



Connacht Championships
Mini Mon and Closed
14th February 2026

VENUE: Ballinfoyle Neighbourhood Community Centre,
Headford Road,
Galway,
H91 PN50

DATE: Saturday 14th February 2026

TIME: 08:30 - 11:30 Mini Mon Competition
11:00 - 16:00 Closed Championships

WEIGH-INS: Friday 13th February 19:00 – 21:00
Saturday 14th February 08:30 – 09:00
Saturday 14th February 11:00 – 11:30

Entry Fee: Seniors, Juniors, Cadets, €35,
Additional Categories €10
Pre-Cadets & Minors €25
Mini Mons €20

Tournament Director: Eric O'Donnell - Connacht Judo Council.

NO ENTRY ON THE DAY this includes additional categories
LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES: 23:59 Sunday 8th February 2026

Entries through club ONLY

Competition Particulars:

Coaches: In order for Coach Accreditation to be issued; only IJA approved coaches can obtain Accreditation. **Please note only IJA affiliated & qualified (Level 1 or higher) coaches with valid Vetting & Safeguarding Certificates will be issued with Coach Accreditation for this event. NIJF Coaches should bring their coach cards/books with them on the day.** Coach Accreditation will be ready for collection at the official Weigh-in following closure of online entry. Coach Passes issued are based on Valid Active Coaches listed in the IJA club database subject to a maximum of 4 coach passes per club if applicable. Parents or Volunteers will not be issued Coach Accreditation for this event. **ONLY ONE COACH ALLOWED MATSIDE PER PLAYER**

Table Officials: If you are interested in officiating at tables for this event, we would request that you submit your details directly to the Connacht Judo Council Secretary: connachtjudosecretary@gmail.com

Media: Any person who wishes to photograph the event should apply for accreditation at the official Weigh-in. This is in line with Best Practice regarding Safeguarding for Children in Sport. Media Accreditation will only be issued to those who complete the accreditation form; ID may be required so please bring driver's licence/passport. Please adhere to this policy.

Anti-Doping: Shall be conducted in conjunction with Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Rules which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and tests shall be conducted in line with best practices.

Code of conduct: Abuse directed to referees, volunteer staff, participants or attendees will not be tolerated. Each attendee is asked to remain respectful, courteous and to follow directions of the referees, table officials and volunteers associated with the event. Any behaviour deemed in violation of this or will result in the person(s) being asked to leave and a report filed with the relevant authorities.

Competition Type: This event will be run in accordance with the Irish Judo association policies and guidebooks for a closed provincial (Level 3 Recreational) and Mini Mon (Level 2 Recreational) event. Please consult the relevant handbooks if there are any queries. Draws will be conducted prior to the event.

Competition Mode: All minor competitors will have a minimum of two fights and either the pool system or double repechage shall be used. For all other competitors, competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF/ EJU KO system. Per the [IJA Tournament Handbook](#) minor categories may be split in situations with greater than 10 entries.

This competition is only for valid members of the IJA, NIJF, BJA or from any Association affiliated to the IJF (valid licence required at registration).

Club Cup points will be awarded as follows: Gold = 5 points, Silver = 3 points, Bronze = 1 point. A "No Contest Gold" will be awarded 1 point.

Insurance: Each club is responsible for insuring its competitors against injury and third-party risk during the relevant period. The Irish Judo Association will not accept any liability for any loss or damage howsoever arising.

Programme of Events

Friday 13th February 2026:

Weigh-in for All Categories 19:00 – 21:00

Venue: **Ballinfoyle**

For the weigh-in, both male & female judoka must weigh in wearing contest legal judogi trousers and plain round neck t-shirt/rash guard. And a weight allowance of 0.8kg will apply to all judoka.

PLAYERS NOT PERMITTED TO CHANGE IN DESIGNATED WEIGH IN AREA THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE DESIGNATED WEIGH IN AREA

Saturday 14th February 2026:

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Mini Mon Competition:

- **Weigh-In:** 08:30-09:00
- **Start Time:** 09:30
- **End Time est:** 11:30

Closed Championships:

- Minors, Pre-Cadet, Cadet, Juniors & Seniors
- Weigh-In: 11:00 - 11:30
- Start Time: 12:00
- End Time est: 16:00

All judoka are asked to be punctual on the day of competition

Medals will be awarded at the conclusion of each category where permitted.

Club Cup tallies and awards will be at the end of day.

ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED EXCEPT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES – ENTRY LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW FOR WITHDRAWAL

Categories are subject to amalgamation dependant on entry – Points Scoring Event for KYU & DAN Grades per [IJA Grading Syllabus and Policy 2024](#)

Categories:

Minor Group – Born 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (no armlocks or strangles)									
Male	<24KGS	<27KGS	<30KGS	<34KGS	<38KGS	<42KGS	<46KGS	+46KGS	
Female	<24KGS	<28KGS	<32KGS	<36KGS	<40KGS	<44KGS	<48KGS	+48KGS	
Pre-Cadets - Born 2012, 2013 (no armlocks or strangles)									
Male	<34KGS	<38KGS	<42KGS	<46KGS	<50KGS	<55KGS	<60KGS	<66KGS	+66KGS
Female	<36KGS	<40KGS	<44KGS	<48KGS	<52KGS	<57KGS	+57KGS		
Cadets – Born 2009, 2010, 2011 (armlocks & strangles)									
Male	<42KGS	<46KGS	<50KGS	<55KGS	<60KGS	<66KGS	<73KGS	+73KGS	
Female	<40KGS	<44KGS	<48KGS	<52KGS	<57KGS	<63KGS	<70KGS	+70KGS	
Juniors – Born 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (armlocks & strangles)									
Male	<60KGS	<66KGS	<73KGS	<81KGS	<90KGS	<100KGS	+100KGS		
Female	<48KGS	<52KGS	<57KGS	<63KGS	<70KGS	<78KGS	+78KGS		
Seniors – Born 2008 or before (armlocks & strangles)									
Male	<60KGS	<66KGS	<73KGS	<81KGS	<90KGS	<100KGS	+100KGS		
Female	<48KGS	<52KGS	<57KGS	<63KGS	<70KGS	<78KGS	+78KGS		
Lower KYU – Orange (4 th KYU), Yellow (5 th KYU) & White (6 th KYU)									
Male	Separated by weight and age based on entries to this category								
Female									
Upper KYU – Brown (1 st KYU), Blue (2 nd KYU) & Green (3 rd KYU)									
Male	Separated by weight and age based on entries to this category								
Female									