



Club Compliance Requirements 2026

For an IJA (Irish Judo Association) Club to be Fully Compliant they must:

- Be registered with the IJA
- Have all necessary positions filled to the satisfaction of the regulations set by the IJA Executive*
- All fees due to the IJA fully paid on or before 31st January of the current year
- All the above completed on or before 31st January of the current year
- Have a minimum of 20 compliant registered members in their club with the IJA
- Fully Compliant Relevant Clubs receive 1 vote if 20 registered members or more or 2 votes if 75 registered members or more by 31st January

For an IJA Club to be Compliant to operate they must adhere either of the below scenarios:

Scenario 1	Scenario 2
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Note 1: Only a Fully Compliant Club can vote at a National or Provincial AGM/EGM, make proposals and resolutions, propose or second nominations. **

Note 2: The IJA will not accept fees from a club until the minimum requirements of compliance are met. If a club sends/lodges money with the IJA without having successfully met the minimum requirement of compliance the IJA reserves the right to return the money to the club and the club will not be considered a compliant member club of the IJA.

If a club reaches the minimum requirements for compliance after the 31st of January 2026 they will be registered with the IJA and considered a compliant club after payment is made.



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Definitions

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Have all necessary positions filled to the satisfaction of the regulations set by the IJA Executive

- Club affiliation form completed and presented to the IJA
- Minimum positions a Compliant Club must have:
 1. A compliant active Level 2 Coach (or higher) must be a member within the club
 2. All registered active coaches must have a minimum Level 1 Coach Award, current Safeguarding 1 Child Awareness, current First Aid award, current Garda Vetting/Access NI
 3. Children's Officer must have current Safeguarding 2 Child Awareness, current Garda Vetting/Access NI (Coach cannot be the Children's Officer)
 4. Designated Officer must have current Safeguarding 3 Child Awareness, current Garda Vetting/Access NI (Coach cannot be the Designated Officer)
 5. Registered Volunteers must have current Safeguarding 1 Child Awareness, current Garda Vetting/Access NI

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Only fully compliant clubs and fully compliant members have the rights afforded to them in the IJA Constitution.

Club will not be eligible to avail of any IJA financial support towards insurance

- The IJA operates an umbrella policy for Professional Indemnity & Public Liability, non-compliant clubs will not receive an insurance indemnity letter, and the premises and coaches remain uninsured.

Club will not be able to register any members

- Any member previously registered with the club or new member wishing to register with the club will be registered with the IJA in an 'IJA holding club.' If the club does become compliant in the future the members will be automatically transferred to the club unless they specifically inform the IJA otherwise.
- As these members have no club coach, they are not eligible to have a coach sit on their chair at competitions, if they are at a grade that is not facilitated by attendance and participation at a National Grading (below 3rd KYU), they are not able to advance their grade.

Each Club has been given 'read only' access to their own club page via Hajime, the IJA Club Database. Hajime notes all personnel as listed on the annual club affiliation form submitted to the IJA Office. The inception date and expiry date of their relevant compliance paperwork is clearly noted; clubs have direct access to this information which allows them to monitor their club's compliance in real time and prepare in advance for compliance paperwork that is scheduled to expire. Sanctions are being introduced as non-compliance is not acceptable from active judo clubs.

Sanctions for non-compliance in 2026 (Effective 28th February 2026)

- Club will not be registered as an IJA club
- Club will not be included in the IJA insurance scheme
- Club will not be eligible to avail of any IJA financial support towards insurance***
- Club will not be able to register any members****
- Club will not be entitled to register members for competitions or grade members
- Club will be removed from the IJA website



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Timeline of Enforcement of Sanctions for Non-Compliant Clubs

Day 0 – Compliance Report Issued to Club (dated noted); Non-Compliance Identified
Club is informed of non-compliance and given a deadline to rectify within 14 days

A letter to be sent out to clubs outlining timeline of non-compliance sanctions by registered post.

After 14 Days – If Non-Compliance remains in place, the Initial Sanctions are as follows:

- ✓ All Listed Club Personnel will be informed of what compliance is outstanding
- ✓ IJA Honorary General Secretary will be informed of continued Non-Compliance of said club
- ✓ Club advised if items outstanding not received within 7 days, further sanctions will apply

After 28 Days – Continued Non-Compliance Sanctions

- ✓ Club will not be entitled to register members for competitions or grade members – clubs will be removed from Online Entry & IJA Office will reject gradings submitted
- ✓ Any queries raised by members or parents of members as to why the entry is not acceptable or grade not awarded will be informed it is because of Club Non-Compliance

Another letter to be send advising they will be removed from the IJA insurance scheme by registered post if not compliant within the next 42 days.

After 35 Days – Escalated Sanctions

- ✓ Club will not be able to register any members – clubs will be removed from online membership registration to prevent registration
- ✓ Any queries raised by members or parents of members as to why the membership is not accepted will be informed it is because of Club Non-Compliance

After 42 Days – Final Escalated Sanctions

- ✓ Club will be removed from the IJA insurance scheme and will have to provide their own Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance
- ✓ Club will be removed from the IJA website
- ✓ Any queries raised by members or parents of members as to why the club is no longer visible on the website and associated membership/entry page will be informed it is because of Club Non-Compliance

After 56 Days – Final Permanent Sanction

- ✓ Club will have affiliation rescinded and all members within the club will be informed directly to transfer membership to another club.

IJA Executive Committee

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