

JudoScotland

2025 Annual Report

Year At A Glance

As we close the third year of our Judo for All strategy, we reflect on another year of progress across judo in Scotland. From club development and workforce investment to performance success and preparations for Glasgow 2026, 2025 has been a year of growth, collaboration and opportunity across every area of the sport. Building on strong foundations, we have continued to work alongside clubs, volunteers, coaches, athletes and partners to create more opportunities for people to experience and enjoy judo.

9,236 Members
Highest membership ever

16,289
Gradings Processed

212 Clubs
Across Scotland

426
Club Volunteers

21%
Increase in female membership for Judo Girls Rise supported clubs (January - April 2025)

216
Active Coaches

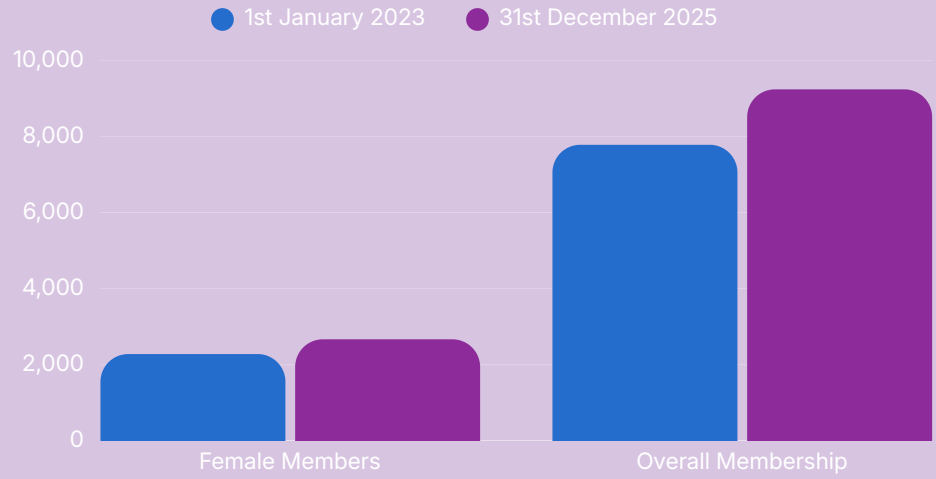


Growing an Engaged and Diverse Membership

In 2025, JudoScotland membership surpassed 9,000 members, reaching the highest level in our history. However, being part of JudoScotland is about far more than just the numbers.

Since the beginning of our current strategic cycle in 2023, we have been delighted to see female participation continue to grow year on year, reflecting our commitment to creating a more inclusive and welcoming sport for all. This growth is not only a positive sign for the future of judo in Scotland but also demonstrates the impact of the work being carried out by our clubs, coaches, volunteers and members across the country.

