Northern Ireland Open Championships 2025
Minors, Pre-cadets and Cadets
BJA Level 4 Cadet / Level 3 Minors and Pre-cadets

Organisational/ Entries:	Northern Ireland Judo Federation, House of Sport, 2a Upper Malone Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT9 5LA **Competition enquiries email:** events@nijudo.com
Venue:	Foyle Arena, 2 Limavady Road Derry/Londonderry, BT47 6JY **Telephone:** (028) 71 376555
Date:	**Saturday 12th April 2025**
Eligibility:	All players must have a current up-to-date membership of the BJA, NIJF, WJA, Judo Scotland, BJC or AJA. All international players must produce proof of membership to their federation Minors: Year of birth **2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016** only – minimum grade – **yellow belt (4th Mon)** – minimum age - **8 years on the day** Pre-cadet: Year of birth **2011 and 2012** only – minimum grade – **yellow belt (4th Mon)** Cadet: Year of birth **2008, 2009 or 2010** – minimum grade - **green belt (10th Mon)** **It is the judoka's/parent's responsibility to check that their membership/licence is in date and that they meet the eligibility criteria to compete.**
Competition Format:	Knockout with Compound Repechage for categories with eight or more competitors. Categories with fewer than eight competitors will be fought in pools or pools to knockout. The Tournament will be run under BJA Rules as per latest Tournament Handbook. This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes. IJF Rules will be in operation. Please note the following; • No 30 second rule • BJA Technical Restrictions will apply to Minors categories. • Judogi measurements as per 2013 IJF rules. • 2017 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition Shime-waza, Kansetsu-waza and Kata-sangaku are not permitted in any PreCadet categories. New Rule All genders of all ages in all BJA licenced events are entitled to wear a T-shirt / Rash Guard at both the weigh in and during the contest should they wish to do so. The standard T-shirt / Rash Guard worn in all categories will be plain white with a round neck collar and have a maximum sleeve length up to 5cm above the wrist joint. There will be no advertising on the T-shirt /rash guard of any description other than the standard manufacturers label, maximum size of manufacturers label will be 3cm x 15cm and not visible when the jacket is tied in its normal position. The wearing of WHITE judogi is compulsory at this event; any competitors choosing to wear Blue Judogi **must** also have a white Judogi when required.

	<u>Competitors should bring their own white and blue belts for competition use.</u>
Weight Categories:	**Minor Male** -27kg, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -u42kg, u46kg, u50kg, +50kg **Minor Female** -28kg, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, +48kg **Pre-Cadet Male** -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg **Pre-Cadet Female** -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg (ARMLOCKS AND STRANGLES NOT PERMITTED) **Cadet Male** -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg **Cadet Female** -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg -70kg, +70kg (ARMLOCKS AND STRANGLES PERMITTED) The Northern Ireland Judo Federation reserves the right to amalgamate adjacent weight categories depending on the number of entries in the respective weight categories. Competitors who are entering a category which is different to their sex assigned at birth are requested to contact safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.
Registrations and Weigh-In:	The official weigh-in will take place on **Saturday 12th April 2025** **All Cadets** - 08:15am – 08.45am **All Minors** - 11:00am – 11:30am **All Pre-Cadets** – 12noon – 12.30pm All competitors MUST bring their **VALID** judo licence/membership to registration and also their record book showing their grade (valid digital versions accepted). **An Open weigh in will be conducted at this event therefore ALL** competitors must weigh-in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers and a t-shirt, (a 0.8kg allowance will be given). Players must satisfy the minimum weight limit for their category, i.e. for u73kg players must weigh over 66.8kg. All Cadets who compete at the Saturday event and are competing in the Junior event on the Sunday **<u>must register and weigh-in for the Junior event</u>** during the allocated times but they will not be required to make their weight category limit but should be within 5% of the maximum weight limit for their weight category. **Players are NOT permitted to change in the designated official weigh-in area.** **The use of mobile phones is NOT PERMITTED in the weigh in area (except if required for membership/grade proof).** Please note: Test scales will be available at registration (where the officials must be notified of any weight category changes). **Players can change weight categories during the registration process (weight changes must take place prior to the player stepping on the official weigh in scales).**
Competition Start:	**Saturday 12th April 2025** **Competition starts: 10.00am**

Matside Coaching/Coaching Passes:	Coaching passes may be obtained at the Safeguarding Desk. Coaches must produce a valid Governing Body Coach Award to receive a coaching pass. Only coaches with a coaching pass will be allowed matside. Only one coach should be matside per player at any one time
Closing Date:	**Wednesday 2nd April 2025** Northern Ireland Judo Federation reserve the right to close the entry prior to the published closing date if the maximum entry number permitted is reached.
Entry Information:	£30 per individual entry; £45 per double entry (Cadet/Junior); £55 per triple entry (Cad/Jun/Sen) (Includes online booking admin fee.) **ON-LINE ENTRY ONLY** **All payments must be made by Credit or Debit Card via the online system when entering.** **Your entry will not be accepted without payment being made.** **Online entry enquiries – events@nijudo.com** **Spectators:** £3 per person per day (children u16 free) – payable on the day
Photography:	Photographs may be taken for promotional purposes including publication on websites. By entering the event all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the Northern Ireland Judo Federation at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future N I Judo Federation publications. If you wish to opt-out of the above please contact events@nijudo.com In line with the British Judo's Safelandings Policies and Procedures, the organisers of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video or photography must register their details with staff at the Safeguarding desk before carrying out any such photography.
Doping Control:	*Testing may be conducted by UK Sport.* *UK Sport may conduct drug testing at this event. Therefore, any player entering the event may be drug tested, and will need to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) if taking any medication containing banned substances. For further information see the drug-free sport section of the UK Sport website www.uksport.gov.uk*
ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including injury). **CHANGES TO THE TOURNAMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.** **PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. ONLINE ENTRY ONLY.**	