

British Championships – Coach Guidance



The annual British Judo Championships is set to be a spectacular weekend. The weekend will feature pre-cadets, cadets, juniors and seniors, all aiming to become the 2026 British Champions. For the first time, the British Championships will be hosted across **seven** mats under one roof, at the **David Ross Sports Village, Beeston Ln, Nottingham, NG7 2RD**

Saturday 12th December 2026

Cadets: 2010, 2011 or 2012, Level 4 (4-minute contests)

Juniors: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012 Level 4 (4-minute contests)

Sunday 13th December 2026

Pre-Cadets: 2013 or 2014, Level 3 (3-minute contests)

Seniors: Minimum age of 14+, Level 4 (4-minute contests)

Coaching Passes and Matside Rules

Coaches will **NOT** be automatically registered. Coaches must complete the [Coach National Event Registration](#)

Registration is subject to checks. Coaches **MUST** be a valid BJA or affiliate membership to:

- Gain entry free of charge
- 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.

Parking

Parking information can be found [>>HERE<<](#)

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.

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

Further information on eligibility can be found in the event outlines.

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Back Patches

The following country codes are allowed: GBR/ ENG/ SCO/ WAL/ NIR/ IOM/ JEY/ GGY). Back patches with other country codes will not be eligible to compete.

Back patches are not obligatory.

Competition Format

The British Championships will be run on Judo Manager with live results and draws which can be found [>>HERE<<](#)

The intended method of elimination for this event will be 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 tournament director will decide the method of elimination.

Tournament Director has the final decision on the competition format and draws. *Please note, at this competition no medal will be awarded if no wins have been claimed.*

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.

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

Useful Links

[Matside Coaching Rules Quick Guide](#)

[Event Outlines](#)

[Contest Rules](#)

Any queries regarding about the event should be sent to:

events@britishjudo.org.uk

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