



## Team Orientation Packet

Hello Teams!

Welcome to US Quidditch Cup 11! We are incredibly excited for you to join us this weekend. Before brooms are on the ground we have some important information to cover.

The following information packet should be your guide throughout the event, and team leaders should have a physical or digital copy with them at all times. We do encourage team leaders to distribute this packet to their players as well.

If you need anything from now until the end of the event, or in the case of an emergency, please contact USQ Events Director Mary Kimball at [events@usquidditch.org](mailto:events@usquidditch.org) or 360-436-6255. If you are unable to reach Mary, please contact USQ Events Manager Jillian Flom at [jillian.flom@usquidditch.org](mailto:jillian.flom@usquidditch.org) or 910-257-5294. We want to ensure every player has the best possible experience at the event, and are committed to answering all of your questions - no matter how big or small.

USQ staff have been working tirelessly throughout this season to bring you all to Round Rock, Texas. When you see volunteers this weekend, please take a moment to thank them for their hard work!

Before we continue, I would like to commend everyone for last season's amazing sportsmanship, as well as your commitment to bring that same level of mutual respect to this season. USQ staff is consistently humbled by the sincerity and passion of our teams and players, both on and off the pitch. We would like to urge everyone to continue this behavior throughout the weekend. This exemplary sportsmanship is part of the reason our sport is so special.

All of this being said, we cannot wait for all y'all to join us in Texas!

Thanks everyone!

Mary Kimball

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## FOR CAPTAINS AND COACHES

### Captains/Coaches Meetings and Player Check-in

Right now, we are planning on the following schedule for player check-in and captains/coaches meetings:

Friday, April 13

- 6:30-7:30 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Best Western (1851 Interstate 35, Round Rock, TX 78664)
- 7:50-8:50 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Homewood Suites (2201 South Mays Street, Round Rock, TX 78664)
- 9:00 -10:00 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Austin Marriott North (2600 La Frontera Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78681)

Saturday, April 14

- 7:00 - 7:45 AM - Priority player check-in for those competing in the 9:00 AM time slot.
- 7:15 AM - On-site captains/coaches meeting for those who could not attend one on Friday
- 7:15 - 7:45 AM - Player check-in for all other teams
- 7:45 AM - Teams line up for opening ceremonies
- 8:00 - 8:15 AM - Opening ceremonies
- 8:15 - 9:00 AM - Player check-in for all other teams

The Friday night schedule may adjust plus or minus 30 minutes based on the number of teams going to each location.

Please note that player check-in on Saturday morning will be held at the teams entrance, next to the South Parking Lot. The on-site captains/coaches meeting will be held in the Teams Village, which is also next to the South Parking Lot inside the gates of the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex. Players may check-in at the main entrance. However, teams services staff will not be stationed at that area, and players must come to the Teams Village to get their swag bag and wristband.

Players must check-in against their team's roster before they enter the facility. This means players wanting to participate in the opening ceremonies must be checked in by 8:00 AM. If your team is competing in the 9:00 AM time slot and you cannot check in by 7:45 AM, please indicate so in the survey. We strongly encourage any teams officiating in the 9:00 AM time slot to also check-in by 7:45 AM, and those teams will have access to the priority check-in line. The officials and volunteers schedule will be released on Wednesday.

It is mandatory that teams attend one of the meetings. If no representative from your team will be able to attend any of these meeting times, please let us know ASAP via email at [events@usquidditch.org](mailto:events@usquidditch.org). During this meeting, USQ staff will provide an overview of the event, describe tournament-specific policies, and answer questions. Each team is required to send at least one (and no more than three) representative(s) to the meeting.

Any player who has not yet checked in will not be permitted to enter the fields, nor will they be permitted to play in any games until they have completed the registration process. Players who violate this policy are at risk of disqualifying their entire team from the event.

## **Disciplinary Procedures**

### **Red Card Policy**

Players who earn a straight red card within a game will be reviewed and may be suspended from future games. Any player who earns two (2) straight red cards within the tournament will automatically receive a suspension of at least one (1) game.

Players under review will have their actions evaluated by the tournament director and gameplay coordinator through the [USQ Code of Conduct](#), [Disciplinary Policy](#), [Fair Play Policy](#), and [Rulebook](#).

