



**BRITISH  
TAEKWONDO  
INTERNATIONAL  
OPEN**  
MANCHESTER  
2026



**APRIL 25 & 26 2026**



**BRITISH  
TAEKWONDO**





## WELCOME

**Dear Sir/Madam**

**It is a great honour to invite you again to the British International Open taking place in Manchester, United Kingdom.**

The British International Open is an official World Taekwondo tournament which will be held on 25th and 26th April 2026 and is open for all clubs and national teams to take part in.

For nearly 15 years, Manchester, and the UK, has hosted the World Taekwondo community with open arms and a warm welcome. We are delighted to call many of you friends and to invite you back to Manchester once again.

Our focus is delivering a tournament that will allow our athletes to reach their full potential and share the joy of Taekwondo with the local community as well.

We hope this year will also bring you even more wonderful memories from Manchester, the tournament itself and the friendships made. As always, we promise to give our best!

We look forward to welcoming you in April.

Yours sincerely,

**Sarah Stevenson Jennings OLY MBE**

British Taekwondo President





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## OVERVIEW

**Date:** **Saturday 25th April**  
Senior Categories

**Sunday 26th April**  
Junior and Cadet Categories

**Venue:** **National Cycling Centre**  
Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ, United Kingdom

**Global** • Seniors G1  
**Ranking:** • Cadet & Junior E1

**This event is sanctioned by:** **World Taekwondo**  
**Web:** [worldtaekwondo.org](http://worldtaekwondo.org)  
**Contact:** [office@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:office@worldtaekwondo.org)

**This event is promoted and organised by** **British Taekwondo**  
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## PARTICIPATION

### CATEGORIES

<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>17 years and older</b>	born in 2009 or before
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>15-17 years old</b>	born in 2009, 2010 or 2011
<b>CADET</b>	<b>12-14 years old</b>	born in 2012, 2013 or 2014

Athletes born in 2009 can compete as a Senior or a Junior.  
Competing in both categories is not permitted.

### GRADE

Senior competitors must be 1st Dan or above.  
Junior competitors must be 2nd Kup and above.  
Cadet competitors must be 4th Kup and above

### WEIGHT DIVISIONS

World Taekwondo weight divisions:

#### SENIOR

<b>Male</b>	-54kg	-58kg	-63kg	-68kg	-74kg	-80kg	-87kg	+87kg
<b>Female</b>	-46kg	-49kg	-53kg	-57kg	-62kg	-67kg	-73kg	+73kg

#### JUNIOR

<b>Male</b>	-45kg	-48kg	-51kg	-55kg	-59kg	-63kg	-68kg	-73kg	-78kg	+78kg
<b>Female</b>	-42kg	-44kg	-46kg	-49kg	-52kg	-55kg	-59kg	-63kg	-68kg	+68kg

#### CADET

<b>Male</b>	-33kg	-37kg	-41kg	-45kg	-49kg	-53kg	-57kg	-61kg	-65kg	+65kg
<b>Female</b>	-29kg	-33kg	-37kg	-41kg	-44kg	-47kg	-51kg	-55kg	-59kg	+59kg



## ELIGIBILITY

### ATHLETES

- Must be a member of a team or club of a World Taekwondo Member National Association.
- Must hold valid 2026 Global Athlete License.
- Participants aged under 18 must provide written consent from a legal parent or guardian when they enter the competition.

### COACHES

- Must be a member of a team or club of a World Taekwondo Member National Association.
- Must hold a valid 2026 Global Official License (GOL).
- Must hold a valid World Taekwondo coach Level 1 or higher
- Must be aged 18 or above on day of competition.

## COMPETITION RULES

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2026 World Taekwondo competition rules will be used.

### METHOD OF COMPETITION

Single elimination tournament system. Best of three (3) rounds.

### MATCH TIMES

<b>Senior:</b>	3 x 2-minute rounds, with 1 minute rest between rounds
<b>Junior &amp; Cadet</b>	3 x 1.5-minute rounds, with 1 minute rest between rounds

### EQUIPMENT

**OVR:** Martial Events

**IVR:** ReStrike

**PSS:** KPNP K2

The Organising Committee will provide trunk (hogu), head protector and electronic gloves for all matches. Athletes must provide their own groin guards, mouth guards, shin and forearms guards and sensor socks.

