



WELSH **PRE-CADET & CADET** **OPEN** **2026**

WELSH JUDO ASSOCIATION

Organiser Contact Details:	Welsh Judo Association, Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff CF11 9SW www.welshjudo.com/events competitions@welshjudo.com
Venue Address:	Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff, CF11 9SW
Event Date:	Saturday 24 October 2026 – Cadet & Pre-Cadet
Event Level:	British Judo Level 4 Event for Cadet categories. British Judo Level 3 Event for Pre-Cadet categories.
Entry process:	Online entry is via Welsh Judo website: www.welshjudo.com/event/pccopen26/ Telephone, postal or email entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted. All entries must be received by 13:00 on Friday 16 October 2026
Participation:	If you are uncertain of your eligibility, please contact competitions@welshjudo.com Competitors must hold current Welsh Judo, BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo membership card and book to registration. The event has minimum grade criteria detailed below. International competitors must be the holder of a current membership and proof of grade recognised by their National Federation (IJF affiliate) and which must be produced on the day at registration.
Age Band: Pre-Cadet	Players born in the years 2013 – 2014
Players born in the years 2013 - 2014	Minimum grade: 6th Mon (or 5th Kyu) Contest Duration: 3 minutes
Age Band: Cadet	Players born in the years 2010, 2011 & 2012
Players born in the years 2010 - 2012	Minimum grade: Green Belt (10th Mon or 3rd Kyu) Contest Duration: 4 minutes
Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules:	The intended method of elimination for this event will be IJF/EJU Full Repechage for 8 players or more. British Judo Contest Rules will be in operation. Please note the following: • No 30 second rule • Judogi measurements as per British Judo rules. • IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be required at this event. The wearing of both white judogi & blue judogi is not compulsory for this event. All competitors must have a white judogi available. Medals will be presented after each age band final contests have been completed. The Cadet event is a level 4 event, competitors must win at least one contest to be awarded a medal. This tournament qualifies for points scoring for grade promotion purposes.
Seeding	Seeding will be taken from the latest rankings of the GB Cadet Identification Ranking (or equivalent).

	There will be no seeding for Pre-Cadet categories.								
Weight Categories	Pre-Cadet Male: -34kgs, -38kgs, -42kgs, -46kgs, -50kgs, -55kgs, -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, +73kg Pre-Cadet Female: -32kgs, -36kgs, -40kgs, -44kgs, -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, +63kgs Cadet Male: -42kgs, -46kgs, -50kgs, -55kgs, -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, -90kgs, +90kgs Cadet Female: -40kgs, -44kgs, -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, +70kgs Please note: Test scales will be available. Players may change weight categories during the registration process (weight changes must take place prior to the player stepping on the official weigh in scales). The Welsh Judo Association reserves the right to amalgamate adjacent weight categories depending on the number of entries in the respective weight categories.								
Registration & Weigh-In	Saturday 24th October 2026 <table> <tr> <td> Cadet Boys: 08.30 to 09:00 Pre-Cadet Girls: 08.00 to 08.30 </td><td> Cadet Girls: <u>Estimated</u> 12.30 to 13:00 Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes. Pre-Cadet Boys: <u>Estimated</u> 11.00 to 11.30 Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes. </td></tr> </table> All competitors MUST bring their VALID judo licence (Welsh Judo, BJA or affiliate) to registration and also their record book showing they meet the minimum grade. Both male & female competitors must weigh-in wearing contest legal judogi trousers, and plain round neck t-shirt. <table> <tr> <th>Groups</th><th>Weight Allowance</th></tr> <tr> <td>Female, all weight groups</td><td>0.8kg</td></tr> <tr> <td>Males, all weight groups</td><td>0.8kg</td></tr> </table> Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category, ie for -73kg players must weigh over 66.8kg. Players must not get changed into their judogi trousers & t-shirts in the weigh-in area; they must arrive already changed or use the appropriate changing rooms.	Cadet Boys: 08.30 to 09:00 Pre-Cadet Girls: 08.00 to 08.30	Cadet Girls: <u>Estimated</u> 12.30 to 13:00 Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes. Pre-Cadet Boys: <u>Estimated</u> 11.00 to 11.30 Confirmed weigh-in times will be announced after entry period closes.	Groups	Weight Allowance	Female, all weight groups	0.8kg	Males, all weight groups	0.8kg
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Closing Date for Entries:	Friday 16 October 2026 or when event reaches full capacity. Late entries will not be accepted.								
Entry Fee:	Early Bird fee of £28 per person on or before 10th September 2026 £36 from 11th September 2026								
Photography/Filming:	By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the BJA/WJA or an official BJA/WJA contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future BJA publications or published by the contractors. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact competitions@welshjudo.com.								

	Matside photographers & film makers must be accredited. Photographers & film makers must register for accreditation by 16 October 2026 by contacting competitions@welshjudo.com. Photographers & film makers must be able to provide proof of valid DBS.
Spectator Tickets:	Spectator entry will be available for advanced purchase via Welsh Judo website. Spectators will be required to demonstrate proof of purchase via mobile device on entry to the venue. Spectator tickets can be purchased online here Spectator entry purchased online will be charged £6.50 per person. Spectator entry purchased with cash will be charged at £10.00 per person. There will be no spectator charge for children (under 16).
Coaching Passes & Matside Coaching	Coaches must apply for a coaching accreditation pass by registering via www.welshjudo.com/coach-pcc/ by 23:59, Monday 19 October 2026. Coach registrations will be checked with British Judo or relevant governing body to confirm eligibility to coach matside at the event. Coaches must hold a minimum of Level 2 coaching qualification, or equivalent recognised by their governing body, in order to be eligible for matside coaching accreditation. Coaches must ensure that they attend the coaches briefing prior to the commencement of the event. The referee in charge will give a briefing on any updates. The event will be strictly adhering to the mat side coaching rule during the Cadet categories. In the following way: Coaches in the official mat side position can only advise the athlete during the mate-hajime period and not while the contest is in progress. Should any matside coach not adhere to this guideline they will firstly be reminded of this rule by the referee and on receiving the second reminder in the same contest will need to remove themselves to the general public area for the rest of the event on that day. Other personnel who insist on shouting coaching points will also need to remove themselves to the general public seating area.
Payment	All payments must be made by Credit/Debit Card via the online system when entering. Your entry will not be accepted without payment being made.
Live Event Information & Updates	This event will be operating a WhatsApp Channel to publish the latest information including confirmed weigh-in times. Event WhatsApp Channel Please follow the channel and ensure you have the latest version of WhatsApp downloaded on your device. For more information please view the WhatsApp FAQ page.
Policies	By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British Judo Association and Welsh Judo Association policies and codes of conduct. This includes but is not limited to: Transgender policy: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibility-and-participation-in-competition-policy/ Codes of conduct: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/ Contest rules: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules/ https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/ Stoma bags: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/ Prosthetic limbs: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/ 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 Association.

These policies and codes of conduct are in place to ensure everyone attending the event have the best experience possible.

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

**PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE
HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.**