



# Midlands Area Open and Regional School Championships 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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<b>Venue Address:</b>	<b>Walsall Sports Centre, WLV Gym, The University of Wolverhampton, Magdalene Road, Walsall WS1 3TA</b>
<b>Event Date:</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>
<b>Entry process:</b>	<p>Entry is via Judo Technologies Online Entries. Link: <a href="http://www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland">www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland</a></p> <p><b>The closing date for entries is January 19<sup>th</sup>. However, entries will close early if the event becomes full. Early entry is therefore advised.</b></p> <p><b>Entry fee: £15 Schools, £25 Area Open. £35 double entry (i.e. Schools and Area or cadets and seniors).</b></p>
<b>Participation</b>	<p>Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors <b>MUST</b> bring their <b>VALID</b> judo membership card to registration along with their <b>record book</b> which shows they meet the minimum grade. Foreign entrants are welcome to enter the Open but must bring proof of membership of their National Federation which must be a member of EJU or IJF, they are <b>not</b> allowed entry to the Schools section of the event</p>
	<b>REGIONAL SCHOOLS</b>
<b>Categories:</b>	<p>This is a level 2 Development event and with the following restrictions:</p> <p><b>Years 6 &amp; 7:</b> No eligibility restrictions.</p> <p><b>Years 8 &amp; 9:</b> Any player who has won a medal at last year's British Pre-Cadet or Cadet Championships (December 2024). EXCEPTION: any player who won less than two contests at either event IS eligible.</p> <p><b>Years 10 – 13:</b> Any player with 100 points or more of the British Cadet or Junior Ranking Lists at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.</p> <p>This event is open to all school children who comply with the criteria above and hold a current valid license of the BJA, Judo Scotland, NIJF, WJA, AJA or BJC.</p> <p>Players are able to change weight categories between this event and the British Schools Championships.</p>
<b>Competition Format</b>	<p><b>Armlocks &amp; Strangles permitted in Academic Years 10 to 13. This category will be points scoring for eligible players</b></p> <p><u>Method of Elimination</u> The British Judo Association rules will apply throughout the competition. The method of competition will be compound knockout in categories of 8 or more players and pools and knockout in categories of 7 players or less. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or alter categories should entries dictate. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.</p>
	<p><u>Contest Times</u> Academic Years 6 &amp; 7: 3 minutes, 3 minutes Golden Score, Referees Decision. Academic Years 8 &amp; 9: 3 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score. <b>Academic Years 10 to 13: 4 minutes, Unlimited Golden Score.</b></p>

<p><b>Age Bands &amp; Weight Categories</b></p>	<p><b>Academic Years 6 &amp; 7</b> (born 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2014)  Minimum grade 4<sup>th</sup> mon (bottom yellow belt).  Male: -27kg, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, and +55kg.  Female: -28kg, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, and +57kg.</p> <p><b>Under 12 years technical restrictions will be used in Academic Years 6 &amp; 7</b></p> <p><b>Academic Years 8 &amp; 9</b> (born 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2012)  Minimum grade 6<sup>th</sup> mon (top yellow belt).  Male: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg and +66kg.  Female: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg and +63kg.</p> <p><b>Academic Years 10 to 13</b> (born 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2010)  Minimum grade (for years 10 and 11) 9<sup>th</sup> mon (top orange belt) or 4<sup>th</sup> kyu (senior orange belt).  Minimum grade (for years 12 and 13) 9<sup>th</sup> mon (top orange belt) or 4<sup>th</sup> kyu (senior orange belt).  Male: -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg and +90kg.  Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg and +70kg.</p> <p>Please note that the minimum grades for regional competitions are lower than the minimum grade for the British Schools Championships. Also, ranking list eligibility for the British Schools Championships will go by the ranking list as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. If players rise up the ranking list between this event and December 31<sup>st</sup> into a non-eligible position, they will lose the right to compete at the British Schools Championships.</p>
	<p><b>MIDLAND OPEN – Senior Ranking</b></p>
<p><b>Age Bands &amp; Weight Categories</b></p>	<p><b>Minors: Born 2013, 2014</b>  (3 min contests, BJA technical restrictions will apply, no arm locks or strangles allowed). There are no specific weight categories, players will be grouped by weight. This prevents young children from trying to make weight limits and also evens out numbers in categories.</p> <p><b>Pre-Cadets: Born 2011, 2012</b>  Min Grade: 7th Mon / Orange Belt (3 min contests, arm locks and strangles NOT allowed)  Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg  Boys: -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg</p> <p><b>Cadets: Born 2008, 2009, 2010</b>  Minimum Grade: 10<sup>th</sup> Mon / 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu / Green Belt (4 min contests, arm locks and strangles allowed)  Girls: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70 kg, +70kg  Boys: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg</p> <p><b>Seniors (Must be a minimum of 14 years of age on day of event)</b>  (4 min contest)  Women: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg  Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>The organisers reserve the right to combine categories where numbers dictate.</p>
<p><b>Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules</b></p>	<p>The method of elimination for this event will be compound knockout, with twin or single pools if fewer than eight entrants in a category. Minors will be single or twin pools. This is a Level Three event.</p> <p>Current IJF Rules as amended by BJA rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 30 second rule</li> <li>• Judogi measurements as per 2018 IJF rules.</li> <li>• 2018 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition.</li> </ul> <p>Blue judogi is not compulsory. All players must provide their own <b>blue and white belts</b>.  This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes (cadets and seniors).</p>

<b>Registration &amp; Weigh-In</b>	Schools entries <b>Years 10 – 13</b> 9.00 – 9.30		
	Other weigh in times will be published once the entry has closed		
	Gender	Dress code	Weight allowance
	All Female and Male U18	Must wear a t-shirt/ rash guard, with competition legal trousers	0.8Kg
Male 18 and over	Can choose to wear a t-shirt/ rash guard, but must wear competition legal trousers	0.7Kg for trousers only 0.8Kg if T- shirt / rash guard is worn	
<b>Photography/ Filming</b>	By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the BJA or an official BJA contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future BJA publications or published by the contractors. Coaches should inform the organiser if any player wishes to opt out.		