DNA JUDO PRESENTS
NORTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOLS QUALIFIER 2027

Held alongside the DNA Judo Great North Open Championships

Introduction	Represent your school, compete with judoka at a similar stage of development and gain experience towards the British Schools Championships. Regional events also support the development of young referees, officials and coaches.
Organisation / Entries	**DNA Judo Ltd** | danny@dnajudo.co.uk Held alongside the DNA Judo Great North Open Championships.
Venue	**Bishop Barrington Academy**, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6LA. Free on-site parking. Google Maps | Apple Maps
Date / Start	**Sunday 10 January 2027 | Level 3 event** Competition starts at **10:00am**. First weigh-in at 09:00 for Years 4 & 5 and 6 & 7. Full weigh-in details are on page 2.
Entry process	**Entries now open online: fienta.com/gnojudo2027** Choose the correct academic-year category.
Entry fees	**Standard: Single £27 | Double £44** - until 2 January 2027, 23:59. **Late: Single £32 | Double £54** - from 3 January 2027, 00:00 until 9 January 2027, 12:00 noon. All times are UK time (GMT).
Double entry	Double entry is for the same competitor entering both the Schools Qualifier plus one eligible Senior & Veteran category. Competitors must meet the eligibility requirements for both.
Participation	Open to children attending school in Great Britain, including home-schooled children, who meet their category's age, grade and eligibility requirements. You may attend a regional qualifier outside your own area. **Years 4-7:** no performance-based exclusions. **Years 8-13:** not open to medallists at the December 2026 British Pre-Cadet, Cadet, Junior or Senior Championships, unless they won fewer than two contests at the relevant event. Players with **100 points or more** on a BJA Cadet, Junior or Senior ranking list are also excluded. Recheck eligibility after the December championships.
Judo licence	Bring a current valid **BJA, JudoScotland, NIJF, WJA, BJC or AJA licence** and record book / evidence of grade. **No valid licence - no contest.** British-school pupils with an unaffiliated but IJF-recognised governing-body licence should contact the organiser about acceptance and any additional charge.
National qualification	Eligible entrants must compete in a regional schools event between September 2026 and March 2027 and meet national requirements. **Years 4 & 5 do not enter the national finals.** National minimum grades may be higher. Years 10-11 and 12-13 are separate at the finals; a different weight category may be entered subject to national rules. **A separate national entry is required.** Scottish residents may qualify through Scottish National Closed 2026 or Highland Budokan 2026. Exceptional qualification requests must reach events@britishjudo.org.uk by December 2026.

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Years 4 & 5	**Born:** 1 Sep 2016 - 31 Aug 2018 | **Minimum grade:** 1st Mon (bottom red belt) **Male (kg):** -27, -30, -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, +55 **Female (kg):** -28, -32, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, +57
Years 6 & 7	**Born:** 1 Sep 2014 - 31 Aug 2016 | **Minimum grade:** 4th Mon (bottom yellow belt) **Male (kg):** -27, -30, -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, +55 **Female (kg):** -28, -32, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, +57
Years 8 & 9	**Born:** 1 Sep 2012 - 31 Aug 2014 | **Minimum grade:** 6th Mon (top yellow belt) **Male (kg):** -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, +73 **Female (kg):** -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70
Years 10-13	**Born:** 1 Sep 2008 - 31 Aug 2012 | **Minimum grade:** 9th Mon (top orange) or 4th Kyu **Male (kg):** -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, +90 **Female (kg):** -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70
Weight limits	Competitors must meet the upper and applicable minimum weight for their category. For the lightest category, minimum weight is 90% of its upper limit (24.3kg for -27kg). Other categories must meet their lower boundary.
Competition format	BJA contest rules and amendments apply. Technical restrictions apply to Years 4-7. No armlocks or strangles in Years 4-9; permitted in Years 10-13. **8 or more players:** compound knockout. **7 or fewer:** pools and knockout. **No seeding.** The Tournament Director may alter or combine categories within applicable rules; their decision is final in competition disputes. Points-scoring arrangements remain to be confirmed.
Contest times	**Years 4-7:** 3 minutes, no golden score. Draws: hikiwake in pools; referee decision in knockout. **Years 8 & 9:** 3 minutes, unlimited golden score. **Years 10-13:** 4 minutes, unlimited golden score.
Registration / Weigh-in	**09:00:** Years 4 & 5 and Years 6 & 7. Competition starts at **10:00am**, progressing from youngest to oldest. Full weigh-in times will be published on **Wednesday 6 January 2027** via email and social media. Attend your entered category's weigh-in; senior and veteran weigh-ins are in the afternoon. Wear competition-legal judogi trousers and a plain crew-neck T-shirt or rash guard. **A 0.8kg allowance applies to all categories.** Bring your licence and grade evidence.
Spectators / Coaches	Adults: **£3 cash** on the day. Children: free. Coaches: free with valid accreditation, which is also required for mat-side coaching. Contact the organiser if a school group is attending without a qualified coach.
Policies / Photography	British Judo codes of conduct, contest rules and rule amendments apply, alongside relevant participation policies for transgender competitors, stoma bags and prosthetic limbs. Photography/video must follow British Judo policy. Contact the organiser before the event about safeguarding, photography or support needs. Failure to comply may result in refusal of participation or removal, and referral to British Judo where appropriate.