



Fudoshin Judo

Scottish Open 2024 Event Report

Dear Leinster Judo Council,

Please see a report regarding the Scottish Open 2024 attended by Fudoshin judoka.

It is just the start of a busy season for our club with judoka from cadet to senior level competing abroad although many have exams during January. Despite this our team has already achieved some success with Auste Andriulionyte winning 2nd and Sophia Topolnickaja narrowly losing out for bronze. See full team list below.

Auste won her first international cadet medal in the U63kg division making some small technical mistakes in the final however despite being in her 2nd year of cadets, managed to beat a Pan-American and British Open medallist on the way to the final. Sophia is steadily gaining more experience competing internationally and performed much better placing 5th place. Our remaining players fought the following day however no places were secured however it is the first competition of the season for many following exams and other events. No consent forms were required, as each child was supervised by a parent / guardian. Some short schedule changes last second were made with the competition starting an hour earlier. We were not able to book accommodation in December (located right in the venue). It is therefore recommended to book in November for this event.

Sophia Topolnickaja - 5th Cadet Womens U57kg division

Auste Andriulionyte - 2nd Cadet Womens U63kg division

Lucy Hickson - 2 Wins, 2 losses Junior Women - U57kg division

Polina Topolnickaja - N/A - Junior Women - U63kg division

Lucy Hickson - N/A - Senior Women - U57kg division

Ciaran McGinley - N/A - Senior Mens U66kg division

Richard Vanukevich – N/A Senior Mens U73kg division

The team were a bit disappointed in their results and felt they could have performed better however it must be noted that it was a new experience for a few returning from injury, travelling with a new coach and it also being their first tournament of the season. Nevertheless, the event proved to be great motivation and a good run out.



Fudoshin look to continue to gain momentum and experience for the season at the national and international circuit throughout the season

Kind Regards,

Richard

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