

**ABBAY**



**JUDO CLUB**

## **Membership Policy**

Effective Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Our aim is to provide a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment for everyone to learn and practise judo. By joining the club, members (or the parent/guardian of junior members) agree to the following terms.

### **1. Free Trial**

- All new members are entitled to one (1) week free trial.
- The trial period allows prospective members to experience the club before committing.
- After the trial, anyone wishing to continue must complete membership registration and payment.

### **2. Irish Judo Association (IJA) Membership**

- All members must obtain a valid Irish Judo Association (IJA) licence after their trial period.
- Members cannot train without a valid IJA licence, as they are not covered by the governing body's insurance.

**It is the member's responsibility to renew their licence before it expires.**

### **3. Membership Fees**

- Membership fees are paid by Direct Debit.
- Membership fees secure your place within the club and help cover coaching, venue hire, equipment and club running costs.

**Fees are payable whether or not the member attends training.**

### **4. Cancelling Membership**

If you wish to leave the club:

- Please notify the club by email or in writing.
- **You are responsible for cancelling your own Direct Debit with your bank.**
- The club cannot cancel your Direct Debit mandate on your behalf.
- **Membership will continue until your Direct Debit has been cancelled.**

## 5. Refund Policy

- **Membership fees are non-refundable.**
- No refunds will be given for:
  - Missed classes.
  - Holidays.
  - Injury or illness.
  - Failure to attend training.
  - Failure to cancel your Direct Debit.

Refunds will only be considered when in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the club.

## 6. Judogi (Judo Suit)

- A club judogi may be borrowed during the trial period (subject to availability).
- Members continuing after the trial are expected to purchase their own judogi within 4 weeks.
- Members should also purchase an appropriate club badge where applicable.

## 7. Attendance

- Regular attendance is encouraged to support learning and progression.
- If a member is unable to attend for an extended period, we appreciate being informed, **although membership fees will continue unless membership has been cancelled by the member.**

## 8. Medical Information

- Members (or parents/guardians) must inform the coaches of any medical conditions, injuries or allergies that may affect participation.
- Members must not train if suffering from a contagious illness.

## 9. Conduct

All members are expected to:

- Treat coaches, volunteers and fellow members with respect.
- Follow the instructions of club coaches at all times.
- Help maintain a safe training environment.
- Respect club equipment and facilities.
- Display good sportsmanship both on and off the mat.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring kids arrive on time and to be collected on time.

**The club reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership for behaviour that compromises safety or does not comply with the etiquette/spirit of Abbey Judo Club or brings the club into disrepute.**

## 10. Photography & Social Media

- The club may take photographs during training or events for promotional purposes. Parents or members wishing to opt out should notify the club in writing.

- Those who do wish to opt out also must be diligent in their control of oneself and make sure they remove themselves actively from any photograph/situation that risks inclusion as moments can be busy.

#### 11. Safeguarding

- The club follows the safeguarding policies of the Irish Judo Association.
- Any safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Club Children's Officer or Designated Liaison Person.

#### 12. Changes to Membership Fees

- Membership fees may be reviewed periodically.
- Members will receive at least 30 days' notice of any changes.

#### 13. Club Closure

- The club may occasionally cancel classes due to venue availability, adverse weather, coach illness or other circumstances beyond its control. Where possible, members will be notified in advance.

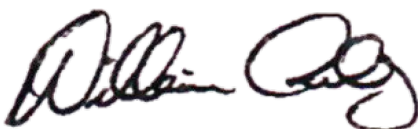
#### 14. Agreement

By joining the club, members (or parents/guardians) confirm that they:  
Have read and understood this Membership Policy.

- Agree to abide by all club rules.
- Understand that they are responsible for cancelling their own Direct Debit.
- Understand that membership fees are non-refundable.
- Agree to maintain a valid Irish Judo Association licence.
- Additional Best Practices
  - Notice period: Ideally we require one month's notice before leaving the club. The club reserves the right to refuse any refunds if not adhered to.
  - Sibling discounts: discounts are only applicable whilst all child members (Warriors classes) are still training.
  - Competition entry fees are non-refundable if the member can not attend the event for any reason – unless the organizer of the event has cancelled and issued refunds.
  - Loaned equipment – members are responsible for returning anything loaned to them by the club.

Thank you for your membership and involvement in Abbey Judo Club. Your local Club.

Yours in Judo,



**William Cully**

Head Coach

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