**Mats:** Daedo

**Uniform:** World Taekwondo recognised brands only.

### PROTEST

Only an official team coach is allowed to protest to the LOC immediately after the end of the contest. The protest fee is £200.00 and is non-refundable.

## **FIELD OF PLAY RULES**

- Coaches cannot wear doboks.
- All contestants must attend inspection before entering the field of play for matches. Contestant wearing unofficial doboks or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.
- Only competitors plus 1 coach will be allowed to enter the field of play for matches, with valid accreditation. Failure to display accreditation will result in no admission to the field of play.

## **HEAD OF TEAM / COACHES MEETING**

A Head of Team / Coaches Meeting will take place online on Wednesday 22nd of April before the competition.

A link will be sent to teams / coaches before the meeting.

## **ANTI-DOPING**

Contestants chosen at random may be tested.



## APPLICATION & ENTRY FEES

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

All registrations must be made online via [SimplyCompete](#)

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Final registration deadline: Friday 10th of April 2026 at 2330 GMT

### ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS

<b>Early bird:</b>	GBP £120   EUR €140   USD 160 Paid on or before 28th February 2026
<b>Standard:</b>	GBP £135   EUR €160   USD 180 Paid 1st March 2026 to 10th April 2026

**No payments accepted at the event. All entry fees must be paid in advance, or the players will be removed from the competition at the Head of Team meeting.**

**All entry fees to be paid using payment links:**

**[Earlybird fee link](#)** (This will be deactivated at 23:59 on 28 February 2026)

**[Standard fee link](#)**

The payment system accepts all major bank cards, Apply Pay and Google Pay. It will automatically convert payments from your local currency into GBP.

### REFUNDS

Entry fees will be refunded only in the case of injury, with evidence provided. E.g. letter from doctor or physiotherapist stating the athlete is not fit to compete.

7-days after the competition, no refunds will be accepted.

### VISA APPLICATIONS

Check if you need a VISA to enter the UK: [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

A visa support letter can be downloaded from SimplyCompete during registration.

If you need additional support with a visa application, please contact [events@britishtaekwondo.org](mailto:events@britishtaekwondo.org)

## ACCREDITATION

### NATIONAL TEAMS

**Every official national team can register for free:**

Coach x 1 for every 4 competitors

Official doctor x 1

Welfare officer x 1

MNA Official x 1

### CLUB TEAMS

Every club team can register for free:

Coach x 1 for every 4 competitors

Welfare officer x 1

Extra coach passes can be purchased for GBP 30 for each individual. A valid World Taekwondo Global Official License and coaching qualification is mandatory.

Teams will be sent a payment link for extra coaches after the entry deadline.

### LOST AND REPLACEMENT ACCREDITATIONS

Replacements for lost or damaged accreditations will be charged at GBP 20 at the accreditation centre.



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## **DRAW SHEETS, WEIGH-IN, RANDOM WEIGH-IN**

### **DRAW SHEETS**

Draw sheets for each day will be published after weigh in has finished, usually within 2 hours.

Athletes will be seeded using the most recent World Taekwondo Ranking prior to the event.

Drawsheets will be published on the event WhatsApp channel and on the [\*\*British Taekwondo website.\*\*](#)

### **WEIGH-IN:**

General weigh-in for Senior categories: Friday 24th April 16:00-20:00

General weigh-in for Junior/Cadet categories: Saturday 25th April 16:00-20:00

All weigh-ins will take place at the competition venue.

To change weight division before the registration deadline is free.

To change weight after the registration deadline, including at the weigh in, will be charged GBP 30.

### **RANDOM WEIGH-IN:**

Random weigh in for Senior categories: Saturday 25th April 08:00-08:30

Random weigh in for Junior/Cadet categories: Sunday 26th April 08:00-08:30

The number of participants selected for random weigh in will follow World Taekwondo rules. A 5% allowance will apply for every weight division except '+' divisions.

