

IJF MEDIA GUIDE

Media Areas, Access and Competition-Day Regulations



This guide provides essential information and regulations for accredited media representatives covering the competition. Please read the following instructions carefully and follow all venue, media and security regulations throughout the event.

MAIN MEDIA AREAS

AREA	PURPOSE
Media Centre	The main working area for accredited media representatives, including the information desk and media support services.
Media Tribune	The designated seating and working area for media representatives covering the competition.
Press Conference Room	The official area for scheduled press conferences and media activities.
Mixed Zone	The designated area for interviews with athletes and other competition participants.
Photo Positions	The designated working area for accredited photographers and rights holder camera operators.
Warm-up Area	A restricted-access area subject to the green card policy detailed below.
Accreditation Centre	The area where all media representatives can pick up the card and lanyard.
Meet & Greet	If applicable, the area where fans meet with judokas. Any media can attend and record footage.

ACCREDITATION

- Throughout the competition, accreditation cards must be worn, visible at all times.
- The accreditation card is non-transferable. The holder is not permitted to bring another person beyond security checkpoints.
- If an accreditation card is lost or stolen, please report it to the accreditation team immediately.
- Only one accreditation per person is allowed.

DRESS CODE

- Photographers and rights holders' camera operators may wear only black or dark-coloured clothing, and must wear trousers (not skirts or shorts) when working next to the tatami (photo position).
- Shorts and sleeveless upper-body clothing are not permitted.
- Bright colours are not permitted.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in the removal of access from the FOP and suspension of media accreditation.

BIBS

MEDIA GROUP	BIB
Host Broadcaster	Black*
PHOTO (Photographer)	Dark green*
RHTV (Rights Holder)	Dark blue – only camera operators working at the side of the tatami*
Non-Rights Holder (NRH)	Grey – only camera operators*

*Or any colour previously approved by the IJF.

NON-RIGHTS HOLDER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Non-rights holders (NRHs) are prohibited from recording competition footage.** NRHs may record interviews in the mixed zone, non-competition footage (meet & greet, fans, etc.) in the arena and footage outside the venue.
- To purchase competition footage, please contact IJF Broadcast Manager Mr Bence Szoke at bszoke@ijf.org.
- Any agreement between non-rights holders and rights holders must be brought to the IJF's attention before the event.

GREEN CARD POLICY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND RIGHTS HOLDERS

Photographers and media representatives of rights holders may enter the warm-up area only with an additional green card, which can be collected from the information desk in the media centre. Green cards are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- A maximum of 10 people are allowed inside the warm-up area at any one time.
- NRHs are not allowed in the warm-up area.
- Each person may stay for a maximum of 30 minutes and may not remain for two consecutive 30-minute periods back-to-back.
- Only professional cameras are allowed. Tripods and other equipment are prohibited. Monopods can be tolerated, with specific event-by-event permission, based on the configuration of the warm-up area.
- No bags are allowed. A strict no-bag policy applies at all events.
- Interviews are not permitted inside the warm-up area.

- Photographers must take care not to capture content such as bare-chested judoka and must respect the privacy of competitors.
- Access is closed 20 minutes before the beginning of the preliminary contests and 20 minutes before the final block. Once these sessions have begun, access is allowed again.
- Green cards must be returned after use. Failure to return a green card will result in the suspension of media accreditation.
- Failure to comply with the green card policy will result in the suspension of media accreditation.
- The green card system can be suspended at any time if requested by a delegation, the IJF or in the case of wrongdoing inside the warm-up area.

NEXT TO THE TATAMI

No photo or equipment bags are authorised to be next to the tatami. Small, foldable chairs can be used.

When there is high demand, particularly during a final block, a 'photographers' pool' may be activated, due to limited space next to the tatami; approximately 70 media representatives can work at any one time. When the pool is activated, only one photographer per media company may work next to the tatami. Access will be prioritised in the following order: IJF, international news agencies, LOC, national news agencies, international media companies, local media companies, sponsors, betting companies.

INTERVIEWS

Inside the arena, interviews may only be conducted in designated areas, such as the mixed zone, where the appropriate backdrop and facilities are provided. Interviews conducted outside these designated areas are not permitted. Outside the arena, interviews may be conducted at the discretion of the respective media outlet and the interviewee.

