



Southern Area Judo Competitions Committee



BJA Southern Area AGM

Competitions Committee Report 2025/2026

Competitions

In the period of this report, April 2025 to March 2026, competitions were run by all four counties plus the Channel Islands. Additionally, the Southern Area has run three events at Woking, the Inter-Counties, SA Regional Schools and the inaugural SA Closed event.

The Inter-Counties results were:

Junior Lightweight: Sussex
 Junior Heavyweight: Sussex
 Senior Kyu Grades: Hampshire
 Senior Dan Grades: Sussex

The majority of events have been very well attended with the schools being over-subscribed. Entries for the Closed were, however, lower than expected. As a result, the Committee have decided to change the Area events for the future. The Regional Schools will take place in January and the Inter-Counties in May as usual. Adding to the calendar will be three Open events, Minor, Pre-Cadet and Cadet, Junior and Senior and Veterans. Additionally in August 2026, the Area is hosting the British Adaptive and VI Championships for the BJA.

Every competition has to have a named welfare officer who is not already committed to the event. This has been an area for development with three of the four counties now having a nominated WO, Hampshire – Emma McRae, Kent – Kevin Holmes and Surrey – Keith Edwards. This will strengthen safeguarding at competitions and ensure compliance with BJA rules and policies.

The number of technical officials is slowly increasing across the Area although we are still seeking those that wish to climb the officials ranks and take over long term from those of us that are aging.

Paul Sexton retained his position on the national Progressive Events Commission with a number of other officials being called on for national events.

The current number of technical officials is shown in the table below.

	Comp Controller	Senior Recorder	Comp Recorder	Timekeeper
Guernsey	0	0	0	1
Hampshire	3	0	2	10
Jersey	0	0	0	1
Kent	3	1	3	3
Surrey	0	0	3	6
Sussex	0	3 (2 are refs)	7	8
AREA totals	6	4	17	29

The Area would like to thank all those officials, referees, volunteers, clubs and county committees who have put such a lot of time and effort in to get competitions held throughout the year.

Andy Grand
 Chair of Competition Commission