

<u>Sportif International</u>





700 competitors- 17 Nations

The Sportif International is Great Britain's premier International Tournament and Training Camp for Pre-cadet, Cadet and Junior competitors. Located in London the event offered excellent competition and World class training and coaching. 2018 saw over 700 competitors from 17 Nations competing and training over the three-day event.



"The event is very well organised and the medals are amazing. Harvey enjoyed the competition and was lucky enough to medal. It's amazing to mix with other countries and compete against them and also train and gain knowledge from them too. Overall a pleasurable experience." ~ Kelly Thompson



"It was a great event very well organised, Dan and myself both enjoyed it. Dan was very happy that he won a gold medal and so was mum. He really enjoyed the training days

and the nations competition on the Monday" ~ Lisa Murray



"I was very happy to get a gold medal at such a big competition, the medals are really nice. I loved the training camp and all the great superstars who were there to teach us lots of new things. I always enjoy Sportif and can't wait for next year when I will be in the Pre-Cadet section" ~ Freddie Egleton

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"I have worked hard at my judo, entering the Sportif international is the biggest competition I've done so far. I really wanted to get a medal there but winning a gold at the Sportif made me so happy. I will keep training hard now, ready for the next competition" ~ Chloe Garrett

"What an event to be part of. Being a coach for Kangei at the Sportif international was brilliant. The icing on the cake was coaching my daughter Chloe to a Gold. Very Proud to be part of it all" ~ Neil Garrett





"This was my 3rd time attending the sportif event and as always it was a great experience. I done better in the competition and got a really nice silver medal (one of my favourites) I can't wait to attend next year" ~ Izzy Dowson

"Although we missed not being in Scotland this year it was still a great weekend of judo. Well organised and excellent coaching, followed by a fantastic team competition with GBR winning. Kangei kids were focused and very well behaved as always" ~ Nina Dowson



"Charlie only did the competition, unfortunately he had to pull out of the training due to his knee. The competition was good, well run. Only negative was the barrier around the mats had advertising banners tied to it, people were leaning on it. If you were sat on the first few rows of seats you couldn't really see" ~ John Harris "As usual Sportif was excellent and the kids get so much out of the experience.
This weekend the kangei Squad enjoyed being coached by Judo Olympians & Champions from all over the world and having hundreds of young judoka to test their skills against and even a rare glimpse of sensei Grant showing off his skills too.
There were some great techniques learnt and big confidence gained, but the one thing that stood out for all to see this year was the level of our young Kangei squad's judo, its literally world class" ~ Scott Miller

"Sportif was really good, I especially liked all the famous Olympians showing us new techniques which has helped me with my judo. I did prefer it when it was in Scotland, because I missed going swimming and hiking afterwards" ~ Tristan Miller





"This is a great opportunity for our young judokas to learn from the best, from those that have been there and succeed at a world class level, it will inspire our players to follow in their footsteps" ~ Matt Ward

A few of our Kangei Kids and even Sensei Grant got the chance to explain a technique for our weekly technical Tuesday videos with some of the world class coaches at the Sportif. Nuno Delgado, a Portuguese Olympic medallist, Ewan Beaton, an Olympic athlete from Canada, Jesus Perez, Spanish judo medallist and Neil Adams MBE, Great British Olympian and world championship Medallist. The videos get posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, our techniques are being seen and shared across the world even the BJA, sportif judo & Neil Adams wife Niki have picked them up and shared, boosting Kangei's profile and showing everybody the Quality of our kids and coaches.







