



**JudoScotland**

## **Scottish Adapted & VI Open Judo Festival**

An event for judoka who have a physical, sensory or learning need and are at the beginning of their competition journey.

### **LEVEL 1 EVENT**

**Location: Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility**

**Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**



## **Supporting the continuous development of Adapted and Visually Impaired Judoka**

### **Event Type:** Level 1/2

This developmental judo event is specially designed event for adapted and visually impaired judoka starting on or have some experience at competitive Judo beyond their club environment.

Whether it's their very first event or they have some domestic experience, the focus is on providing a positive, age- and stage-appropriate competitive judo.

The event aims to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. In some cases, especially where participant numbers or weight categories are limited

Unlike traditional judo competitions, this event follows the *Judo Development Framework* and is tailored to each player's stage of development. With flexible formats, carefully matched pairings, and a focus on learning over winning, the event encourages personal growth, confidence, and enjoyment of the sport.

Subtle adjustments to the usual competition setup help create a fun, low-pressure atmosphere where judoka can experience the thrill of competition, the challenge of doing their best, and the joy of active participation. Ideal for exploring the basics of competition.

The goal is to foster individual development and a lifelong love of judo—while making the whole experience enjoyable, educational, and memorable.

What to expect from skill building activities and technical coaching, friendly matches with guidance and feedback, focus on safety, respect and positive experiences, an inclusive atmosphere that celebrates diversity and participation, an event the explore judo in a welcoming, education setting and offers a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

All activities will be adapted as needed to support every judokas individual ability and to ensure a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

This event is also designed to provide a developmental opportunity for everyone involved. It will include:

- New Table officials
- New referees

These individuals are gaining valuable experience in a supportive and relaxed environment.

The event aims to offer an enjoyable introduction to officiating, helping them take their first steps with confidence.

**Venue Name:** Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility

**Venue Address:** 1 O'Donnell Way, Motherwell, ML1 2TZ

**Event Date:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

**Closing date:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

JudoScotland reserve the right to close the entry prior to the published closing date if the maximum entry number of 75 has been reached.

### **Entry Fee/ Payment**

#### **JudoScotland Members**

- Booking via [www.judoscotland.com](http://www.judoscotland.com).
  - When entering, your username is your JudoScotland membership number.
  - Telephone entries will be accepted if accompanied by a card payment.

[Click Here To Enter Event](#)

#### **Non-JudoScotland Members:**

- **Entrants must be either a full member of BJA, WJA, NIJF or a member of an IJF recognised NGB.**
- Entry fee and payment can be made by
  - Telephone entry accompanied by a card payment.
  - Completing the entry form below.

[Click Here To Complete Entry Form](#)

**Cost:** £25.00

**Event T-shirt:** An exclusive event T-shirt can be purchased as a memento of the day. For you and your youngster. **£14.00**

- Child Sizes:
  - 7/8yrs, 9/11yrs, 12/13yrs, 14/15yrs, Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 2XL

**Entry Requirements:** All entrants must hold a valid and current NGB membership.

#### **Who should attend?**

- Judoka from the age of 8 years or older on the day of event
- No Judoka who have competed internationally.

**Registration/ Weigh in:** These times and event information will be emailed to the email address that is given when entering (please make sure this is up to date) after the closing date.

### **Event Format**

**Group warm up:** Led by experienced coaches to ensure everyone is prepared physically and mentally, during the warm-up process, a divisioning assessment will take place to ensure all players are appropriately grouped and comfortable within their pools.

**Grouping:** All participants will be weighed in on the day and Judoka will be grouped into pools of 4 or 5 based on age and weight and level where possible.

All players will be division on the day to gain the best experience from the event.

### **Divisioning**

- If parents, judoka, or coaches are unsure of the appropriate level for a player, they are encouraged to make the best judgment possible. For a reference guide please refer to page 7 of this event outlines
- Alternatively, please contact our Disability Development Officer Stepen Somerville telephone: 07738846527 or email: [stephensomerville@judoscotland.com](mailto:stephensomerville@judoscotland.com) who will be happy to assist you
- JudoScotland is committed to implementing a divisioning system that is fair, judoka-specific, and clearly defines athlete categorisation.
- Our top priorities are safety, fairness, and the overall quality of the event. To maintain a safe environment
- JudoScotland's divisioning assessors reserve the right to pause or stop any part of the assessment if they believe a player may be at risk.

**Matching System:** A matrix system will be used to match participants by both age and weight and level, ensuring fair and balanced contests that promote learning and enjoyment.

### **Contest & Scoring Format:**

- Each match will have a continuous 3-minute clock.
- The first Ippon will be scored but will not end the contest, to allow maximum mat time for each judoka (unless decided otherwise by referees/coaches).
- No penalties will be awarded during matches.

This format is designed to give judoka maximum opportunity to gain experience in a supportive and development-focused environment.

