BJC Closed National Championships
Age & Weight Event

Sunday 22 November 2026

The Arena Sports, Thurston Drive, Kettering NN15 6PB

Please read this document in full before entering.

The BJC Closed National Championships bring members together to compete in a spirit of friendship and good sportsmanship, and to determine the 2026 BJC National Champions.

Competitors must be at least 8 years old. Senior competitors must hold a minimum grade of 4th Kyu (orange belt). Every competitor must hold a valid BJC licence and present it at weigh-in.

All entries must be completed online by noon on Wednesday 18 November 2026 at www.bjcjudoevents.org.uk.

The BJC intends to offer the categories shown below but may combine or withdraw categories where necessary. Where categories are combined, one set of medals will be awarded.

Junior age and weight categories

8-9 years (under 10 on the day)	**Boys:** -24, -27, -30, -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, over 50 kg **Girls:** -24, -28, -32, -36, -40, -44, over 44 kg
10-12 years (under 13 on the day)	**Boys:** -30, -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, over 55 kg **Girls:** -28, -32, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, over 52 kg
13-15 years (under 16 on the day)	**Boys:** -34, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, over 73 kg **Girls:** -32, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -56, -61, -65, over 65 kg

Senior grade and weight categories

4th-3rd Kyu	**Male:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, over 100 kg **Female:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, over 78 kg
2nd-1st Kyu	**Male:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, over 100 kg **Female:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, over 78 kg
Dan grades	**Male:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, over 100 kg **Female:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, over 78 kg
Kyu grade veterans	Male and female entrants grouped by age and weight, where numbers allow.
Dan grade veterans	Grouped by sex, age and weight, where numbers allow.

A Dan Grade Open for men and women, split into two weight categories, may be entered on the day for £15.

Spectator admission: £5 per person. Free admission for BJC coaches on presentation of a valid BJC Coaching Card.

Competition format

The BJC will endeavour to provide every entrant with at least two contests. If circumstances beyond the BJC's control prevent this, the entrant will be offered the option to withdraw and receive a full refund of the competition entry fee.

The BJC may combine weight, age or grade categories where entries are insufficient. An affected entrant, parent or coach may withdraw the entrant and receive a refund of the competition entry fee.

Method: Pools of 3, 4 or 5 wherever possible. Groups of 12 or more will normally use pools followed by a knockout stage.

Weigh-in times

Saturday 21 November	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	All competitors
Sunday 22 November	8:45 am-9:15 am	Under-10 boys and girls
	9:30 am-10:00 am	Juniors aged 10-15, boys and girls
	10:30 am-1:00 pm	All seniors aged 16 and over

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE	£30 PER CONTESTANT

How to enter

Register online at **www.bjcjudoevents.org.uk**. Entries must be finalised and paid by **noon on Wednesday 18 November 2026**; the system will not accept late entries.

A confirmation email will be sent by noon on Thursday 19 November, provided the entry has been finalised and paid.

Payment can be made online at the time of booking by credit or debit card through the secure payment system, or by telephone using a debit or credit card by contacting BJC HQ on 01692 580900.

Prohibited techniques

The following techniques are not permitted for competitors under 16:

Armlocks	Strangles	Makikomi (winding throw)
Kata Guruma	Any leg or ankle grabs	Sacrifice throws, whether direct, combined or as a counter
Drop-knee Seoi-nage	Kubi-nage (neck throw with one or both arms)	

For all competitors: leg or ankle grabs are not permitted as an initiated attack.

Conditions of entry

- At weigh-in, competitors must present a current BJC licence showing their photograph and date of birth.
- The BJC may restrict, merge or cancel a category. If a category is cancelled, the entry fee will be refunded. Reasonable efforts will be made to notify affected entrants before the event.
- The event may be photographed or filmed. Images and footage may be used to promote the BJC and its events, or for training purposes.
- Weigh-in is strictly controlled. One weigh per competitor is permitted, with the judogi jacket removed. A 0.5 kg allowance is made for judogi trousers.
- Males under 18 must wear a plain white, short-sleeved, round-neck T-shirt at weigh-in. A small club logo on the left breast and/or a small manufacturer's logo that is not visible under the judogi jacket is permitted. A 0.2 kg allowance is made. This is optional for senior males.
- All female competitors must wear a T-shirt meeting the same requirements. A 0.2 kg allowance is made.
- Rash guards and compression tops are not permitted at weigh-in or during competition. Male competitors may choose to wear a permitted T-shirt while contesting.
- Weight changes will normally be upward into the next category, although competitors may be moved down where entries are insufficient or to avoid a mismatch.
- Entrants, parents and coaches must satisfy themselves that the competitor is physically fit to participate. Any concern should be referred to BJC Head Office at least one week before the tournament, or to the Tournament Director on the day if it arises immediately beforehand.

Competition regulations

The event will be run under the BJC Contest Rules 2019, available at www.bjcjudoevents.org.uk/bjc_contest_rules.pdf.

- No coaching is permitted during contests.
- Competitors should bring their own water to the mat in a plastic container. Metal containers are prohibited.
- Zori must be worn beside the mat. Trainers, Crocs and everyday footwear are not permitted in the mat-side area.
- For safety, the presiding official may withdraw any competitor considered insufficiently prepared technically, physically or mentally.
- Contestants, spectators and coaches must not enter the competition or officials' area without permission.

READY TO ENTER?

Register by noon, Wednesday 18 November 2026
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