

INTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT JUDO COMPETITION 2023.

So, at the weekend just gone, we participated in the above event. It was graciously arranged by some colleagues of mine, formally the power house of schools judo Pro Coach. The emphasis was most definitely on development. Hard and fast ruling of the contests under international judo rules was not the order of the day.

We reinstated 'yuko's for the event, giving a better chance for the young competitors to score with their limited experience. I refereed many of the contests, and let the boys fight. I seldom stopped them unless for some point like they were wondering off the area or were breaking the rules which would give them a disproportionate advantage, like using the leg of the opponent.

This competition was for boys in year 3 to 4 and 5 and 6. Gleeson Judo had two boys entered, one in each category. Both did well getting bronze medals! A good effort. I have to thank the parents too as the venue was High Wycombe Judo Centre, which is about a two hour drive from Bath! First age group was an eight o'clock start!



It was a great success, medals were given out straight after the contests, little to no waiting around for families. All seemed to enjoy the experience, without any injuries or negatives really! We were all finished by about 3, great!



There was talk of doing another competition in the spring for the older boys and girls! I'm really looking forward to this, as I hope the girls and boys will too.

Well, that's all there is to say really. Rumours are abound that IAPS the body that usually organise events like this (although exclusively for prep schools) isn't going to be doing anymore. So this will be the go to schools event!!

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