### **Fair Play**

The following actions are among those prohibited by USQ's Fair Play policy: match-fixing, betting, bribery, violating eligibility restrictions (all players must be USQ members and included on a team's roster, and college players must have their school [enrollment verified](#)), extreme and intentional cheating, and observed illegal drug use. More information about the fair play policy can be found [here](#).

### **Code of Conduct (*Sportsmanship On and Off Pitch*)**

By participating in the sport of quidditch, players, officials, tournament/team staff, and spectators are representatives of the sport. As such, all participants assume responsibility for representing the sport in a positive manner. While participants are responsible for following the rules of the game on the field, off-field conduct can also create lasting impressions of the sport. Negative representation would damage the reputation of the sport of quidditch.

More information about USQ's code of conduct can be found [here](#).

## Event Gameplay Policies

### Game Appeals

As per USQ policy, the grounds for appeal are: “a clearly incorrect implementation of the rules that played a direct role in determining the outcome of the game. Judgement calls and missed calls do not apply.” If a team wishes to make an appeal, no direct action will be taken at the event other than noting the participating teams and the head referee who adjudicated the game. No more than one week later, the appealing team must submit the [game appeal form](#) to USQ.

Please note that there will be no on-site appeals of games. Teams are still welcome to appeal the outcome of a specific game via the standard USQ appeal procedure in order to request that the game be removed from the USQ national standings.

The only practical effect of an appeal would be the removal of an official game from USQ rankings.

### Tie Breakers

Due to the Swiss format, we are adjusting the tiebreakers that will be used onsite for the collegiate division. Teams with the same win record will first be compared based on Strength of Victory, followed by Strength of Schedule, then Record Before Snitch Catch, and the remainder of the normal tiebreakers from that point (Quaffle Points Against, Quaffle Points For, Snitch Catch Percentage, and coin flip).

Strength of Victory will be calculated by the average win percentage of the opponents that a team beat. Strength of Schedule will be calculated by the average win percentages of all opponents a team faces. When calculating the win percentage of your opponents, games against your team are removed from the calculation.

The community division will use USQ-standard tie breakers when teams are tied with the same win record to calculate seeding within the pools to determine which teams move on to bracket play. In order, these are:

1. Head-to-head (when applicable between all tied teams)
2. Win record before snitch catch
3. Quaffle points against (QPA)
4. Quaffle points for (QPF)
5. Snitch catch percentage
6. Coin flip/random selection

For additional information on tiebreaker policy, read more [here](#).

## Forfeits

As per USQ policy, any forfeits at a USQ event will be included in a team's USQ rankings and will happen in the following circumstances:

1. Failing to show up at the scheduled start time and location for a game.
2. Not being prepared to start a game within five minutes after the scheduled start time.
3. Refusing to play or continue play when instructed to do so by a referee, including walking out during a match.
4. Late arrival - five minutes or less to the start of the game - or no-show to a team referee crew assignment (includes those who are assigned to be lead assistant referee, snitch referee, snitch referee, goal judge, timekeeper, and scorekeeper)\*

\*Please note that this orientation packet is your team's first warning about showing up for team referee crew assignments. We will give captains a second warning about the importance of punctuality for team referee crew assignments at the captains' meetings.

Any forfeits will be counted as a 150\*-0 loss against the forfeiting team.

Teams who deliberately forfeit a match in order to alter their bracket seed or affect their gameplay for future matches will forfeit the remainder of their scheduled games and be disqualified from the tournament. Teams who are disqualified from the tournament are ineligible to compete at US Quidditch Cup 11 through either a bid earned at regional or an at large bid. This includes bids that were already earned at the event prior to the disqualification.

- Forfeits done in game are on a reviewed case-by-case basis for both forfeiting the rest of the tournament and disqualification.
- Forfeits due to violations of tournament policy will always result in automatic disqualification.
- Forfeits done before the game begins will always cause the team to forfeit the rest of the tournament, and will be reviewed for disqualification.

## Rosters

Official rosters must be submitted by 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the event, which is 9:00 AM CT on Friday, April 13. After which the site will lock all rosters in place. There will be absolutely ***no exceptions*** to this deadline. Please be proactive and submit your rosters early to avoid any problems!

