



EUROPEAN JUDO UNION

EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS UNIFORMED SERVICES 2026

Birmingham — Great Britain

22 - 23 August 2026

COMPETITION RULES



WORDS OF WELCOME



Dr. László TÓTH
President
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Birmingham, Great Britain, for the inaugural European Judo Championships Uniformed Services in 2026. This historic first edition brings together members of Europe's uniformed services through the shared values of judo: respect, discipline, courage, and mutual understanding.

Birmingham provides an excellent setting for this new championship, which celebrates both sporting excellence and the important role played by those who serve and protect our communities.

This championship represents a significant milestone for the European Judo Union. By creating a dedicated continental event for uniformed services, we recognise the natural connection between the principles of judo and the dedication, responsibility, discipline, and sense of service demonstrated daily across these professions. We strongly believe in the importance of this initiative and are proud to provide a European Championship that brings this community together, honours its contribution to society, and reflects our belief that judo is truly for all.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the British Judo Association, the local organising team, and all supporting authorities for their commitment and efforts in preparing this prestigious and pioneering event.

To all athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters: I wish you a successful and fair competition and an enjoyable historic event in Birmingham.

Yours in judo,



Gerry GUALTIERI
Chair British Judo
Association

On behalf of British Judo, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the European Judo Championships Uniformed Services.

We are honoured to host athletes, coaches, officials, and delegates from across Europe for what promises to be an outstanding celebration of judo, camaraderie, and mutual respect. This event represents far more than competition alone; it reflects the shared values that unite both the judo community and the uniformed services – discipline, integrity, courage, and respect.

British Judo is proud to provide the platform for competitors from military, police, fire, and other uniformed organisations to come together through sport, strengthening friendships and international cooperation both on and off the tatami.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the organisation of these Championships, including our volunteers, officials, partners, and supporters, whose dedication and hard work have made this event possible.

To all competitors, I wish you every success throughout the Championships. Compete with pride, determination, and respect, and above all enjoy the experience and friendships that events like this create.

We hope you enjoy your time here in the United Kingdom and leave with lasting memories of both the competition and the hospitality shown to you during your stay.

Welcome, and best of luck to all.



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1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Communication during the event will be done through dedicated Telegram Channel “EJU Event Channel”. Please, join the channel using the link: <https://t.me/+Vlfk-x8mRntdtQIW> or scan the QR Code:



Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section.
- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC if book an official hotel.
- Book accommodation either on your own or by the organiser.

Entering host country

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, current rules can be found under the link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/before-you-leave-for-the-uk>

VISA

The EJU is not authorised to intervene in visa application processes. The decision to grant a visa rests solely with the relevant immigration authorities. Athletes and officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with the visa requirements of the host country and should apply well in advance to allow sufficient processing time. The LOC can provide official documentation such as letters of invitation or confirmation of participation to support your application. Visa application requests will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in Judomanager for the event. LOC documents must only be used for visa application for the concerned event. It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that their delegation respects the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the national federation concerned.

Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the Government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections.

Contact LOC if you need assistance for visa: Ms. Jessica Hastings, events@britishjudo.org.uk not later than July 17th 2026.

Please, check if you need visa to visit UK under this link: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

Insurance

Each national federation is directly responsible for all its delegates registered in Judomanager for the event. It must assume all responsibility for accident, health and civil liability insurance for everyone under their charge during events.

National federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any EJU event. If the national federation does not provide insurance to the members of their delegation, those members shall be liable for any damages caused by or incurred to them. The LOC of the event and the EJU will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness that may affect a participant during the event.