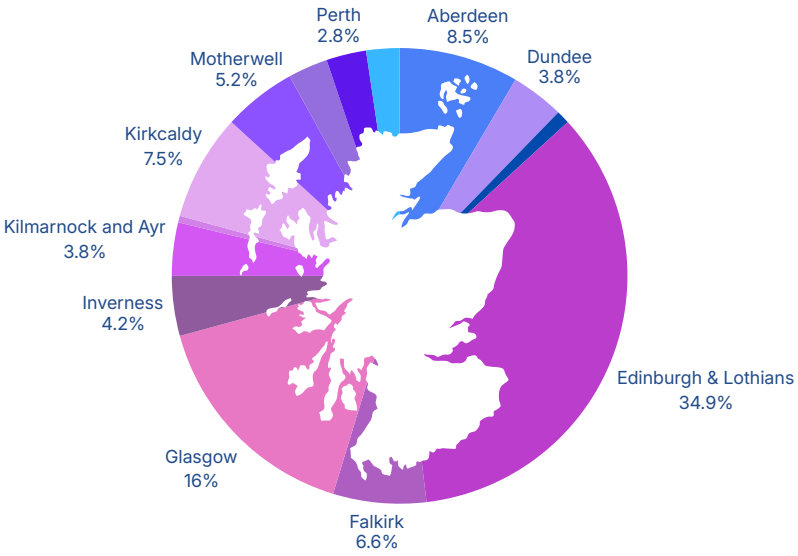


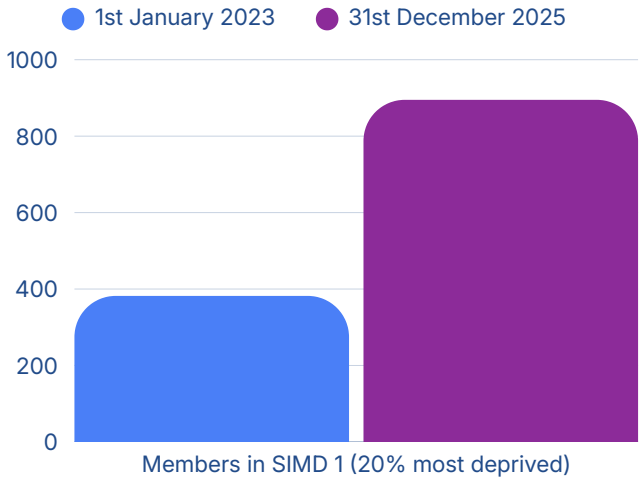


A total of 16,289 gradings were processed across our affiliated clubs in 2025. Following a strategic review of all three grading schemes, we launched enhancements to the Mon Grade system, our largest programme by membership. Consultation with members and coaches identified two key priorities: simplifying the syllabus and enhancing the value of the grading experience.

In addition, JudoScotland worked with the Home Nations and Koka Kids to develop a series of interactive e-books for judoka aged 8 and above, providing a clear, engaging guide through each stage of the grading syllabus.







JudoScotland's club network continued to grow in 2025, creating more opportunities for people across Scotland to access and enjoy judo in their local communities. This growth is reflected in participation from Scotland's most deprived communities, with membership in SIMD 1 areas more than doubling since the start of the strategic cycle, increasing from 382 to 895 members. By the end of the year, affiliated clubs were delivering judo opportunities across urban, rural and island communities throughout Scotland, extending the sport's reach and impact.

This progress has been driven by the dedication of volunteers, coaches and club leaders who create safe, inclusive environments where people can develop confidence, improve wellbeing and feel part of a thriving judo community. JudoScotland continued to support clubs through initiatives such as the Club Accelerator Programme, JudoMARK accreditation and targeted development support. By the end of 2025, 33% of affiliated clubs had achieved JudoMARK status, demonstrating a strong commitment to quality, sustainability and high standards across the club network.



Positive Contributions to Society







Judo Girls Rise In Numbers

451
Female Participants Engaged

143
New Participants to Judo

21%
Average Female Membership Growth

100%
of Clubs Plan to Continue Investing in Female Engagement

Creating accessible and welcoming environments remains central to our work.
Throughout the year, clubs across Scotland delivered projects supporting physical activity, mental wellbeing and social inclusion within their local communities. Initiatives celebrating women and girls in judo, disability and adapted judo opportunities, and partnerships with schools and community organisations have helped ensure judo remains a sport for everyone. Female participation is 29%, highlighting that growth in membership has been accompanied by a continued increase in female participation.
Our commitment to safeguarding and wellbeing was further strengthened through the launch of trauma-informed coaching and club initiatives, alongside continued promotion of safe sport, inclusion and clean sport principles.







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In 2025, we embedded Three Steps Safe into everything we do at JudoScotland. At the heart of this commitment is a simple belief: creating safe, positive and supportive environments enables our sport and our people to thrive.

By reinforcing best practice across safeguarding, coach education and club delivery, Three Steps Safe plays a vital role in fostering a well-governed, inclusive and sustainable judo community, ensuring that every judoka can participate with confidence.

As part of this commitment, we introduced the JudoScotland Coach Register in February. The register recognises coaches who demonstrate their dedication to maintaining high standards in safeguarding, first aid and continuing professional development (CPD). More than just a register, it provides assurance to clubs, parents and participants that registered coaches are committed to creating safe, supportive and high-quality environments for judoka at every stage of their journey. Through initiatives such as this, we continue to strengthen the foundations of our sport and support the long-term development of judo across Scotland.