No more than 21 official players may be included on an official team's roster for a USQ official event.

Utilizing any players not on a team's submitted roster is a violation of the [USQ Fair Play Policy](#) and will result in a disqualification of your team from the tournament, as well as the possibility of additional discipline.

### Team Requirements

The team's certified coach member must be present at all official matches, as per [USQ policy](#).

In the case of a medical or personal emergency that arises during an event that causes a team's certified coach to need to leave the event site, the team may continue to play without being required to forfeit their remaining games in the tournament, given the following:

- This exception is only in effect when the certified coach unexpectedly leaves the game or event site due to a medical or personal emergency, or is leaving the event site to accompany one of their players to seek medical attention offsite.
- The coach must have been present during the tournament. If a medical or personal emergency arises before the start of the event, the team is not exempted from the requirement of having a coach present onsite.
- Before leaving the event site, the coach must inform the tournament director of the situation. If the coach is unable to directly inform the tournament director, a member of their team must immediately do so.
- Upon return to the event site (if the coach returns before the end of the event), they must be present at all remaining official matches.
- Within one week after the event, the coach must complete [this form](#) to affirm that they left for an emergency situation that arose during the event.

Similar to the policies at other USQ events this season, teams will be scheduled and required to supply individuals to be lead assistant referees, snitch referees, assistant referees, goal judges, and score and timekeepers to assist in the smooth and safe running of the event. As previously stated, if a team's designated volunteers do not arrive at the assigned pitch within five minutes of the appropriate time, the team will forfeit the remainder of their tournament games.

### Event Registration Requirements

You can view the status of your team's registration requirements [here](#). If you have any questions about them, or need to request a correction, please email [events@usquidditch.org](mailto:events@usquidditch.org).

# FOR ALL PLAYERS

## Packing List

<p><b>Attire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Uniform</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Shorts</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Cleats (non metal only)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Headband</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers or change in footwear</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Mouthguard (<b>Mandatory</b>)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Goggles</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Athletic brace</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra pairs of socks</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra layers of clothing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Hair ties</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses</li></ul> <p><b>Food/drink</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (filled)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepacked lunch</li></ul> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Government or student issued ID</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical supplies (first-aid kit, wraps, Band-Aids, etc.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal equipment bag</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella/raincoat</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Small container to hold jewelry</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Medications in labeled containers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Camera</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Money (for food, gas/travel, merchandise, etc.)</li></ul>	<p><b>Officiating gear (if reffing or snitch running)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ref jersey (black and white stripes)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Black pants or shorts (if team uniform shorts are not black)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Whistle (preferably Fox 40)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Blue, yellow, and red cards</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Coin</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Snitch shorts, tail, and shirt</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of <a href="#">Rulebook 11</a></li></ul> <p><b>Overnight gear</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pillow</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Nightwear</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Towel</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Electronics chargers (laptop, cell phone, etc.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Schoolwork</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra change of clothes</li></ul> <p><b>Team gear— designate someone on your team to bring each of these things</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of tournament orientation packet</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of game schedule</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of volunteer schedule</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Driving directions to housing, parking, and fields (one set per car, include contact numbers for the tournament staff and for housing)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Tent</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Tent weights</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Tent stakes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Practice quaffles</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Practice bludgers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Practice brooms</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Team flag/banner</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Team debit card</li></ul>
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## Event Site