Number of contestants in weight division	% of contestants selected for random weigh-in
More than 32	20%
17-32	6%
9-16	4%
4-8	2%
Below 4	0

The random weigh in selection list will be published at 7am on the official event WhatsApp channel, as well as the [\*\*British Taekwondo website.\*\*](#)

## AWARDS

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 2 x 3rd place in each weight division.

### TEAM AWARDS

Best team awards presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team for Senior, Junior, Cadet and Overall categories.

## SCHEDULE

	<b>WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL</b>
TBC	Head of Team / Coaches Meeting
	<b>FRIDAY 24TH APRIL</b>
14:00	Registration centre opens
16:00 - 20:00	General weigh in for Senior divisions
20:30	Registration centre closed
22:00	Senior division drawsheets published
	<b>SATURDAY 25TH APRIL</b>
07:00	Random weigh in list published
07:45	Venue open
07:45	Registration centre opens
08:00 - 08:30	Random weigh in – Senior divisions
09:00	Competition starts (Senior divisions)
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch break (approximate)
16:00 - 20:00	General weigh in for Junior and Cadet divisions
20:00	Registration centre closed
20:00	Junior and Cadet division drawsheets published
	<b>SUNDAY 26TH APRIL</b>
07:00	Random weigh in list published
07:45	Venue open
07:45	Registration centre opens
08:00 - 08:30	Random weigh in
09:00	Competition starts (Junior & Cadet divisions)
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch break (approximate)



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## **HOTELS AND TRANSPORT**

### **HOTELS**

All accommodation charges for room and board are the responsibility of the competitors and teams.

The official accommodation brochure is available on SimplyCompete.

### **TRANSPORT**

All transport to- and from the event, including airport transfers, are the responsibility of the competitors and teams.

Some accommodation packages booked through the Organising Committee can include airport transfers upon request.

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## **SPECTATORS**

### **SPECTATOR TICKETS**

Spectator tickets can be purchased before the event with an earlybird discount if ordered before Sunday 1st March.

After Sunday 1st March all tickets will be available at the standard price.

Tickets can only be purchased online and will be on sale until the end of the event, or until sold out.



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## PURCHASING TICKETS

Ticket Type	Earlybird Tickets (purchased before Sunday 1st March)	Standard Tickets (Purchased Sunday 1st March and after)
Adult Day Pass	£15	£20
Adult Weekend Pass	£22.50	£30
Concession** Day Pass	£11.25	£15
Concession** Weekend Pass	£15	£20
Children aged 4 and below	Free of charge	

\*A booking fee will be applied at checkout for all online tickets

\*\*Concession is anyone aged 15 and below, or 65 and above. Includes people with a disability.

Children aged 4 and below do not require a ticket if they do not require their own seat.

Companion passes will be available on the door and do not require pre-booking, these are intended for people to support spectators or athletes with disabilities. There is no charge for a companion pass.

**[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS THROUGH JUSTTIKIT](#)**

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING

By registering to compete at the event, participants agree to have their image taken whilst in the venue by both British Taekwondo, the media and members of the public.

In addition, images captured at the event may be shown on video, TV and online. If you have any safeguarding concerns in relation to this, please contact [safeguarding@britishtaekwondo.org](mailto:safeguarding@britishtaekwondo.org) before the event to discuss.

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### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION**

To apply for media accreditation please complete your details [on this form on the British Taekwondo website](#) and a member of the team will review your application

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### **VOLUNTEERING**

If you would like to contribute to the success of this event, there are many volunteering opportunities available and a member of our team will contact you.

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### **BRITISH TAEKWONDO SOCIALS**

Please keep an eye on social media and the British Taekwondo website for any updates about the 2026 British Taekwondo International Open.

You can find all of British Taekwondo's social channels here:



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## QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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## INSURANCES

All participants take part at their own risk. The organiser is in no way responsible for any damage caused to a person or their belongings. With registration, the participant/club acknowledges and accepts the listed points.

All participants are responsible for ensuring they have sufficient medical, personal, travel and other relevant insurances to cover them for the duration of the event.