



FPJ Qualification Criteria and Summary

With effect from 1st January, 2026.

FPJ Coaching Assistant:

Minimum grade of 3rd Kyu and minimum age 16 years.

Mentoring and approval of this award will be administered at Club and Area Level by up to date and full Qualified BJC FPJ club coaches.

Verification of the mentoring process will be done by either the local BJC Area Technical Officer, Member of the FPJ Development Group, NTC member or ExC member, provided the verification officer is themselves up to date with all BJC coaching requirements and hold a minimum of FPJ 2.

Each Coaching Assistant will also require the following:

- Up to date First Aid Certificate.
- Up to date Safeguarding course completed.
- Up to date DBS check.
- Fully paid up senior member of the BJC.
- FPJ Coaching assistant qualification can be issued by BJC Head Office.

Ongoing mentoring of coaching assistants at club and area level should continue even when qualified and candidates should be encouraged to pursue their own improvement in personal grades and further FPJ qualifications.

FPJ Level 1 Coaching Qualification:

Minimum grade of 1st Kyu and minimum age of 18 years and ideally should hold a FPJ coaching assistant certificate although this is not a prerequisite.

Candidates taking part in the FPJ 1 coaching course will be required to attend, take part, contribute during the course and be successfully assessed by the FPJ 1 course tutor to be able to safely plan, administer, control, and technically teach a Judo class to people with varying levels of Judo ability starting from complete novice.

To attain BJC coaching registration, which includes coaching insurance the following will be required:

- Up to date First Aid Certificate.
- Up to date Safeguarding course completed.
- Up to date DBS check.
- Fully paid up senior member of the BJC.
- Revalidation of the FPJ 1 qualification will be required to be done no longer than 3 years from qualifying.



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FPJ Level 2 Coaching Qualification:

- Minimum grade of 1st Dan and must hold FPJ Level 1 Coaching Qualification.
- Minimum age of 18 years.
- Candidates taking part in the FPJ 2 coaching course will be required to attend, take part, contribute during the course and be successfully assessed by the FPJ 2 course tutor to be able to safely plan, administer, control, and technically teach a Judo class to people with varying levels of Judo ability, continuing on from FPJ Level 1.
- Revalidation of the FPJ 2 qualification will be required to be done no longer than 3 years from qualifying.
- There will be no requirement to revalidate a FPJ 1 qualification once an FPJ 2 has been attained.
- If an FPJ 2 qualification is not revalidated then it may be deemed a requirement that a candidate has to requalify the current FPJ 1 before re taking the FPJ 2 qualification.