event during the allocated times on Friday evening. All Cadets entered into the Seniors **must register** and weigh-in for the Senior event during the allocated times on Saturday evening, they will be given a 5% allowance.

All Juniors that are double entered into the Seniors **must register** and weigh-in for the Senior event during the allocated times on Saturday evening, they will be given a 5% allowance.

For Cadets, Juniors and Seniors the Draws will be conducted the night before competition, any failed attendance to the on the day weigh in, will result in withdrawal from the competition and an update to the Draw for the relevant weight group(s). Any updates to the Draw following the official Draw are decided by the Tournament Director.

Random Weigh Ins

Random weigh-in process will be in operation at this event for Cadets, Junior and Senior categories.

- A group of randomly selected players will be requested for a random weigh-in before their first contest (4 per weight group).
- Any Junior who competes in both the Juniors and Seniors **MAY** be selected for the random weigh in on the Sunday (day of competition for seniors).
- The selected players will be advised of their selection for random weigh-in 1 hour before the start of competition (please see event timetable, after entry closes).
- The selected player then has 45 minutes to attend the random weigh-in, the exact times to attend will be published on Telegram BJA event channel ([LINK](#)).
- The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5% higher (clothing following guidance above) than the official maximum weight limit of the category.

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Competition Format and Rules

The intended method of elimination for this event will be either pools to knockout system or the IJF/EJU full repechage (in certain scenarios, it is possible to compete against the same player a second time, before the bronze medal contests). If the entry level is too high/low, the method of elimination may change and will be decided by the tournament director. The Tournament Director has the final decision on the competition format and Draws.

Contest times will be 3 minutes for Pre-Cadets and 4 minutes for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors. This competition will follow BJA Contest Rules ([LINK](#)) and BJA Tournament Handbook ([LINK](#)). Please note, at this competition no medal will be awarded if no wins have been claimed.

Judogi Rules

The wearing of white & blue judogi is COMPULSORY for this event. The competitor called for a contest first must wear a white suit. The competitor called second, must wear a blue suit. All competitors must wear a belt which is appropriate to their grade.

The following IJF Rules will be in operation. Please note the following:

- No 30 second rule (see page 81 of IJF SOR – [LINK](#))
- Judogi measurements as per 2024 IJF rules (see sections C1.3-10 of IJF SOR – [LINK](#))
- 2024 IJF Red/Blue/Green label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not apply at this competition.

Back Patches

Back patches that state a different country must be removed before competition. You will not be allowed to compete with a back patch showing a federation outside of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Country codes allowed: GBR/ ENG/ SCO/ WAL/ NIR/ IOM/ JEY/ GGY). Back patches are not obligatory.

Ranking and Seeding

This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes. For the Cadets, Juniors and Seniors, eight players will be seeded from the top 16 using the Identification ranking.

Entry Fees

Entry fee up until Sunday 8th November 2026:

Entry Fee: £40 per person for a single entry

£65 per person for a double entry (CAD & JUN/ JUN & SEN)

£85 per person for a triple entry (CAD, JUN & SEN)

Late entry fee from Monday 9th November 2026 – Friday 27th November 2026:

Entry Fee: £45 per person for a single entry

£75 per person for a double entry (CAD & JUN/ JUN & SEN)

£105 per person for a triple entry (CAD, JUN & SEN)

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Spectator Tickets

Spectator tickets are available here: [LINK](#)

Photography/ Filming

The full terms and conditions are listed in the event entry form online. If you wish to opt-out of the terms and conditions, please contact events@britishjudo.org.uk

Coaching Passes and Matside Rules

Coaches will not be automatically registered for the event. Coaches must complete the Coach National Event Registration. Registration is subject to checks that their coach licence is valid. Coaches MUST be a VALID BJA or affiliate membership Coach to be eligible for the following:

- To gain entry free of charge
- To gain matside access with their player (Level 2 & matside)

If your coach licence is not valid there is no matside coaching and no free entry.

The British Championships will be strictly adhering to the matside coaching rule in all categories. For the full rules for this please refer to the BJA Amendments to IJF Contest Rules: [LINK](#) (page 17). This guidance also links to the BJA Contest Rules Appendix 4 Coaches: [LINK](#) (page 70).

Please note that the Pre Cadet age group competes under Level 3 rules. The Cadet, Junior and Senior age groups compete under Level 4 rules.

Final Notes

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 [LINK](#)
- Codes of conduct [LINK](#)
- Contest rules [LINK](#)
- Stoma bags: [LINK](#)
- Prosthetic limbs: [LINK](#)

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

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury).

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.

Queries regarding online entries should be sent to: events@britishjudo.org.uk