Flash Interview Zone

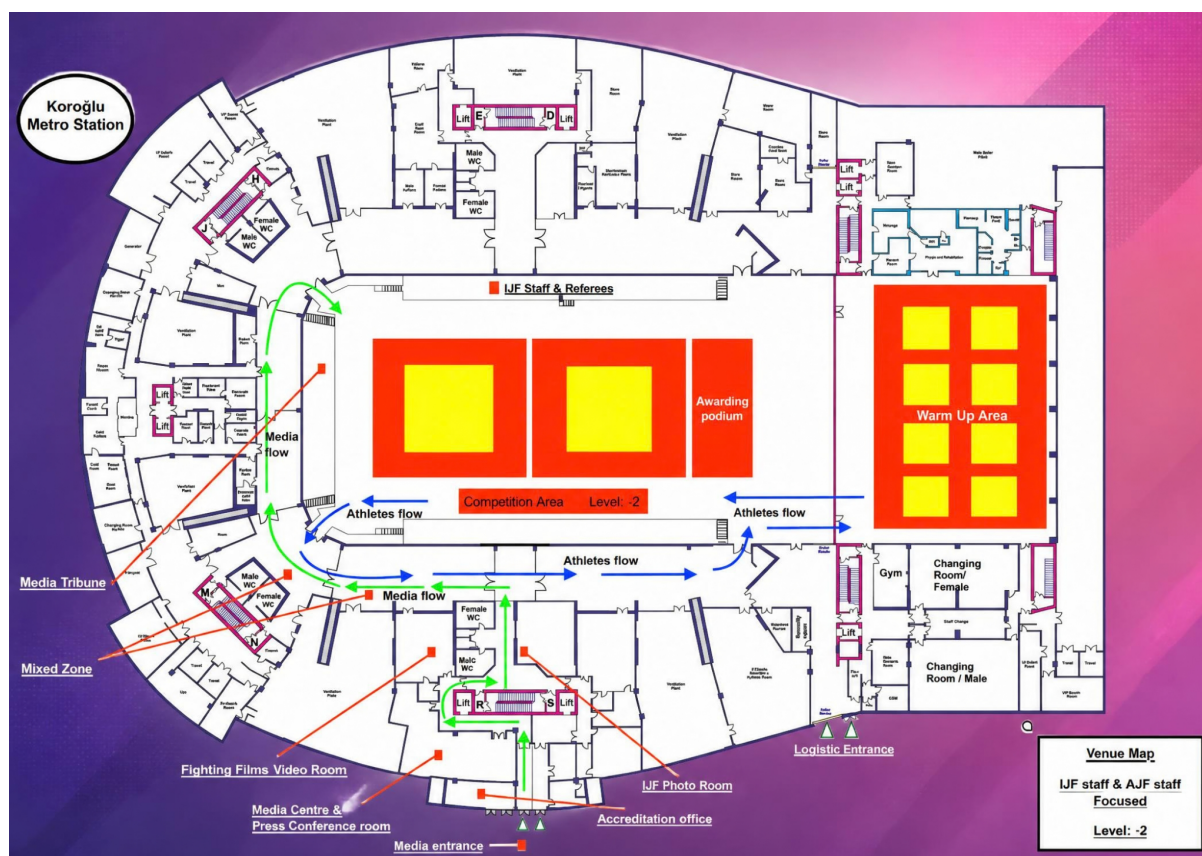
During the final block, the IJF will aim to provide a flash interview zone on the field of play for the host broadcaster and rights holders to obtain immediate reactions from athletes following their contests. Interviews will take place in front of a transparent background. As athletes need to prepare for medal ceremonies, **interviews must not exceed one minute**. An IJF representative will monitor the time closely and may end the interview once the one-minute limit has been reached. Athletes finishing in 5th place will proceed directly to the mixed zone, while all medallists will be brought to the mixed zone following the awarding ceremonies.

The IJF appreciates the hard work of all media representatives and aims to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to obtain a quote from the athletes, when and where appropriate.

DIGITAL-FIRST MEDIA POLICY

The IJF and its partners believe in the power of digitalisation. Printing of draws, results or any other information can be requested from the information desk inside the media centre. This will be avoided as much as possible.

MEDIA MAP OF BAKU 2026



OPENING HOURS

Media Centre

The media centre opens at least one hour before the start of the daily competition and closes no later than two hours after the last victory ceremony of the day.

October 4	10:30 AM	10 PM
October 5	9 AM	10 PM
October 6	9:30 AM	10 PM
October 7	9:30 AM	10 PM
October 8	9:30 AM	10 PM

October 9	9:30 AM	10 PM
October 10	10:30 AM	10 PM
October 11	8:30 AM	10 PM

Accreditation Centre

Media accreditation cards for the Baku World Senior Championships 2026 will be available for collection at the Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard at the following times:

- 2nd October: 2 PM–8 PM
- 3rd October: 9 AM–12 PM

The Accreditation Centre in the National Gymnastics Arena will be open from **4th to 11th October, from 9 AM to 8 PM daily**.

OPENING CEREMONY

On **Monday, 5th October**, the Official Opening Ceremony will take place from **4 PM** at the National Gymnastics Arena, on the Field of Play.