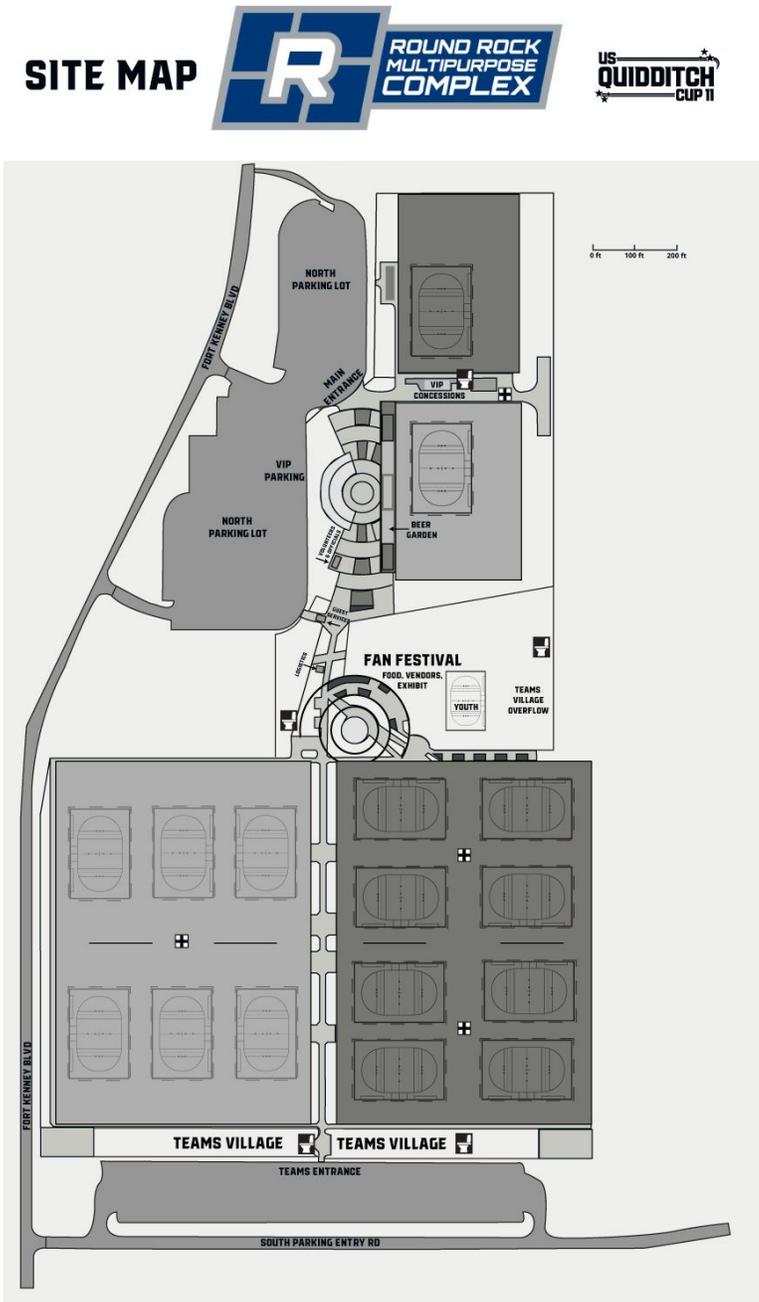
Round Rock Multipurpose Complex

Address:

2001 N. Kenney Fort Blvd

Round Rock, TX 78665

We are using both synthetic turf and natural grass fields. A site map with field numbers will be available on Thursday, April 12. The synthetic turf fields are dark gray. The natural grass fields are light gray.



## Bathrooms

Bathrooms are located in the Teams Village, in the Fan Festival, and in the concessions building. Please be considerate of the facility space.

## Site Policies

### Facility Policies

- Outside alcohol is prohibited.
- Glass containers are strictly prohibited.
- No metal cleats, track spikes, etc. are permitted within the facility.
- Bikes, skateboards, hover boards, etc. are prohibited.
- Pets, other than guide animals, are prohibited.
- Smoking and tobacco products are not permitted in the facility.
- Fireworks are strictly prohibited within and around the facility.
- Drones, generators, grills, etc. are not permitted within the facility.
- All coolers are subject to inspection by RRMPC staff.
- No soliciting of any kind is permitted within the facility.
- Unauthorized vehicles, scooters, carts, etc. are prohibited.
- Individuals who engage in unacceptable behavior may have their access revoked and/or be subject to further legal action.
- Secure all valuables. The City of Round Rock and the RRMPC are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

### Event Policies

- Weapons are prohibited.
- Bags may be searched upon entry.
- Shade canopies and pop-up tents may only be put up in the Teams Village and Fan Festival areas.

### Alcohol Policies

All attendees at US Quidditch Cup 11 are expected to fully abide by the following policies governing alcohol at the event. Any attendee found to not be in compliance with these policies, whether a player, spectator, or other individual, may be asked to leave the event without a refund.

