

IPSWICH JUDO CLUB

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December 2021



WELCOME BACK

It's been great to see so many of you back since we restarted at Northgate in September and to see so many new faces to Ipswich Judo Club – you are all extremely welcome.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The club will take a short break of the Christmas period and our last session of 2021 will be on Monday 20th of December where we will be running some games and fun activities. It will be a social event for everyone so please come along and bring a plate of food to share if possible.

We will restart on Thursday 6th of January 2022.

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are planning to hold this on the afternoon of Sunday 6th February at Northgate Sports Centre. This will be a fun event where our judokas can show off their skills and put their training to the test against each other in friendly contests. Our annual awards and prize giving will be held at the end of the event. More details to follow nearer the time.

PAYMENT

You're probably aware that the coaches and helpers that run Ipswich Judo Club are all volunteers. That means that your mat fees are used to pay for the rental of the practice hall, the club's own membership of the British Judo Association, insurances and coach/helper courses such as first aid. When we returned to Northgate Sports Centre after lockdown, the local authority agreed a reduced rate for the hall hire whilst we re-established our membership. That reduced rate has now come to an end, and we have been informed that our hall fees will return to the standard rate. Regrettably we have no choice but to pass on that extra cost by increasing our mat fees. It is worth noting that before Covid hit, we had kept our costs relatively flat for a long time but were already reaching a point where we weren't covering our costs, so this increase has been likely for some time anyway.

PRICING FROM 1ST JANUARY 2022

Monthly Payment (by standing order on the 1st of each month)

Sho/Junior 1 session per week:	£25
Sho/Junior 2 sessions per week:	£35
Senior 1 session per week:	£30
Senior 2 sessions per week:	£40

Pay As You Go (Paid on the night via our new card machine)

Sho/Junior PAYG mat fee:	£8
Senior PAYG mat fee:	£10

Please note we will no longer accept any other means of payment.

The card machine can also be used for one-off purchases such as suits, gradings etc.

Bank details for standing orders, please put judoka name as the reference.

Sort code: 40-25-31

Account number: 51637169

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WELCOME

We've noticed that relatively few Parents/Guardians of our junior players stay and watch the sessions. Whilst that's a personal choice, we wondered if that's because people think they aren't welcome due to the approach during the peak of the Pandemic when people were actively discouraged from staying. We'd just like to take this opportunity to let you know that you are more than welcome to stay and watch how your kids are developing and learning, or to chat to other parents and members or the club helpers.

SIGNING IN FOR A SESSION

From the 1st of January, we ask you to please come to the front desk on arrival so we can mark your or your child's attendance in our register. If you are paying on a PAYG basis you can do this when signing in and we can check that we have all your details correct.

WANT TO HELP?

We're currently looking for people to help on the front desk on our training evenings, simply to lend a hand signing people in. Also, if you think you have a skillset that might help the club or are interested in being part of our committee please come and have a chat with us, there may be an opportunity for you.

BJA LICENCES

Remember that you should have an in-date license from the BJA to participate in club judo. If you haven't got this or need some help arranging one, come and see us.

Merry Christmas,

Kev, Andy, Stuart, Louise, Ross and Jon