PHOTO POSITIONS

General Photo Positions

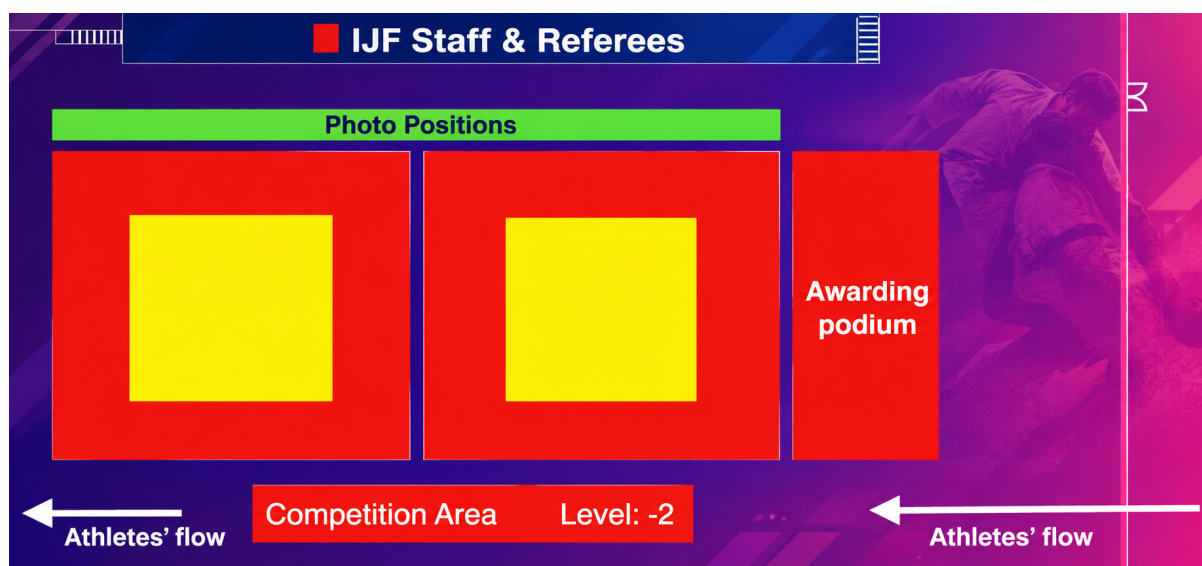
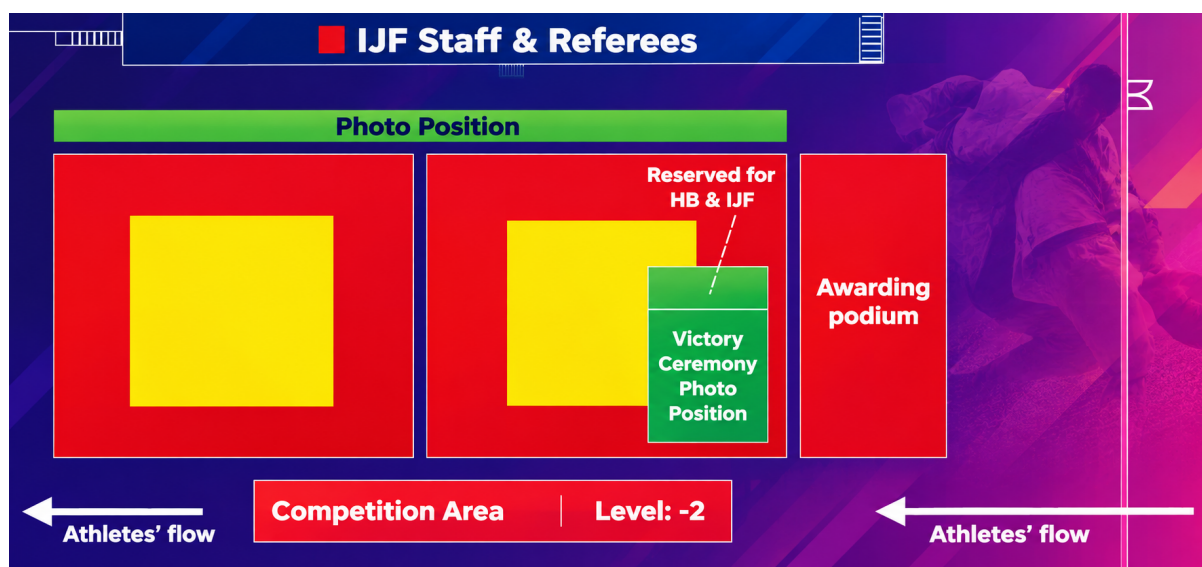


Photo Positions during the Victory Ceremony



MANDATORY MEDIA BRIEFING

A **mandatory media briefing** will be held on **Sunday, 4th October, at 10:30 AM in the Media Centre**. All approved media representatives are required to attend this approximately 20-minute presentation, which will cover the most important media services, procedures and essential information for the Baku World Senior Championships 2026. The presentation will be conducted primarily in English, with local translation provided if available.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

