2012 Hampshire Judo Teams Championships

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Objective

The Hampshire Judo Team Championships has been devised as a method of increasing the participation and quality of Judo competition in the BJA Hampshire area. The aim is to hold a successful team based league championships which will provide regular competitions and exciting matches that will be entertaining and also raise the level of Judo competition in Hampshire.

The championships’ aim is to become a regular feature of the Judo calendar and grow year on year in a sustainable manner. The championships is aimed at the 12-16 years and 16+ age groups. 12-16 as this is an age where a vast majority of players leave the sport. 16+ as there is little competition for seniors who do not excel as individual athletes. There is better participation numbers and competition opportunity for under 12s. Under 12s will further be served by the Hampshire Games programme which will follow the model used in 2011 with borough based local events feeding into the June 16 2012 main event in Aldershot.

The championships is designed to deliver Judo competition at varying levels over time. It is hoped that multiple divisions will be possible. For example, over time we hope that the championships would expand to have novice, kyu grade, dan grade and elite level competition.

The championships has been heavily influenced by the successful international Judo teams based competitions. Specifically the exciting team events at the 2011 European Championships and 2011 World Championships. Other influencers are the EJU Club Cup, German Bundesliga, 2011 Rugby Union World Championships, NFL, England Basketball League and of course ENGLISH Premiership football competition.

A test event for this championships was the 2011 Hampshire Youth Games event, held in June 2011. This was a 5 person mixed team event and all feedback from those who attended was positive towards the team format. The weight classes used in that event were raised as an issue and this championships has taken that into consideration.

Regular, team based, competition is fundamental and the norm in most other sports. Judo is unusual in not having a regular season and teams. The IJF is pushing hard for the 5 person team format to become part of the Olympic programme and we believe that we are assisting in this process in our own small way by creating a team based championships in Hampshire.

Trial

A trial series will start on Saturday March 31st, followed by April 28th and May 26th 2012. This trial will be in two locations and consist of a small number of teams. The trial will provide an opportunity to test the format and make changes. Teams that participate in the trial will have their result considered when seeding, etc for main championships is finalised.
Overview

The Hampshire Judo Team Championships will run from October 2012 through to May 2013. The Championships will have competitions on the first Saturday of each month, October Through to December (October 6th 2012, November 3rd 2012, December 1st 2012). There will then be a break in the season until the final two rounds are held (February 2nd 2013 and March 2nd 2013).

The Semi-finals round will be held on April 6th 2013 and the finals day on May 4th 2013. The championships will consist of 4 clusters (North, Central, South East and South West), each cluster having 5 teams.

During the “regular season” (Oct-Dec) each cluster will hold an event where all 5 clubs from that cluster will come together and compete. This will happen on the same day for all areas. The Semi finals will consist of two events (both held on April 6th, one for North and Central one for the two southern clusters. The Semi finals will consist of the top 2 teams from each cluster competing in round-robin format. The finals day will be held in one location and consist of the top 2 teams from each semi-final competing in round-robin format.

Conflicting events

Round 1, October 6 2012.
No direct conflicts at time of writing. Dan grading on 7th in Norfolk.

Round 2, November 3 2012.
No direct conflicts at time of writing. Dan examination on 4th in High Wycombe.

Round 3, December 1 2012.
No direct conflicts at time of writing. Dan grading on 2nd in Dartford.

Round 4, February 2 2013.
No direct conflicts at time of writing.

Round 5, March 2 2013.
No direct conflicts at time of writing.
Team format

The championships is a 5 person team format, each team will consist of 4 male and one female member. The members of the team will be selected from the following BJA weight classes depending on the age group. Teams must collaborate and negotiate to decide choose weights which both clubs can field a player.

Should agreement not be made, then the decision will be made by the championship organiser. The decision would be made on the basis of players previously used in other events, earlier matches etc. For example, if a team had in round one of the competitions been able to field a -50kg player, but then said they were unable to do so in round 2 (without reasonable explanation as to why), this could result in the organiser deciding that the -50kg would be used and the team would either have to find a player or default that fight, which is the least desirable outcome. Teams could, in collaboration with their opposing team field a team using a category more than once. For example two -73kg, a -52kg, a -90kg and a -81kg could be a valid team composition.

