

## **A 1066 TEAM COMPETITION**

### **WHY!**

Many of the older judoka / coaches entry into competitive judo was via inter club team matches, and sadly these rarely happen anymore . I therefore would like to put forward an idea to try and regenerate a men's team event in Sussex.

In the week around Hastings day the 14<sup>th</sup> October for those weak on British history the date of Battle of Hastings in 1066, Hastings has many events taking place many of these Sporting. I would like Sussex clubs to look at a team event to be held on the Saturday closest to the 14<sup>th</sup> ( the normal celebratory day).

### **HOW!**

With no individual club really able these days to make a 7 man team

I would like to propose that we divide Sussex into 4 zones, East , Central South , West and North, The Clubs that fall loosely into these areas would form a representative team.

### **PURPOSE!**

To keep Sussex working together, but a real use of such an event is to promote our beloved sport of Judo, and so to do that I would like to be approaching the local KEY paper group to sponsor their team in the Event.

The Hastings Observer ( 1066 group) Crawley Observer, and Chichester Observer are all owned by the same parent company, I need a little more research to a newspaper title for the central south may be the Sussex express. With this approach I would hope we could possibly get a bit of revivalry between the titles which would be hopefully be to their benefit.

### **TEAM RULES**

A seven man team of the standard weights. And reserve at each weight

Each team to have 2 clubs represented in it's fighting team , hopefully more than 2 if it were possible.

Each team would provide at least 1 referee and a time keeper/scorer.

If there was to be a problem with the light weight in any team, each team to provide a junior + 14 of the required weight and therefore the opposing to fight their Junior in that match.

### **FUTURE**

This would the first year be rather experimental and down to everybody to make it work. By having the event on the chosen day starting mid afternoon into early evening those supporting the event would hopefully join the many from across Sussex for the very big Torch light procession bonfire and fire works on the sea front.

If were to work, in the following years I could see invites to Hastings Twin towns in Dordrecht, Holland Swertee, Germany and Bethune, France being a strong possibility Their water polo teams already involved with weekend.

For any of above thoughts to work the majority of Sussex clubs must be willing to support the event, generating sponsor ship and to keep it cost effective and competitive fun. And a plus would be to have a competitive event in East Sussex .

Please feed idea with your thoughts.

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