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2. COMPETITION VENUE

Walsall Sport Centre

Address: University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus, Magdelene Road, Walsall, WS1 3TA

3. ORGANISER

British Judo Association

Address: University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus), Gorway Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3BD

Email: events@britishjudo.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 121 728 6920 (option 6)

Emergency contacts:

General matters: Ms. Natasha Maslen; + 44 (0) 78145 56591; events@britishjudo.org.uk

Accommodation: Ms. Natasha Maslen; + 44 (0) 78145 56591; events@britishjudo.org.uk

Transfers: Ms. Natasha Maslen; + 44 (0) 78145 56591; events@britishjudo.org.uk

4. PARTICIPATION

This European Judo Championships Uniformed Services is open for all EJU Member Federations (except RUS & BLR). Active or retired members (veteran category only) of the following services may take part*:

- Military Services
- Police
- Firefighting Services
- Paramedic Services
- Customs
- Prison Service
- Disaster Management
- Coastguard
- Mountain Rescue
- Border Guard
- Civil Protection Services

* This list is indicative, and members of other similar uniform services may also be accepted.

Special requirements for the two age divisions:

- **Elite:** to compete in the Elite category, personnel must be active-duty members of their service.
- **Veterans:** To compete in the Veterans category, personnel must be:
 - either active-duty members of their service,
 - or reservists who can provide formal proof of a minimum of 10 years of service.

Athletes must hold the same nationality as the national federation they are representing in the competition. Proof of nationality must be provided by presenting a valid passport or ID card issued by the respective country.

Each athlete may only compete in one of the age divisions.

5. COMPETITION

Age divisions:

- Elite: Minimum age 18 years (born in 2008 or earlier).
- Veterans: 35 or older (born in 1991 or earlier)

Weight categories for both elite and veterans:

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

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

System of competition for both elite and veterans: double repechage, duration of contests: four (4) minutes (real time); Golden Score - no time limit.

There is no limit to the number of participants each federation can enter per weight category and age division.



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6. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Time	PROGRAMME	Place
Friday, 21 st August		
10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation	British Judo National Training Centre, George Kerr Suite
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in Elite & Veterans: Women -63, -70, -78, +78 kg Men: -60, -66, -73 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in Elite & Veterans Women: -63, -70, -78, +78 kg Men: -60, -66, -73 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
19:30	Technical draw	
Saturday, 22 nd August		
09:00	Preliminaries & Repechage Elite & Veterans: Women -63, -70, -78, +78 kg Men: -60, -66, -73 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
after	Final Block	Walsall Sport Centre
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in Elite & Veterans: Women: -48, -52, -57 kg Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in Elite & Veterans: Women: -48, -52, -57 kg Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
Sunday, 23 rd August		
09:00	Preliminaries & Repechage Elite & Veterans: Women: -48, -52, -57 kg Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg	Walsall Sport Centre
after	Handover of the flag	Walsall Sport Centre
after	Finals	Walsall Sport Centre

Attention: The programme is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries.

7. INSCRIPTION

JUDOMANAGER Registration

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event **by the National Federation** in the Registration System Judomanager: <https://admin.judomanager.com>. For assistance, please contact headoffice@eju.net.

If a club does not yet have access to JudoManager Admin, it must request guest access using the following link: <https://admin.judomanager.com/guest>

The guest account request must then be approved by the person responsible for this process at the EJU.

Clubs that already have access to admin.judomanager.com can log in and register their competitors for the competition as usual.

With the registration of participants also a document must be uploaded for each of them, confirming that the person is active-duty member of a particular service or for reservists in the veteran category a formal proof of a minimum of 10 years of service.

[Tutorial](#) for registration and documents upload is available as a separate document, please refer to it.

Entries on spot are possible, but to avoid rejections on spot it is highly recommended to make the entry in Judomanager and to upload the necessary documents in advance. HO will check and inform in case there is problem with the eligibility.

8. ENTRY FEE

National Federations have to pay for all participants the entry fee as follows:

- 120 € until 30 days before event (till July 22nd)
- 200 € from 29 days before the event (from July 23rd)



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To benefit from the reduced entry fee, both the Judomanager inscription as well as the payment must be completed.

Please note: **All bank expenses have to be paid by the PAYER. Making a payment, please, be sure that the organiser receives the entry fee in full amount.**

No cash payments can be accepted.

