

**The campaign is not an organisation and there are no fees to pay. Just act !**

## **What you need to do is protest to:**

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### **Other things to do:**

- Get parents and townspeople to sign the petition.
- Contact any judo colleagues you have.
- Tell your local press, TV and radio station
- Get an interview with local councillors and your MP

Talk to a campaign coordinator:

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Good wishes



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## **SAVE INDEPENDENT JUDO**

A campaign to maintain the rights of independent judo groups

**Scott McCarthy, Chief Executive of the BJA calls independent judo instructors**

**“OUTLAWS and PIRATES”**

(See enclosed)

Support for the campaign is growing rapidly. Members and supporters of organisations, groups and local communities are now signing petition forms. Press and media coverage is taking on. Campaign leaflets have gone to over 750 sports and leisure centres. Letters and articles went to over 650 newspapers.

It is starkly significant that a growing number of BJA teachers, members and clubs are supporting the campaign.

Judo players and teachers, even members of the BJA, are confused about what happens when they gain the UKCC. Can the certificate be held by judo people not in the BJA ? Will the many BJA members who teach and run clubs independently of the BJA be able to take the UKCC and still teach non-members of the BJA ? Our understanding of the present position is that the answer to both these questions is NO !

The British Judo Council (BJC) is affiliated to the BJA. Some of their qualified coaches, interested in our campaign, ask if they will be allowed to go on coaching without taking the UKCC. Surely this should be made clear.

Some judo teachers have contacted the campaign office to say, "We've heard all this before. The BJA want to control judo. It won't happen, just ignore the BJA."

**THIS IS DIFFERENT -- IT WILL AFFECT YOU**

**Sport England has given great power to governing bodies like the BJA. We expect them to monitor the way that power is used.**

You may be one of the many teachers of judo who rely on a part-time or full-time income from instructing. What are your prospects? Pretty thin as they stand at the moment. The BJA, with Sport England assenting, have a highly-competitive, 'Olympics' approach. The majority of those who refuse to join are independent because the kind of judo they prefer is the more traditional sort, free of the pressures, full of healthy exercise, plenty of fun and steeped in local atmosphere and contacts.

BJA concentration on enrolling all possible judo players and excluding those who won't join from practising the martial art, are attempting a course which spells possible disaster for the majority of those at present practising it.

**It is not a question of standards.** The quality of judo outside the BJA is at least as high as within. In fact most who choose to be independent of the BJA regard their way of doing judo as better and more fun. Nor is it a question of policies, procedures or insurance; independent organisations have all these in place.

**It is about funding.** The BJA is a fund-hungry, membership-hungry organisation with a record of admitted poor financial management and poor performance. While membership outside the BJA has been increasing over the past two decades to an estimated 150,000, membership in the BJA has halved to around 20,000.

With substantial cuts in funding from Sport England following their poor Olympic performance, the BJA are on a huge recruitment drive. They want everyone practising judo in direct membership (Among their proposals is a £3 levy on all kyu and mon gradings)

**The authorities contradict each other:**

**Government** have decided there will be a United Kingdom Coaching Certificate UKCC – awarded through governing bodies.

**Sport England** stress they do not control the rules of the BJA. They state their aim is to increase participation in sport and want those organisation outsiders of NGBs to stay involved. In contradiction they say they will be advising schools, local authorities, sports and leisure centres and other relevant bodies that those in the Governing Body should alone be recognised as qualified. We say to Sport England their actions are discriminatory.

Sport England urge those outside NGBs to come under the umbrella of NGBs. The BJA has no such level of association as umbrella. When asked about right of access to the UKCC Sport England refer enquires to SportsCoachUK.

**SportsCoachUK** say it's up to the BJA who has access. Adding to the chaos SportsCoachUK say if you teach judo you don't need a UKCC, but if you coach judo you do! Also, if you practise judo as a traditional martial art you don't need a UKCC!

**BJA** chief executive Scott McCarthy says "A UKCC scheme will be fully operative by 2008. At that point it will be imperative that all bodies offering coaching services adhere to the recognised national curriculum of the NGB and are also certified by the NGB." He warns of "consequences" for those that remain outside the BJA. The BJA go all out for direct membership. On affiliation McCarthy says, "it's only happened twice" and warn that further affiliations "will be a difficult status to obtain."

There is no flexibility in present BJA attitude. You are BJA members, all those you teach are members, or you're out. Their stance is you want the UKCC, you join us or you don't get it.

**THIS IS AN ABROGATION OF YOUR RIGHTS – JOIN THE CAMPAIGN**