In 2025 JudoScotland:

Processed

346

PVGs, helping to uphold Three Steps Safe standards across our workforce.

Managed

23

concerns , demonstrating the support and safeguarding guidance provided to members and clubs.

Inclusive Opportunities Across All Levels







Senpai 2025 In Numbers

12
Young Leaders Supported

40
Qualifications Achieved

300
Volunteer Hours Contributed Through The Senpai programme

153
Hours of Formal Learning

100%
Would Recommend the Programme

The Senpai Programme returned for a second year, supporting a new cohort of young leaders aged 16–24 to develop coaching, leadership and workforce skills within Scottish judo. Meanwhile, Kaizen Academy continued to provide development opportunities for coaches seeking to expand their knowledge and expertise.

Competition opportunities continued to thrive through the Grand Prix Series, Scottish Open and Scottish National Closed Championships, providing development pathways for judoka of all ages and abilities. The inaugural Scottish Adapted and Visually Impaired Open Judo Festival also represented an important milestone in broadening participation opportunities within the sport.

The Gathering once again brought together judoka from across Scotland and beyond, providing a unique opportunity to learn from world-class judoka Tato Grigalashvili, while celebrating our judo community.







Scottish Athlete Success






Highlights from 2025 included strong performances at the British Championships, selections for the European Youth Olympic Festival, Cadet European Championships and European Para Youth Games, alongside continued success across Olympic, Paralympic, Visually Impaired and Adapted Judo pathways. Among the year's notable achievements, Coen Gilbert made history by securing a bronze medal at the Cadet European Championships in Skopje. Scottish athletes also played a significant role in Great Britain's success at the EJU Open European Adapted Judo Championships, contributing to the team topping the overall medal table with multiple gold and silver medal-winning performances. In VI Judo, Kirsten Taylor claimed a bronze medal in the J2 +70kg category at the IBSA São Paulo Grand Prix, a key event on the Paralympic pathway. Across all pathways, Scottish judoka secured numerous international medals throughout the year as athletes continued their development and worked towards achieving qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

In July, JudoScotland assumed responsibility for the delivery of the Scottish Judo Performance Programme, marking an important step forward for the organisation. This transition creates new opportunities to strengthen the athlete pathway, enhance collaboration, and shape the future of performance judo in Scotland. While any major change brings challenges and learning opportunities, the foundations are now in place for continued growth and development, and we are excited about the journey ahead.












Corporate Excellence







With Glasgow 2026 firmly on the horizon, significant work has taken place to prepare athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers for a home Commonwealth Games. Throughout 2025, selection policies were published as well as keeping the membership up to date with transparent communications on those reaching a standard to be considered for selection, helping the excitement build across the Scottish judo community.

As part of our commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable sport, JudoScotland led British Judo, England Judo, Welsh Judo and the Northern Ireland Judo Federation in signing the Brighton Plus Helsinki Declaration, a globally recognised framework championing gender equity in sport. By aligning with a worldwide movement for change, JudoScotland has strengthened its pledge to empower women and girls through sport, leadership and community engagement, helping to build a more representative and inclusive future for judo across Scotland and the UK.

Alongside other Scottish Governing Bodies, JudoScotland called on the Scottish Government to deliver its commitment to increase investment in sport. The collective campaign highlighted the pressures of rising costs and reduced real-term funding, while reinforcing the importance of sport in improving wellbeing, promoting inclusion, strengthening communities and supporting athletes across Scotland.

JudoScotland also continued to strengthen its governance through board recruitment, workforce investment and organisational development. We welcomed new staff across several areas of the business while maintaining a strong focus on transparency, sustainability and member engagement.

None of the achievements in 2025 would have been possible without the dedication of our clubs, coaches, volunteers, officials, athletes and partners. Together, we continue to build a stronger, more inclusive and more ambitious future for judo in Scotland.

Financial Report

JudoScotland
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2025	**2025**	**2024**
Fixed Assets	£	£
Fixed Assets	44,470	58,922
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	586,982	548,817
Current Assets	76,668	41,750
Capital, Reserves and Liabilities		
Current Creditors	339,607	273,351
Capital and Reserves	**368,512**	**376,139**