



The Zen Judo Family Tree




JAPAN
 1156 to 1526 The Samurai become the influential class in Japan, exercising political control. They studied the code of Bushido and fighting techniques.

 1598 to 1881 Jujitsu developed as a means of unarmed combat, with many styles and techniques.

The Butokukai
 Great Japan Martial Virtues Association
 (Founded in 1895 for the study and teaching of all Japanese Samurai arts)

Dr. Jigoro Kano (1860 to 1938)
 (Founder of Kodokan Judo)
 (Founded the Kodokan in Tokyo 1882)
 Studied with a number of Jujitsu masters before formulating his own system of unarmed combat which he called Judo.



Kenshiro Abbe 7th. Dan (1915 to 1985)
 And **Bill Woods 2nd. Dan**
 (Founded the British Judo Council 1958)

Masutaro Otani 8th. Dan (1896 to 1977)
 (1926 Assistant Instructor to Yukio Tani)
 (Founded the M.O.S.J in 1954)

Yukio Tani 2nd. Dan (1881 to 1950)
 (Founder of British Judo)
 (Chief Instructor at the Budokwai 1920)

Gunji Koizumi 8th. Dan (1885 to 1965)
 (Founded the London Budokwai in 1918)

Kenshiro Abbe 7th. Dan
 (Founded Kyu Shin Do)



1970
 M.O.S.J and The British Judo Council
 Amalgamate under Masutaro Otani 8th. Dan

British Judo Association formed 1948
 (President Gunji Koizumi)

European Judo Union formed 1948
 (Chairman Trevor Legget 7th. Dan)

International Judo Federation formed 1952

1964 Introduction of Judo into the Olympic Games

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