- No person under the age of 21 may possess or consume any alcoholic beverages. It is unlawful for a person who purchases alcohol while on licensed premises to give the alcoholic liquors to a person to whom it cannot lawfully be sold on the premises.
- No alcohol may be brought into the event venue or removed from the event venue. The only alcohol that may be consumed during the event is alcohol purchased on-site through the official alcohol vendor and can only be consumed in the beer garden or the VIP lounge. Alcoholic beverages may not leave those areas,
- No person shall sell, give, or otherwise make available any alcoholic beverage to a person who is visibly intoxicated.
- Any person who is visibly intoxicated is subject to ejection from the event.

- Intoxication by any player, official, or volunteer, regardless of age, whether in public or private, is prohibited, and subjects that person to the USQ disciplinary policy. Symptoms of intoxication may include, but are not limited to, slurred speech, impaired motor coordination, vomiting, loss of consciousness, or loss of good judgment.
- Per USQ policy, no person shall permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in any "drinking games". This includes, but is not limited to, a contest, game, event, or other endeavor which encourages or promotes the consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants at extraordinary speed or in increased quantities, or in more potent form.
- Players are strongly discouraged from consuming any alcohol while their team is still playing in the tournament. A player who is visibly under the influence of alcohol immediately before a game or during a match is subject to suspension from that game and additional action may be taken.
- Officials (including all referees, snitches, scorekeepers, timekeepers, and others affiliated with any match in an official capacity) may not consume any alcohol during their shift and are forbidden from consuming any alcohol until they have completed all game assignments for the day.
- General volunteers may not consume any alcohol during their shift, and are discouraged from consuming any alcohol until they have completed all volunteer shifts for the day.
- VIP tickets for beverages may be used only by the specific VIP ticket holder to whom they are given, are non-transferable, and are only valid in the VIP lounge

### **Parking**

Team parking is free and is available in both the North and South Parking Lot. The South Parking Lot is next to the Teams Village. Please lock all vehicles and secure valuables; the parking lot will not be secure and there is no security patrolling it. Neither USQ nor the facility is not responsible for damaged or missing items left in personal vehicles.

### **Teams' Village**

The Teams Village will be located in the south part of the facility, next to the South Parking Lot. Teams may put up tents there. While it is intended for players, event staff will not be enforcing who can be in that area. There is a permanent restroom building at the Teams Village, along with some portable restrooms. The Teams Services tent will also be there.

Additional space for teams will be in the Fan Festival grass space, on the east side. However, that area will not be staffed by teams services.

Any lost items recovered in the Teams' Village will be brought to the Guest Services Booth. Neither USQ nor the facility is held responsible for lost or damaged items. Lost and found items will be donated or discarded the Monday after the tournament. While items claimed by Monday morning may be returned, USQ is not able to pay for the cost of shipping. We

encourage everyone to check the lost and found at the Guest Services booth before leaving the facility.

### Warm-Up Space

Teams must conclude warm-ups before the scheduled time for their game. In the event the previous game has not yet completed when your team would like to begin warm-ups then you are encouraged to stretch and warm-up off pitch in the empty space available. USQ will not be providing gameplay equipment for warm-ups.

### Event Schedule

The gameplay schedule is available [here](#).

#### Schedule

Friday, April 13:

All Day — Teams arrive at hotels.

6:30-7:30 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Best Western (1851 Interstate 35, Round Rock, TX 78664)

7:50-8:50 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Homewood Suites (2201 South Mays Street, Round Rock, TX 78664)

9:00 -10:00 PM - Player Check-In and Captains/Coaches Meeting at Austin Marriott North (2600 La Frontera Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78681)