Entry fee in the amounts as mentioned above must be transferred to the following bank account:

Beneficiary's Name:	British Judo Association
Name of the bank:	Lloyds TSB
Address of the bank:	134 High St, Stourbridge DY8 1DS
Account No:	42395168
IBAN:	GB84LOYD30982142395168
SWIFT:	LOYDGB21352
Purpose of payment:	Please use your country code with the event code (ECUS26), example: ECUS26 MDA

9. DEADLINES

Visa Application:	Friday, July 17 th , 2026
Hotel Reservation:	Friday, July 31 st , 2026
Hotel Payment:	Friday, July 31 st , 2026
Travel details:	Friday, July 31 st , 2026
Payment entry fee:	to the bank details of the organiser till Wednesday, July 22 nd , 2026 (to have the reduced entry fee)
JUDOMANAGER Registration:	Wednesday, July 22 nd , 2026 (to have the reduced entry fee) - after this deadline the higher fee applies.

10. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the programme. Participants must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. For each competitor, passport or national ID card (indicating nationality and date of birth) or a copy of one of these documents must be presented to the EJU official. Name and category, as registered in JUDOMANAGER, must be confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the accreditation (see programme).

Each National Federation must be represented by a team leader or coach responsible for registration of **ALL athletes from the respective National Federation**. Every National Federation will be accepted for accreditation only once, when all entries and payments can be confirmed at the same time.

Finances EJU

The federations must be in order with the annual fee and other financial obligations to the EJU. The entry fee per competitor must be paid as mentioned above.

Organiser finances

For participants, who booked hotel with the organiser, the organiser checks that all payments for hotel accommodation have been settled. Any pending invoices with the organiser should be settled here. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details are also confirmed at this stage. A contact name and number for each delegation should be given.



Accreditation cards are handed over after finishing the whole accreditation process. The EJU accreditation cards for the European Championships must be presented at the official weigh-in and before each contest.

11. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

11.1 COMPETITION FORMULA

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.

11.2 WEIGH-IN

The official weigh-in takes place the day before the competition for the weight division concerned. The official scales are available the whole day for unofficial weight control.

Exact times and place for weigh-in can be found in the programme. The weight of the competitors must fall within the category in which they are enrolled. The competitors

- presenting themselves after the closing of the weigh-in, cannot participate at the competition.
- can present themselves only one time on the scales during the official weigh-in.
- must present their EJU Accreditation and Passport (or national ID card indicating nationality and date of birth) at the official weigh-in.
- There is no random weigh-in for this competition.

11.3 DRAW

The draw for all weight categories will take place at 19:30 hours on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed on the event official notice board.

A complete list of athletes who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country must check this list to ensure that all their athletes are on the list in the correct age division and weight category.

The EJU takes no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

12. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The participants may book accommodation and catering of their choice (**no obligation to book official hotels!**).

The official hotel offered by organiser is:

Walsall Campus Accommodation (Ensuite)

Address: University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus), Gorway Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3BD

check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 11:00

Distance to the airport: 30,7 km; distance to the sports hall: 0,1 km

Prices per person	Only bed
Single room	95 €

Cancellation Policy

- Before July 31st - 100% refund
- After July 31st - no refund

Accommodation contact: Ms. Natasha Maslen; + 44 (0) 78145 56591; events@britishjudo.org.uk.



13. TRANSPORT

AIRPORT: Birmingham

The organizer offers transfers from/to the airport to/from the official hotel ONLY for those participants who booked the official hotel via organiser for the following prices:

- If one person travelling: 40 € per person one way
- If 2 people travelling: 30 € per person one way
- If from 3 up to 7 people travelling: 20 € per person one way

14. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation (<https://www.eju.net/media/>).

15. JUDOGI CONTROL

Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red and green label allowed). In particular sponsors of the European Judo Union: Danrho Kwon KG (www.kwon.com), Essimo (www.essimo.nl), Ippon Gear (www.ippon-shop.com), Double D Adidas (<https://combat-sports.net>), Mizuno (mizuno.com) and other IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. Judogi must have an IJF Official Label "APPROVED JUDOGI" with an optical code which cannot be falsified. The label will be controlled with an optical lamp. Each of the competition clothing articles (jacket, trousers and belt) must have an IJF official label.

Backnumber

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (<https://judobcknmbr.com/>), mybacknumber (<https://www.mybacknumber.com>) or Official Backnumber (<https://www.officialbacknumber.com>) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks!!!.