It is hoped that collaboration and negotiation would be enough to ensure that all 5 positions on both teams are filled in every match. It would be unusual and frowned upon if teams were choosing not to fill positions when they had the players to do so as participation is a key driver behind this championships.

Team members can change between matches (5 fights between two teams) and rounds (events). All team members can compete for only one team per season (transfer periods will be considered in later years). Teams do NOT need to be from a single club, however all team members must be registered members of the BJA. This allows teams to be formed between 2 or more clubs when one club is not able to form a team on their own. There is no limit to the number of players able to participate per team. The only limit is that in each match between teams.

Athletes in teams must be in one of the recognised BJA weight groups (for their age group) as outlined below:

12-16 years.

Female:  -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg
Male:    -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg

16+ years.

Female:  -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg
Male:    -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Team Officials

Each team will be required to have with them a BJA Level 2 or above coach. Teams may have more than one coach, but only one may be with the team. Each team is also expected to bring at least one other official with them, at least a BJA Level 1 coach. Two officials are required so that should a player be injured, for example, one official can stay with the injured player and one stay with the team. More officials are of course preferred.

Each competing team must also provide one referee and one first aider to each event. These officials can come from any club or team, but can not hold any other role at that specific event (i.e. coaching or competing).
Competition format and presentation

The championships will be a round-robin (5 rounds), held on the first Saturday of the month. Each month of the “regular season” will have four events happening on the same day and have 4 teams competing at each. The Semi finals will be held in two locations and 4 teams competing at each. The finals will be on one day in one location and have 4 teams competing.

Match officials, volunteers etc will be organised by the “host” team. The host team is the 5th team in the cluster; that is not competing in that round. This will mean that each team will need to “host” only once per year. Although a team is hosting it does not mean they have to do all the work; teams are only expected to facilitate the event and are encouraged to invite suitable officials to work at the event they host.

All events will be held on a single mat to ensure that focus is maintained on the athletes participating. The format of competition is 5 person teams, following the IJF model. This means 5 minute fights, followed by golden score, followed by hantei. NO IKIWAKE (draw). The 12-16 year division will follow the same model, shime waza and kansetsu waza will not be permitted; and the length of each fight will be as per BJA guidelines.

Teams will enter the mat as a team, bow towards each other then retire from the mat. The coach of each team will bow on with the players and remain with their team. Unlike the newly promoted IJF rules, the coach will be allowed to coach from matside at all times. As they will not be seated necessarily, they will also be permitted to coach from standing. Coaches will need to display high levels of professionalism. No negative language will be permitted, an extremely strong position will be taken on behavior of coaches and they shall be removed from the hall if behavior is not suitable. Should that happen that coach will not be permitted to coach at the following event next month.

Equally, all officials will be required to be professional also. Teams will have the opportunity to feedback to the organiser if they have concerns about the quality or behavior of officials. Officials will be expected to be polite, friendly and accommodating; especially to the athletes competing. They are there to facilitate the competition between teams and will do everything possible to ensure an enjoyable, efficient, friendly and fair sport to take place.

All events will be filmed and that footage provided to the championship organiser(s); this footage will then be presented online via the Hampshire Judo website and elsewhere (Youtube, Facebook, etc). The results of each fight and match will be published online and overall standings will also be put online. To ensure timely presentation of the results and video, event “hosts” will be expected to provide all information to the organisers as soon as possible.

Hosts are invited/expected to try interesting ways of improving their events; they are requested to liaise with the championships organisers while doing so.

Hosts are responsible for arranging for referees, table officials, equipment, first aiders, refreshments, merchandise, video equipment, volunteers, etc. The host is also responsible for running the event and providing the results and video to the organisers immediately after the event to enable quick publication of results.
Schedule

Round 1 - October 6 2012
Host: Team 1
Match 1: Team 2 vs. Team 5
Match 2: Team 3 vs. Team 4

Round 2 - November 3 2012
Host: Team 4
Match 1: Team 5 vs. Team 1
Match 2: Team 2 vs. Team 3

Round 3 - December 1 2012
Host: Team 2
Match 1: Team 1 vs. Team 4
Match 2: Team 5 vs. Team 3

Round 4 - February 2 2013
Host: Team 3
Match 1: Team 1 vs. Team 2
Match 2: Team 4 vs. Team 5

Round 5 - March 2 2013
Host: Team 1
Match 1: Team 1 vs. Team 2
Match 2: Team 4 vs. Team 5

Semi-Final - April 6th 2013
Top 2 from cluster 1, North and Central
Top 2 from cluster 2, SW and SE.

