

## **Job Description**

**Job Title:** Judo Competition Pathway Coach - Full Time

**Employer:** Senshin Sports Ireland

**Location:** East Galway (Athenry and Galway City) County, Galway, Ireland

**Salary:** €32,500 to €45,500 Full Time, depending on experience

### **Job Purpose:**

Play a key role in the development of our competitive judo pathway, collaborate with the Head Coach and team members to help athletes reach top performance levels both nationally and internationally.

### **About Senshin Sports**

Senshin Sports, located in East Galway, is a leading Judo and Gymnastics team in Ireland. Our Judo team is one of the largest in Ireland and we are known for our comprehensive approach to the sport, combining rigorous physical training with intellectual and moral education. We have two purpose-built facilities, each with more than 250sqm of fully sprung Olympic standard Judo mats. Our existing Judo program runs 6 days per week and we have more than 200 Judoka training with us each week.

Our recreational Judo program is a fundamental component of our club, designed to cultivate classically dynamic and fluid Judo techniques while adhering to the sport's traditional values. We are fully committed to creating a structured environment that supports the growth of our athletes, both individually and competitively. With this objective in mind, we are enhancing our existing recreational and competition programs. This expansion builds on the success of our existing initiatives and will provide a clearly defined pathway for competitively minded athletes, initially targeted at players aged 11 to 21.

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Senshin Sports Ireland is looking for a dedicated and skilled Judo Competition Pathway Coach to join our team in East Galway. This strategic role will collaborate closely with our Head Coach to develop and lead our competition pathway, aiming to provide a defined pathway for judo players who aspire to achieve national and international success.

### **Candidate Profile:**

This role is perfect for a candidate with experience in international competition who is passionate about mentoring athletes to achieve their full potential. We are looking for someone who can harness their expertise and enthusiasm to lead our athletes toward

national and international success. This strategic position will not only involve close collaboration with our Head Coach to refine and implement our competition pathway but also require a deep commitment to nurturing both the skills and the character of our judo players. Join us in our mission to develop top-tier talent and establish a legacy of competitive excellence.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- **Team Integration:** Become an essential member of the Senshin Sports Judo Coaching team.
- **Training Leadership:** Lead the development and execution of advanced training pathways, tailored for competition-focused judo athletes of all ages.
- **Athlete Preparation:** Mentor and prepare athletes for participation in regional, national, and international judo competitions.
- **Talent Development:** Collaborate with the Head Coach to identify talent and devise personalized development plans for high-potential competitors aged 11 to 21 (key focus 14 to 21 years of age).
- **Performance Environment:** Foster a competitive, disciplined, and supportive environment to enhance athlete performance.
- **Program Coverage:** Provide cover as required for the Judo recreational program.
- **Event Management:** Organize and oversee competitors' participation in events, managing logistics and competition entries.
- **Safety Standards:** Ensure adherence to the highest standards of safety and sportsmanship at all times.
- **Coaching Techniques:** Utilize the latest coaching techniques and competitive strategies during training sessions.
- **Program Support:** Work with the head coach and wider team to identify, plan, and assist in the implementation of related programs such as strength and conditioning, nutrition, and athlete injury prevention and recovery.
- **Record Keeping:** Maintain detailed records of progress, including competition results and athlete development.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage with the broader national and international judo community to stay informed about trends and opportunities.

### **Qualifications and Requirements**

- **Coaching Experience:** Must have competition and/or coaching experience at cadet, junior, and/or junior international levels.
- **Certification:** Minimum Level 2 recognized by the national governing body Irish Judo Association but ideally a higher level coaching qualification (Degree / Masters degree) from an Higher Education Institution and / or EJU / IJF coach education program.

- **Proven Track Record:** Extensive experience in coaching competitive judo athletes, with a history of preparing athletes for high-level competitions.
- **Teamwork and Leadership:** Strong teamwork and leadership skills, with the ability to work effectively alongside other coaches and sports professionals.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent communication skills, with the capability to motivate and inspire athletes.
- **Flexibility:** Ability to work flexible hours, including extensive weekend commitments for competitions and training camps.
- **Language Skills:** Proficiency in English with good documentation skills.

### **Application Process**

**To Apply:** Interested candidates should send a CV and a cover letter to [info@senshinsports.com](mailto:info@senshinsports.com), with "Judo Competition Pathway Coach Application" as the subject.

**For More Information:** For a confidential discussion, please call Ben on +353874463682

### **Summary:**

- **Job Types:** Full-time (initial period 1 year rolling contract)
- **Work Visa:** Candidates should have the right to work in the Ireland / EU. Work visa sponsorship will only be considered for an exceptional candidate.
- **Expected Hours:** 35 hours per week
- **Work Location:** East Galway (travel may be required)
- **Reference ID:** INDSSJPC