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TALENTED YOUNG JUDO PLAYERS TO COMPETE IN SHEFFIELD

On Saturday 8th October and Sunday 9th October the 2005 British Judo Junior National Age Band Championships will take place at iceSheffield.

The event will be an opportunity to watch some of Great Britain's top young sporting talent in action, some of whom may be future London 2012 Olympians and World medallists. At the 1999 Junior National Championships a young Craig Fallon won gold, and last month went on to become World Champion. He also represented Great Britain at the 2004 Olympics.

This is the first time British Judo has hosted this event at iceSheffield, which will see over 700 young players compete over the two days. The tournament is categorised into weight and age groups, with the winners becoming National Champion and automatically taking a place in the British Judo World Class Start Squad.

The competing youngsters will travel to Sheffield from throughout Great Britain. However some are competing close to home, with ten of the competitors from the Yorkshire area.

Densign White, British Judo Association Chairman said: "This event is the highlight of the National judo calendar for our young players.

"iceSheffield is a fabulous venue, which will make this tournament a showcase event for both the competitors and spectators. It provides spectator friendly viewing and highlights our commitment to staging professional and well-presented national events."

On Saturday 8th October the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield will attend from 3pm and also present medals to the winners.

Notes to Editors
The event starts at 9am. Tickets are available on the door and cost £6 a day (£10 for a weekend ticket) and £3 a day for concessions- OAP and under 16 (£5 for a weekend ticket).

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