



# JudoScotland Grand Prix Circuit



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In line with the change in the JudoScotland Grading System to a technical syllabus Judoka are to be given additional opportunities to compete outside the grading system. JudoScotland are introducing a Grand Prix Circuit to ensure that members can follow a pathway of technical grading and pursue contest ambitions. This will aid in the joint aims of retaining players and developing competitive potential.

For the sport of Judo to compete and flourish against other activities available to children and parents we must ensure that all efforts are made to enhance the competitive experience. There are challenges in hosting competitions that are unique to the sport of Judo that are not found in other popular sports. Through the Grand Prix events JudoScotland will seek to support competition organisers in delivering a better quality and more enjoyable tournament.

The purpose of the Grand Prix circuit is to ensure that members can enter high quality events throughout the year in regions across Scotland. This will reduce the differences in quality and format of tournaments that currently exists. The Grand Prix circuit will be comprised of both new and existing events, run by clubs and supported by JudoScotland. The aim is to raise the standard of events and to create a level of consistency across competitions.

To qualify as a Grand Prix event, competitions must adhere to strict guidelines (in addition to Tournament Handbook regulations) designed to improve the competitive experience for participants, coaches, spectators and volunteers. They must all have a focus on the improving the competition experience for all involved.

Accreditation as Grand Prix event will be obtained by providing evidence to JudoScotland that all essential criteria has been met and that efforts are being made to continually improve standards of competitions. There will be an ongoing monitoring process and all events will be evaluated post competition.

Grand Prix status is for one year only and after this clubs can re-apply through an open application procedure.

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### Inclusion Criteria

All grand prix events must adhere to the BJA Tournament Handbook rules & regulations and operate within the conditions of their tournament licence. In addition to this, Grand Prix events must meet the criteria laid out below to ensure a higher quality event.

#### All Grand Prix events must:

- Operate a system of staggered weigh –ins
- Supply coaches, spectators and players a timetable on the day of the event
- Meet agreed timescales with JudoScotland
- Minimise the time that parents & players must be in attendance
- Award Medals after each category has been completed
- Ensure competitions are held at appropriate venues
- Have a minimum of three contest areas
- Be able to meet the demands of a minimum entry of 200 participants
- Provide seating for up to 200 spectators
- Removal of Golden Score from AA band contests
- Ensure value for money (entry fee limit - £20 and non refundable)
- Conform to the standard age & weight categories
- Return the results to JudoScotland in the standard format
- Adopt standardised entry form and display JudoScotland Grand Prix Logo and branding at events, and on all publications
- Grand Prix events to be used as part of the Young Volunteers Programme
- Distribute Competition Questionnaires for feedback
- All event entry, withdrawals and refund to be processed by JudoScotland Office.
- Online entry must be offered as a means to enter.
- Pre register coaching passes by the closing date of the event through the JudoScotland office
- Show commitment to improving the event



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Inclusion as a Grand Prix event is limited and JudoScotland will determine the most suitable competitions based upon a number of factors. In addition to the willingness and capability of the organisers to meet the Grand Prix criteria they will be judged on the following factors:

- Previous performance as a Grand Prix event
- The experience of the organising team
- Venue Suitability
- Location and accessibility
- Timing of the event

### **JudoScotland Commitment**

To support the running of the Grand Prix events JudoScotland will provide the organisers with additional resources. As a Grand Prix event that meets the agreed criteria they will be eligible for the following benefits from JudoScotland.

#### **JudoScotland will:**

- Provide Financial investment
- Provide Electronic System equipment (Laptops and Flat screens)
- Process and pay for the Tournament Licence
- Advertise and promote the event on the JudoScotland website (in addition to the calendar of events)
- Produce and distribute entry forms to all clubs within Scotland
- Support with the sourcing of referees & officials if necessary
- Post the results of the Tournament on the JudoScotland website

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- Process all event entry, withdrawals and refunds
- Pay Judo Technologies for the online entry cost
- Provide feedback on the event
- Provide additional competition support as required

### Competition Details

All grand prix events will have a standard format. The age bands & weight categories for the events are detailed below.

Tournament organisers' may add additional age bands, junior, senior or masters categories as they see fit to run as part of the grand prix event. However, they must ensure that they meet the requirements for age band A, B and C.

#### COMPULSORY CATEGORIES:

A Band – Boys U27kg U30kg U34kg U38kg U42kg U46kg U50kg O50kg

Girls U25kg U28kg U32kg U36kg U40kg U44kg U48kg O48kg

B Band – Boys U30kg U34kg U38kg U42kg U46kg U50kg U55kg U60kg U66kg U73kg O73kg

Girls U28kg U32kg U36kg U40kg U44kg U48kg U52kg U57kg U63kg O63kg

C Band – Boys U34kg U38kg U42kg U46kg U50kg U55kg U60kg U66kg U73kg U81kg O81kg

Girls U32kg U36kg U40kg U44kg U48kg U52kg U57kg U63kg U70kg O70kg



### **Monitoring & Reporting**

To maintain the high standards of the Grand Prix Circuit and to further develop the individual tournaments JudoScotland will monitor the success of each event. This will be done on the basis of comparison with the inclusion criteria set by JudoScotland and by a rating of overall success determined by those in attendance.

Reports will be sought from the Competition Controller and the Head Referee on the technical aspects of the tournament. Opinion from coaches, parents and players will be obtained via questionnaires after the event.

Grand Prix status will be awarded on an annual basis to those who apply to JudoScotland for the right to hold an event. If they are an existing event the success of this application will be reliant on the nature of the feedback received. If they are an aspiring event the decision will be based upon the quality of the proposal. JudoScotland reserve the right to remove/replace events on the Grand Prix circuit as they see fit for the benefit of the JudoScotland membership.

Event organisers will be given feedback on their events to help them improve the service they provide for the players, parents and coaches.

Consistent or serious breaches of the agreement will result in the competition being removed from the grand prix circuit and may result in JudoScotland taking further action.



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### **Locations**

Grand Prix events will be scheduled across Scotland. Consideration will be given during the selection of events to ensure an even spread of events is achieved based upon their geographical position. There will be a minimum of one Grand Prix event in the East, West and North of Scotland. Due care will be given to ensure that venues are easily accessible by road.

### **Timing**

Events will take place throughout the year. Due care will be taken to ensure that the Grand Prix events do not clash with other events in Scotland and the U.K. However, this may be unavoidable in some cases.

### **Regulations**

It is advised that entries are not accepted on the day as this will affect the accuracy of the competition timetable (an inclusion requirement).

All information regarding the tournament and results must be returned to JudoScotland within 3 days of the event.