

NORTHWEST AREA OPEN 2026

THIS IS A BJA LEVEL 3 EVENT FOR MINORS,
PRE-CADETS, CADETS & VETERANS
LEVEL 4 EVENT SENIOR RANKING.
(POINT SCORING FOR PROMOTION).



Date	SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026
Venue	LEIGH INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Sports Village, Sale Wy, Leigh WN7 4JY
Eligibility	Players must hold a valid full BJA, WJA, SJA, NIJF, BJC, AJA licence & Affiliates. This will be checked at weigh-in. There will be no computer link up to the BJA on the day. Failure to produce a valid licence and record book will result in NO PARTICIPATION. The competition controller reserves the right to merge weight categories if there are insufficient entries for weight groups. Only medals for the category created will be given. Please note that Technical Restrictions will apply to Minors (A) categories. Players to provide their own blue and white belts.
Minors Section (A) Year Born 2015-2016	BOYS: -30kg -34kg -38kg -42kg -46kg -50kg +50kg GIRLS: -32kg -36kg -40kg -44kg -48kg -52kg +52kg TECHNICAL RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY 3 min contests – 3 Minutes Golden Score – Referee Decision
Pre-Cadet Section (B) Year Born 2013-2014 Minimum Grade 4 Mon	BOYS: -38kg -42kg -46kg -50kg -55kg -60kg -66kg -73kg +73kg GIRLS: -36kg -40kg -44kg -48kg -52kg -57kg -63kg -70kg +70kg NO ARMLOCKS & STRANGLES 3 min contests - Unlimited Golden Score
Cadets Section (C) Year Born 2010, 2011, 2012. Minimum Grade Green Belt	MALE: -46kg -50kg -55kg -60kg -66kg -73kg -81kg -90kg +90kg FEMALE: -44kg -48kg -52kg -57kg -63kg -70kg +70kg ARMLOCKS & STRANGLES ARE PERMITTED 1st Kyu and above, point scoring available. 4 min contest, unlimited Golden Score
Seniors Minimum Age 14 Years Minimum Grade Green Belt	MALE: -60kg -66kg -73kg -81kg -90kg -100kg +100kg FEMALE: -48kg -52kg -57kg -63kg -70kg -78kg +78kg 1st Kyu above, point scoring available. 4 min contests - Unlimited Golden Score
Veterans 30 to 40yrs 40yrs +	Categories will be created utilising the BJA weight groups after entries have been received. Weights maybe merged with consideration to actual weights and opportunities for contests.
WEIGH-IN TIMES	Cadets 08:15 – 09:00 Minors & Veterans 10:00 - 10:30 Pre-Cadets 11:30 –12:00 Seniors 13:00 – 13:30 Please note: BJA open weigh in procedures will be implemented. All players MUST weigh in wearing contest legal judogi trousers, and plain white round neck t-shirt/rash guard.

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Closing Date	Monday 5 TH OCTOBER 2026: (No entries will be accepted after the closing date)
Entry Fee	Entry Fee - £35 Cadets minimum age 14+ may enter Seniors for an additional fee of £10 Masters may enter Seniors for an additional £10 – No entries & Payments will be accepted on the day. Double Entry - £45 Entry will close when maximum entry is reached. ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY via: https://www.nwjudo.com Competition Controller: Deborah Smethurst & Alex Mckay Competition email: alexanddeborah@hotmail.com
Spectators	Adults Admission Fee: £3.00. Children under 16 years & OAP's free
Event Outlines	By entering and/or attending this event you agree to abide by all British Judo Association policies and codes of conduct. This includes but is not limited to: Transgender policy https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/what-we-do/policies/transgender-eligibilityandparticipation-in-competition-policy/ Codes of conduct https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/membership-terms-conditions/Contest rules https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/compete/organising-a-competition/contest-rules https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/roles-and-clubs/roles/referees/resources/ Stoma bags: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-stoma-bags/ Prosthetic limbs: https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/participation-in-competition-with-prosthetic-limbs/ You must contact the organisers and events@britishjudo.org.uk if you require any support at the event or have any questions regarding the above points. Please note that failure to comply with these policies and codes of conduct may result in not being able to compete/attend this event, or removal from the event, and notification to the British Judo.

PLEASE BE AWARE PHOTOGRAPHS MAYBE TAKEN AT THIS EVENT.

PLEASE NOTE WHITE JUDOGI ONLY WITH CONTEST BELTS BLUE & WHITE

MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER COMPLETION OF EACH CATEGORY

**The Competition Organisers operate a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.
Any abuse of any kind will be reported, and the offenders removed from the event.**