

# NORTHWEST AREA OPEN 2026

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



<b>Date</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026</b>
<b>Venue</b>	LEIGH INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Sports Village, Sale Wy, Leigh WN7 4JY
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Players must hold a valid full BJA, WJA, SJA, NIJF, BJC, AJA licence &amp; 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 <b>NO PARTICIPATION</b>.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Please note that Technical Restrictions will apply to Minors (A) categories. Players to provide their own blue and white belts.</p> <p><b>Coaches will require a coaches pass collectable at the entry table, maximum 2 coaches per club. Please send details for coaches pass to email on the entry form.</b></p> <p><b>SPECTATORS AND PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED MATSIDE.</b></p>
<b>Minors Section (A) Year Born 2015-2016 Minimum Grade 4 Mon</b>	<p>BOYS: -30kg -34kg -38kg -42kg -46kg -50kg +50kg GIRLS: -32kg -36kg -40kg -44kg -48kg -52kg +52kg <b>TECHNICAL RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY</b> 3 min contests – 3 Minutes Golden Score – Referee Decision</p>
<b>Pre-Cadet Section (B) Year Born 2013-2014 Minimum Grade 6 Mon</b>	<p>BOYS: -38kg -42kg -46kg -50kg -55kg -60kg -66kg -73kg +73kg GIRLS: -40kg -44kg -48kg -52kg -57kg -63kg -70kg +70kg <b>NO ARMLOCKS &amp; STRANGLES</b> 3 min contests - Unlimited Golden Score</p>
<b>Cadets Section (C) Year Born 2010, 2011, 2012. Minimum Grade Green Belt</b>	<p>MALE: -46kg -50kg -55kg -60kg -66kg -73kg -81kg -90kg +90kg FEMALE: -44kg -48kg -52kg -57kg -63kg -70kg +70kg <b>ARMLOCKS &amp; STRANGLES ARE PERMITTED</b> 1st Kyu above, point scoring available 4 min contests - Unlimited Golden Score</p>
<b>Seniors Minimum Age 14 Years Minimum Grade Green Belt</b>	<p>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</p>
<b>Veterans 30 to 40yrs 40yrs +</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
<b>WEIGH-IN TIMES</b>	<p>Cadets: 08:15 – 09:00 Minors &amp; Veterans: 10:00 - 10:30 Pre-Cadets: 11:30 –12:00 Seniors: 13:00 – 13:30</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> BJA open weigh in procedures will be implemented.</p> <p>All players MUST weigh in wearing contest legal judogi trousers, and plain <b>white</b> round neck t-shirt/rash guard.</p>

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026 or when maximum entry is reached: (No entries will be accepted after the closing date)</b>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	<p><b>Single Entry Fee - £35    Double Entry Fee - £55</b>  Cadets minimum age 14+ may enter Seniors for an additional fee of <b>£20</b>  Masters may enter Seniors for an additional <b>£20</b>  <b>No entries &amp; Payments will be accepted on the day.</b></p> <p><b>ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY via: <a href="https://www.nwjudo.com" style="background-color: red; color: white;">https://www.nwjudo.com</a></b></p> <p><b>Competition Controller: <a href="mailto:Deborah Smethurst" style="background-color: red; color: white;">Deborah Smethurst</a></b></p> <p><b>Competition email: <a href="mailto:alexanddeborah@hotmail.com" style="background-color: red; color: white;">alexanddeborah@hotmail.com</a></b></p>
<b>Spectators</b>	<b>Adults Admission Fee: £3.00. Children under 16 years &amp; OAP's free</b>

**PLEASE BE AWARE PHOTOGRAPHS MAYBE TAKEN AT THIS EVENT.**

**PLEASE NOTE WHITE JUDO GI 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.**

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-eligibility-and-participation-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/>
    - o <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](mailto: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 Association.

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