

Anti-Doping

All athletes have the right to compete in sport knowing that they, and their competitors, are clean.

We believe in clean Judo and work in partnership with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and our International Federation to ensure that the integrity of our sport is protected.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs and other doping behaviour severely damages the legitimacy of sport and undermines the integrity of clean athletes.

Anti-Doping Rules

Northern Ireland Judo Federation has in place a set of anti-doping rules that all athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel must abide by. The anti-doping rules for Northern Ireland Judo Federation are consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code (2021 Code), which governs antidoping internationally.

You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules here - [The Anti-Doping Rules | UK Anti-Doping \(ukad.org.uk\)](https://www.ukad.org.uk)

The anti-doping rules of Northern Ireland Judo Federation are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules of Northern Ireland Judo Federation.

All licensed persons and volunteers shall be deemed to have made him/herself familiar with, and agreed to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules/Anti-Doping Rules of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

The UK Anti-Doping Rules/Anti-Doping Rules of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation apply to all persons licensed (whether permanently, provisionally, temporarily or otherwise) to participate in judo, for whichever is the longer of

a) the length of the licence period; or

b) 12 months from the date of issue of the licence, in accordance with Northern Ireland Judo Federation Regulations/Rules of Conduct whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.

Disciplinary Provisions

All Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons must cooperate fully with any anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body. Failure to do so without acceptable justification may be treated as misconduct under Northern Ireland Judo Federation Regulations/Rules of Conduct and may be sanctioned accordingly.

In the event that a person who is subject to the Northern Ireland Judo Federation's jurisdiction commits an act of misconduct that relates to anti-doping but does not amount to a violation of the UK Anti-Doping Rules/the Anti-Doping Rules of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation, the Northern Ireland Judo Federation may bring disciplinary proceedings against that person for such misconduct under the Northern Ireland Judo Federation Regulations/Rules of Conduct and they may be sanctioned accordingly.

Athlete retirement

Should an athlete not on UK Anti-Doping's National Registered Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool wish to retire from competition, and no longer be subject to anti-doping responsibilities, they should provide the following information to confirm their retirement to admin@nijudo.com:

- Full name, date of birth, current club;
- The date of retirement;
- These details must be accompanied by the athlete's signature and send from the athletes verified email address.