Final - May 4 2013
Top 2 from each semi final.
Monthly Entry Form.  

Event Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Team: ______________________________________________________

Cluster / Age Group: _________________________________________

Coach: ____________________________________________________

First Aider: _________________________________________________

Referee: __________________________________________________

2nd Official/Coach *: _________________________________________* Optional

Player 1: ___________________________________________________ Category: __________

Player 2: ___________________________________________________ Category: __________

Player 3: ___________________________________________________ Category: __________

Player 4: ___________________________________________________ Category: __________

Player 5: ___________________________________________________ Category: __________

Alternate preferred categories: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________

Team Managers signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________

* By completing and signing this form you are indicating that you and your team will abide by the rules, values and intentions of the Hampshire Teams Championships. All the information included on this form must be accurate, including players being the correct weight for their indicated category. Weights may be checked on the day of the event. The organisers reserve the right to exclude any player, coach, official or other person.

Due Dates:

Initial entry form to organisers: 12 Noon on the Wednesday 10 days preceeding event.

Feedback from organisers: 12 Noon on the Friday 8 days preceeding event.

Ammended entry forms (post negotiation) to organisers: 12 Noon Monday 5 days preceeding event.

Final confirmation of teams from organisers to teams: 12 noon Wednesday 3 days preceeding event.
Team Application

Complete this form to be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Hampshire Judo Team Championships.

Team Name: ________________________________

Cluster: North / Central / South West / South East

12 - 16 years team: Y / N  Over 16 years team: Y / N

Team Manager: ________________________________

Postal Address: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Post code: ____________________________

Telephone: _____________________________

e-mail: ________________________________

Entry Fee:

☐ £20-00 : Senior Team - TRIAL EVENTS  ☐ £50-00 : Senior Team

☐ £20-00 : 12-16 Team - TRIAL EVENTS  ☐ £50-00 : 12-16 Team

Cheques Payable to: BJA Hampshire

Cheques and application form due by the following dates:

Trial Events: 13 February (12 Noon)
2012 Championships: 17 August (12 Noon)

Forms and cheques to: Lance Wicks, Organiser, Northgate, Knowle Lane, Horton Heath, SO50 7DX.

Tel: 07787565233 email: lw@judocoach.com

* BJA Hampshire and the organiser(s) reserve the right to refuse entry. All teams will be required to follow the rules and intention of the event(s). This includes maintaining ethical standards, obeying BJA Hampshire and BJA rules, requirements and behaving in a collaborative and sporting manner at all times. The final decision in cases of disputes will be made by the organiser. All concerns, complaints should be directed to the organiser.
EVENT Form (for hosts/organisers)

This form is to be completed by the “host” team as part of their responsibility in organising an event. Complete before, and during the event; return to the organiser with the results and the video footage of the event.

Event Date: ___________________________  Cluster: ________________________________

Event organiser: ____________________________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________________________________________________

email: __________________________________________________________________________

Event address:: ____________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

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Post code: ________________________________________________________________________

Scoreboard Operator: __________________________________________________________________

Table Official: ______________________________________________________________________

Videographer: _______________________________________________________________________

☐ Contest area  ☐ 4 x Referees (from teams)  ☐ 4 X First Aiders (from teams)

☐ 2 X Senior team weights agreed  ☐ 2 X u16 teams weights agreed

☐ Laptop for scoreboard  ☐ Large screen for scoreboard

☐ HD Camcorder  ☐ Tripod
Event Results Form (1/4).

Complete this form and return along with the Event Form and video footage to the organiser when the event is complete.

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2012 Team Championship Milestones

January 18th: Final paperwork to Hampshire Judo Association Committee.

February 1st: Applications open for teams to be included in trial.

February 13th (12 Noon): Applications for inclusion close.

March 7th: Final list of teams in trial announced.

March 31st: First trial event.

April 28th: Second trial event.

May 26th: Third trial event.

June 9th: Post trial meeting, Hampshire Committee and all teams invited to provide feedback.

July 2nd: Applications for team entry into October start of Championships open.

August 17th (12 Noon): Applications close.

August 31st: Notification of teams included in championships.