

Kin Ryu
Judo Club

British Junior National
Championships 2011



Kin Ryu's British 10-11 yr old fighters Joseph O'Doherty, Jack Thompson and Matthew Graves

Kin Ryu Judo Club top young fighters have been in action at this year's British Judo National Championships. The event is open to all British players and is to determine the British National Junior squad for 2011/2012.

Kin Ryu had four players who were competing for a National title, in the 10 and 11 Year Olds Joseph O'Doherty, Jack Thompson and Matthew Graves were first to compete, followed by David O'Doherty in the 12-13 year old event.

The first to compete were the 10-11 year olds and for all three boys this was their first time competing at top national level. All fought hard with the boys winning some tough fights and resulted in Joseph placing 9th in the U30kg, Matthew placing 7th in the Over 46kg and Jack winning a Silver medal following a nail biting final also in the Over 46kg category.

The following weekend it was David O'Doherty's turn to compete at the British trials for 12-13 year olds. After a tough time at the event last year David was determined to improve on his results and show why he is a top British player, but with 40 other boys in his group this was going to be a tough day. David stormed through to the final rounds losing only one contest to the eventual gold medallist. In the bronze medal fight he was fighting hard before an injury forced him to withdraw and saw him finish just outside the medals in 5th place. This was his best performance to date and shows what a strong contender he is becoming.

Head coach Martin Rivers said "The standard of the judo from these young fighters has been fantastic and to see them all achieving at such a high level is testament to the hard work and dedication they put into their training. Congratulations to all!!"