The SPONSOR part (if needed) will be given to the head of delegation during registration, and the athletes can stick it themselves using the special glue on the back number.

Markings and Advertising

The space on the **shoulder stripes** (25cm x 5 cm on both right and left side) and on the **upper arms** (10cm x 10cm on both right and left side) can be either used for EJU Suppliers or for own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka, **BUT not for any other Judogi supplier**. The space on the **right chest** (5cm x 10cm) can be used by federations and their Judoka for their own sponsors. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with brand of the Judogi itself and if it is of an EJU Supplier.

Please note: On all advertising spaces it is strictly prohibited to promote tobacco, alcohol, any substances listed in the doping code, gambling and betting services or any product or service contrary to public morals.

The space on the **left chest** (10cm x 10cm) can be used for the national colours or the national emblem corresponding with the IOC code on the backnumber (regional or club emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules. Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/statutes>.



16. REFEREEING

17.1 SELECTION & REGISTRATION OF REFEREES

Each federation may enter up to 2 referees. In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.

If enough Continental/International referees are inscribed in Judomanager, the organizing federation has to limit its number of national referees to 1 per mat.

JUDOMANAGER registration deadline for referees: Friday, 07th August 2026

17.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting is scheduled one hour before the start of the first competition day. Time and place are stated in the program. The attendance to the Referee meeting is strictly compulsory.

17.3 REFEREEING RULES

The competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF and EJU. In case of direct Hansoku Make against the spirit of judo, a joint decision would be taken by the EJU Sports Commission and the EJU Refereeing Commission. In this case, the Judoka would receive no medal for that tournament. Note: A competitor who has been declared as a loser by injury can continue the competition, as well as after Hansoku Make for the technical mistake. A competitor, who has got a direct Hansoku Make as the penalty against the spirit of our sport, will not be authorised to continue the competition.

17. COACHING

Code of behaviour of coaches as defined in the IJF Sports and Organization Rules, Section 7 will be strictly observed. Any coach not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action. One coach is allowed within the competition area.

Dress Code	Elimination rounds:	National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie
	Final block:	Formal suit (jacket, trousers, shirt, and tie for men; jacket, trousers/skirt/dress, blouse for women) and formal shoes (no sport shoes or flip-flops).

18. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

National Federations (NFs) bear sole responsibility for verifying their competitors' eligibility within their country's Uniformed Forces, including the tracking of reservist service durations and age brackets.

As the sole responsible for submitting the final tournament entry, the NF officially certifies that all registered athletes meet the required service and age criteria. Any fraudulent entries or failure to properly vet athletes may result in disciplinary sanctions for the respective National Federation.

EJU reserves the right to ask the National Federation at any point for further evidence on the eligibility of any athlete.

Insurance

Each National Federation is directly responsible for its athletes (the control of non-pregnancy and the control of gender). It must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during all EJU events for everyone under their charge.



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National Federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any EJU event. The organiser of the event and the EJU will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the EJU for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

The LOC of the event and the EJU have no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event.

Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible to the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the National Federation must inform the European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

19. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and competitors participating in this event have to respect and accept the authority of the EJU officials, the rules and statutes of the International Judo Federation and European Judo Union. Individuals deemed to have acted against the EJU or IJF, their principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

20. AWARDING CEREMONIES

All competitors having won a medal must attend the ceremony to receive their medal in person. For the medal ceremony the athletes must wear white Judogi and black belt (or brown). If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reason, they will lose the right to have the medal.

It is strictly forbidden for competitors on the podium to bring national flags or the similar identification other than the one represented in the regular manner on their equipment. Any demonstration of religious, political, personal or commercial sign is prohibited.

The wearing of a cap or other head cover is also prohibited both on the mat and on the medal podium.

21. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available at British Judo National Training Centre, University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus, WS1 3BD on

Friday, August 21st from 11:00 till 21:00

Saturday, August 22nd from 08:00 till 20:00.

Times: from 12:00 till 17:00.

Booking of training sessions can be done per email: events@britishjudo.org.uk.

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