

UKCC Access for Non-NGB Members - Technical Assessment Process

(Recognition of the Technical Competence of Non-members)

The historical context of the UKCC for Judo: The British Judo Association, the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of Judo in the United Kingdom signed up together with other selected NGB's of sport to develop and implement the UK Coaching Certificate for their respective sports.

The role of sports coach UK, (the agency selected to facilitate this initiative), in specific regard to the UKCC was to support NGB's in the development of their existing systems in line with National Standards and to quality assure this process. In accordance with the guidelines established by sports coach UK, the BJA drew upon the expertise of a dedicated National Source Group (NSG) for the development of the UKCC for Judo. The NSG was made up not only of BJA experts in various fields but also of appropriate officers from each of the Home Country Governing bodies and indeed members of respected non-NGB groups, this group were the sole decision making body in respect of the UKCC throughout the development phase.

The respective Certificates in Coaching Judo as created by the NSG in conjunction with the Awarding body 1st4sportqualifications and sports coach UK are now on the National Qualification Framework and the UKCC for Judo which is in essence an endorsement of the effective delivery of these qualifications is now in place at Levels 1 and 2, (the Endorsement of Level 3 qualification is thought to be imminent).

Pre-requisite requirements for access to the UKCC for Judo learning programme: At each level, the respective qualification specifications carry a number of minimum pre-requisites requirements. For candidates wishing to access a programme of training at Level 1 they must be at least 17 years of age, for Level 2 the requirement is 18 years of age and for Level 3 candidates must be at least 21 years of age. Similarly pre-requisites are in place in relation to Judo grade in order to ensure that the desired minimum technical competence of candidates at each level is maintained. This helps to ensure

that the respective learning programmes at each level cannot be undermined by inexperienced candidates accessing the award programmes as this could be detrimental to the progress of other candidates. The grade restrictions agreed are as follows:

Level 1 - Minimum BJA Grade 2nd Kyu (Blue belt).

Level 2 - Minimum BJA Grade 1st Kyu (Brown belt).

Level 3 - Minimum BJA Grade 1st Dan (Black belt).

In each case it has been agreed by the NSG that non-NGB candidates wishing to access the UKCC for Judo must demonstrate the equivalent level of competence in respect of the BJA Technical Grading scheme(s) content. There will be no contest requirement as the NSG are seeking only to determine the level of technical knowledge is consistent as opposed to competitive prowess.

Recognition of equivalence: The BJA does not require membership of its organisation in order to establish equivalence. The British Judo Council (BJC) and the Amateur Judo Association (AJA) have long-since been regarded as respected and credible organisations and BJA systems are in place for recognition of the grades that those bodies award. Within the UK however a number of dissident organisations do exist and their grade criteria, credibility and ethos vary enormously not just with that of the BJA but also between themselves.

The NSG for Judo are keen to ensure that potential candidates are afforded open and equal access to the qualification and have deemed that a certificate of the recognition of grade equivalence be obtained by candidates from non recognised bodies and that these certificates should be presented upon the candidates application to enrol onto the learning programme at each level. Applications with no verifiable BJA, BJC or AJA grade will not be processed unless accompanied by a valid BJA certificate of grade equivalence, such certificates have a five-year lifespan from the date of issue and upon their expiration certificates become invalid and candidates will be required to repeat the evaluation process in order to obtain a new certificate.

Evaluation process for the verification of the technical competence of non-NGB Members wishing to access UKCC for Judo courses: The following process will be the sole procedure for the issuing of certificates of grade equivalence recognisable under the auspices of the NSG for Judo in relation to access to UKCC courses.