**What the judoka will need:**

- All judoka must have a full valid NGB membership
- A Judogi (judo suit) is required for this event.
- A round neck white T-shirt to wear under your judo suit when you weigh-in.
- Suitable footwear to wear when off the mat
- A filled water bottle to keep you hydrated.

Parents can keep up to date with event information by downloading [Telegram](#)

**Reward and Recognition:** All judoka will be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th based on their results from the pool sheet. Each participant will receive a medal of participation regardless of placement. This approach emphasises their effort and dedication, rather than the outcome alone.

- A medal for every Judoka
- Certificate of Achievement recognising their effort and dedication throughout the competition.
- Fruit bags (kindly sponsored by Jidel Judo)

This will be given out once the groups have been completed at their designated mat.

**Coaching:** We ask that all coaching be carried out in a relaxed and supportive manner. Coaches and club representatives are encouraged to support all participants—regardless of whether they are from your club—so that every young judoka can enjoy and make the most of the event experience.

**General Information:** Use of Personal Information

We will use the information provided on your entry form or online registration to:

- Process your entry or booking for a course, event, or competition.
- Communicate with you regarding your attendance at that event.
- All personal information will only be used for event organisation purposes.

You can view the full JudoScotland Privacy Notice at: [www.JudoScotland.com](http://www.JudoScotland.com)

**Accommodation:**

[SportsHotels.com](http://SportsHotels.com), the Official Accommodation Partner of JudoScotland, is here to help secure the ideal accommodation at the perfect price.

All participants can take advantage of exclusive discounted hotel rates, with savings of up to 40% at a range of hotels near the event venue.

[Explore accommodation options on their website here.](#)

**Need Assistance?**

The SportsHotels.com team is ready to help with any accommodation queries. Feel free to reach out directly:

✉ Email: [SportsDesk@sportshotels.com](mailto:SportsDesk@sportshotels.com)

☎ Phone: +44 208 129 5556

**Photography and Video:** Video recording and photography may take place at this event.

Footage and images may be used for promotional purposes, including publication on websites and social media.

By submitting an entry, you accept these conditions. In the absence of any expressed objection, parental/guardian consent is assumed for the taking and use of photos or videos.

### **Welfare and Safeguarding:**

The event will be run in accordance with the JudoScotland / BJA Child Protection Policy.

Information poster of our Wellbeing and Protection Officer will be displayed throughout the venue.

If you have any concerns about judoka welfare on the day, please contact our Lead Wellbeing and Protection Officer:

Luke Struthers

Email: [safeguarding@judoscotland.com](mailto:safeguarding@judoscotland.com)

Tel: 07495 836223

**Event Management:** The decision of the Event Organiser is final.

**Liability:** JudoScotland shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform any obligation, or for any alterations/cancellations, due to causes beyond its reasonable control. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Strikes, lockouts, or labour disputes
- Acts of God (e.g. war, riot, civil unrest, terrorism, etc.)
- Threats to safety, compliance with government laws or orders
- Environmental contamination, pandemics, disease outbreaks
- Equipment failure, fire, flood, storm
- Shortage or increased cost of staff, materials, or goods

### **Refund Policy**

**Entry Fees:** Refunds will only be issued if requested before the official closing date of the event. No refunds will be considered after this date. Administrative fees may apply.

### **Additional Information**

By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British 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](mailto: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

## Contest Level Help Sheet

### LEVEL 1 ('Good' level player)

(CRITERIA: This judoka is very capable of taking part in competition).

This judoka can train and compete with mainstream players. This competitor has a good understanding of the meaning and goal of the competition.

All visually impaired players will be divisioned in Level 1 unless they have additional needs.

If there are insufficient VI players to make up VI pools they will be allocated to appropriate Level 1 SN pools.

### LEVEL 2 ('Medium-good' level player)

(CRITERIA: This judoka is capable of taking part in competition).

This judoka can train and take part in randori with mainstream players. This judoka mostly understands the meaning and goal of the competition.

### LEVEL 3 (Medium' level player)

(CRITERIA: This judoka understands the rules, meaning and goal of the competition.)

This judoka can take part in training with mainstream players but only competes in special competitions with competitors of the same level.

### LEVEL 4 ('Medium-weak' level player)

(CRITERIA: This judoka needs guiding during the competition but understands the rules and goal of a competition).

This judoka may only be capable of taking part in special training and competitions. This judoka needs guiding during the competition but generally understands the rules and goal of a competition.

#### LEVEL 5 ('Weak' level player)

(CRITERIA: This judoka needs a lot of guidance during the competition).

This judoka may only be capable of taking part in special training and competitions with specialist care. This judoka needs a lot of guidance during the competition. The competition might need to be adjusted to the competitors. Due to safety considerations, this judoka may be restricted to compete only on the ground (ne-waza).