

Leinster Judo Council

14th October 2009.

Dear Judoka,

On Saturday 3rd October 2009 the Leinster Open returned to the Irish Calendar of Events. What a success this Event turned out to be, with over 300 competitors taking part in a single day. This proved to be one of the most exciting and enjoyable day's judo in a long time. On behalf of the Leinster Judo Council I would like to thank all the volunteers who made this event possible, especially those who not only gave their time freely but also had to travel at their own expense to assist at the tournament.

We were delighted to have a large entry from Ireland with players from the four Provinces taking part, we also had players from Scotland, Wales and England and the whole event was greatly improved by the 54 strong contingent of players and supporters from Hillerod Judo Club in Denmark who fielded a team of 30 competitors. We would hope to see them return in the future and greatly enjoyed their participation.

As you will see from the attached results there was a great spread of medals across all clubs taking part.

As part of our preparation we ran a technical referees course to update referees on rule changes and we were delighted to have an attendance of over 20 people at this. It was great to see a number of referees return to refereeing at this event.

Unfortunately a large number of clubs taking part only entered the event at the last minute, this led to a logistical nightmare and we only managed to finish the event at 10.00 p.m. on the night, so to those players and volunteers who were there until the end I would apologise for the long delay and would assure people that if the event is to be run next year it will be run in a larger venue with more mats or over two days.

Many thanks to our Sponsors, Volvic Water and also the Olympic Council of Ireland, the Management and Staff of Leisurepoint and the Irish Judo Association for the use of their equipment.

Yours in judo

Mark Forde

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