For a potential candidate from a non-NGB body other than recognised affiliated organisation such as the BJC & AJA to be granted access to a UKCC Course and/or subsequent Assessment they must first prove their technical competence by satisfactorily demonstrating this knowledge as described below:

1. A potential candidate submits to the BJA National Coaching Officer the appropriate application form requesting a place on a non-NGB UKCC Technical Assessment day, (a copy of this application form can be found at the rear of this document).
2. The BJA National Coaching Officer will acknowledge receipt of the application and place the application on a register of interest.
3. The BJA National Coaching Officer will inform all of the candidates on the register of interest of the details of any forthcoming Non-NGB UKCC Technical Assessment Days as and when arranged
4. The BJA will endeavour to run a minimum of two such assessment days per year at a BJA venue but reserve the right not to proceed with any proposed course in the event that less than eight applicants confirm their places by submitting the appropriate application form and fee.
5. On successful completion of the Non-NGB Technical Assessment Course candidates will receive a BJA 'Certificate of Grade equivalence'
6. The original certificate (not a photocopy or scanned image) should be forwarded together with the application form the candidate submits with a view to enrolling on any advertised UKCC course.
7. The cost of the Non-NGB UKCC Technical Assessment to the candidate is £200.00 – this is payable to the British Judo Association.
8. The technical assessment will take the form of an examination of the understanding and competence applicants have in relation to the BJA's

published grading schemes and each assessment will be carried out by two appointed assessors.

9. There will be no contest element involved in the assessment of a candidate's technical competence.

Non-NGB Technical Assessment Course organisation: The BJA will be responsible for the costs incurred in the running of the course, for example venue hire, administration, assessor expenses etc. The BJA will also be responsible for the appointment of assessors of a suitable status to conduct these roles such as BJA Staff, BJA Senior Examiners, UKCC Workforce members etc.

Should it be required, a re-assessment may follow at a time, date and place agreed by the candidate and an appointed BJA Officer. The candidate will be fully responsible for all fees and expenses incurred in requesting an assessor visit to conduct any subsequent re-assessment opportunity that may be deemed necessary.

The recommended call out fee for Assessors to conduct a re-assessment is £200.00 plus expenses, this is considered acceptable and any fee claimed in excess of this must be approved in advance by the BJA National Coaching Officer.

Assessors will be required to inform candidates if they have reached the required standard at the time of the assessment and give feedback as appropriate especially if there is a need for re-assessment.

The Assessors will be responsible for forwarding the examination form to the BJA National Coaching Officer within seven working days of the assessment. The BJA National Coaching Officer in turn will issue the candidate with their BJA 'Certificate of Grade equivalence' within 28 days of receipt of all relevant papers.

The shelf life of a BJA 'Certificate of Grade equivalence' is five years.



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UKCC Technical Assessment course

Application form for Non-NGB Members



Personal Details:

Title:		Full Name:	
Gender:		Date of Birth:	
Postal Address:			
Telephone No. (Home):		Telephone No. (Work):	
Mobile:		Email:	

Disability:

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?		Yes/ No/ Prefer not to say
If yes, what is the nature of your disability?		Please provide further details if any support is required.
Hearing	Physical	
Learning	Visual	
Mobility	Other	
Multiple	Prefer not to say	

Pre-Requisite Criteria – Please tick to indicate at which level you intend to gain a certificate of grade equivalence

For Level 1		For Level 2		For Level 3	
Equivalence sought for BJA 4 th Kyu		Equivalence sought for BJA 1st Kyu		Equivalence sought for BJA 1 st Dan	

Payment Details: Course Fee is: £200 – payable to the BJA.

Cheque:	Account Name:		Account No:	
Credit/Debit Card No:				Issue No:
Account Name:		Valid From:		Expiry Date:
Signature:				

All information collected is Private and Confidential, retained securely at BJA Head Office. Please return the application form to:

Coaching Administrator, British Judo Association, Suite B, Technology Centre,
Epinal Way, Loughborough LE11 3GE TEL: 01509 631 670

Candidate Profile: Please state your current Judo grade and the organisation which recognises your grade.

What is your current Judo grade?	
Which organisation recognises this grade?	
How many years have you participated in judo? years
Roughly, how many years have you coached or assisted prior to this course? years
Please rate your coaching experience between 1-10 (where 1 is poor and 10 is excellent)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Please circle)
How many times a week do you presently coach or assist? per week
In the future, how many times a week would you like to coach? per week
Please list any other relevant awards/certificates and /or qualifications you have gained within Judo.	
Have you any other information that you feel would be helpful for us to know before you attend the course/assessment?	
Signed:	Date:

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