



# The Heart of England Open 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025



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| Introduction                               | Due to the number of ranking events on the calendar in September and early October we have decided to change the format of this competition this year.   |
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| Venue Address:                             | Walsall Sports Centre, WLV Gym, The University of Wolverhampton, Magdalene Road, Walsall WS1 3TA   |
| Event Date:                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2025   |
| Entry process:                             | Entry is via Judo Technologies Online Entries.<br>Link: <a href="https://www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland">https:// www.onlineentries.co.uk/midland</a><br><br>The closing date for entries is 8 <sup>th</sup> September. However, entries will close early if the event becomes full. Early entry is therefore advised.<br>Entry fee: £25 per player.<br>£35 double  |
| Participation                              | Competitors must hold current BJA or affiliate membership. All competitors <b>MUST</b> bring their <b>VALID</b> judo membership card to registration along with their record book which shows they meet the minimum grade. Foreign entrants are welcome but must bring proof of membership of their National Federation which must be a member of EJU or IJF.  |
| Age Bands & Weight Categories              | <p>GROUP A: <b>Masters Men +35 years</b><br/><b>Masters Men +55 years</b></p> <p>GROUP B: <b>Masters Women +35 years</b><br/>Players will be grouped by age (on the day), weight and grade</p> <p>GROUP C: <b>Senior Men</b><br/>2 Kyu &amp; below: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>GROUP D: <b>Senior Men</b><br/>1 Kyu &amp; above: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</p> <p>GROUP E: <b>Women</b><br/>-48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg</p> <p>GROUP F: <b>Orange and Yellow Belt Under 14yrs</b><br/>GROUP G: <b>Blue and Green Belt Under 14yrs</b><br/>(3 min contests, No technical restrictions, no arm locks or strangles allowed)<br/>There are no specific weight categories, players will be grouped by weight. This prevents young children from trying to make weight limits and also evens out numbers in categories.</p> <p>The organisers reserve the right to combine categories where numbers dictate.</p> |
| Competition Format, Rules and Judogi Rules | <p>The main method of elimination for this event will be pools or compound knockout dependent on numbers, with twin or single pools if fewer than eight entrants in a category.<br/>U14s will be single or twin pools.</p> <p>Current IJF Rules as amended by BJA rules will be in operation. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No 30 second rule</li><li>• Judogi measurements as per 2018 IJF rules.</li><li>• 2018 IJF Red label judogi rules or the requirement to wear judogi of specific suppliers will not be rules at this competition.</li></ul>   |

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|                         | <p>Coloured judogi are not acceptable. Blue judogi are not compulsory. <b>All players must provide their own blue and white belts.</b></p> <p>Competitors who are entering a category which is different to their sex assigned at birth are requested to contact <a href="mailto:safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk">safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk</a> at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>This Tournament qualifies for points scoring for promotion purposes.</p>    |
| Registration & Weigh-In | <p>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p> <p>Masters Men: 08:30 - 09.00</p> <p>Other weigh in times will be announced once the entry has closed.</p> <p>This will be an open weigh therefore women and all players under 18 years of age will be weighed in with judogi trousers and t-shirt (0.8 kg allowance).</p> <p>Male competitors over 18 have 0.8kg allowance if wearing t-shirt or rash guard or 0.7kg without</p> <p>Test scales will be available</p> |
| Photography/ Filming    | <p>By entering the event, all participants and parents or guardians of participants are consenting to photography/filming which may be taken by the BJA or an official BJA contractor at the event. You also accept that these photographs or video may be used in future BJA publications or published by the contractors. Coaches should inform the organiser if any player wishes to opt out.</p>  |