Saturday, April 14

7:00 AM — Teams arrive

7:30 AM — Gates open to the public

7:45 AM — Teams line up for Opening Ceremonies

8:00 AM — Fan Festival open

8:00-8:20 AM — Opening Ceremonies @ Turf Quad of Fields

9:00 PM — Games start

1:00 PM — Youth Quidditch activities begin

6:30 PM — Youth Quidditch activities conclude

9:45 PM — Matches end

Sunday, April 15

7:30 AM — Teams arrive

8:00 AM — Gates open to the public, Fan Festival open

9:00 & 9:45 AM — Collegiate Bracket: Play in

10:30 AM — Community: Final Pool Play Games

11:30 AM — Youth Quidditch activities begin

11:30 AM & 12:15 PM — Collegiate Bracket: Round of 32

1:00 PM — Community Bracket: Play in

1:45 PM — Collegiate Bracket: Round of 16

2:30 PM — Community Bracket: Quarterfinals  
3:15 PM — Collegiate Bracket: Quarterfinals  
4:15 PM — Youth Quidditch activities conclude  
4:15 PM — Community Bracket: Semifinals  
5:00 PM — Collegiate Bracket: Semifinals  
5:45 PM — Closing Ceremonies @ Field 1  
6:15 PM — Community Bracket: Finals @ Field 1  
7:00 PM — Collegiate Bracket: Finals @ Field 1  
7:45 PM — Medals and Trophy Presentation @ Field 1

### **Player Check-In**

We encourage teams to check in at the appropriate hotel on Friday night in order to avoid possible delays at the tournament site Saturday morning. As per USQ policy, all official players must check-in a government issued or student ID. They may also show the membership page of the website via print-out or smart phone/tablet.

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7:00 - 7:45 AM - Priority player check-in for those competing in the 9:00 AM time slot\*.

7:15 AM - On-site captains/coaches meeting for those who could not attend one on Friday

7:15 - 7:45 AM - Player check-in for all other teams

7:45 AM - Teams line up for opening ceremonies

8:00 - 8:15 AM - Opening ceremonies

8:15 - 9:00 AM - Player check-in for all other teams

\*We strongly encourage any teams officiating in the 9:00 AM time slot to also check-in by 7:45 AM, and those teams will have access to the priority check-in line.

Any players, coaches, or non-playing staff that do not check in on Friday evening must check in on Saturday morning. Any player who has not yet checked in will not be permitted to enter the fields, nor will they be permitted to play in any games until they have completed the

registration process. Players who violate this policy are at risk of disqualifying their entire team from the event.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Teams will gather in a circle on the lower quad of turf fields and will be welcomed to the event. Event staff will say a few words, the national anthem will be sung, and the Mayor of the City of Round Rock will speak.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

Closing ceremonies will take place before the championship matches. There will be the a snitch parade, some closing remarks by event staff, the presentation of Referee of the Year and Most Fly Snitch, and the announcement of team awards.

### **Medal and Trophy Presentation**

The medals and trophies will be awarded immediately following the conclusion of the collegiate championship match.

### **Inclement Weather**

Play may continue in inclement weather (including rain and wind). In a situation of more extreme weather conditions, play may be stopped for concerns of player safety. The tournament and facility staff will make all efforts to continue the tournament as originally scheduled if play is disrupted by inclement weather, however multiple backup plans are in place if necessary. In the event that the schedule needs to be adjusted, it will be clearly communicated onsite to all coaches and teams.

### **Weather Monitoring**

Event Staff has been monitoring the weather for the past few weeks, looking primarily at the forecast from the National Weather Service (linked [here](#)) and Weather.com (linked [here](#)).

USQ Events Director Mary Kimball will be monitoring the weather throughout the weekend.

### **Stopping and Resuming Games**

In the event of lightning within a 12 mile radius, the facility will be closed and all gameplay will be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes. Play may be stopped in the event of hail. Each new strike of lightning within the radius will reset the 30 minute clock. All attendees must be indoors or in their vehicles for the duration of the 30 minute hold.

Facility staff will make the call as to when the facility is open and closed due to weather. They will use the PA system to notify attendees that the facility is closed. Attendees should go to their cars, but VIPs may remain in the VIP lounge. Staff may remain in the indoor staff spaces.

Event staff and field managers will ensure that the suspended game procedure is followed if play is stopped.

After 30 minutes has passed with no lightning, play may resume at the determination of the facility and event staff. Teams will be given clear instructions on when games are to start again. After the “all clear” and park readiness is determined, park occupants may return and resume park activities.

### **Evacuation and Shelter**

In the event of a stoppage of play due to weather, everyone will be given directions for proper evacuation and shelter by event staff.

If play must be stopped due to weather, event staff will ensure field managers and officials for each game currently in progress are immediately informed of the situation and that proper protocol for suspended games is followed. Additional information about park evacuation will be communicated to attendees by staff and volunteers.

Once a park evacuation order is issued, everyone must take appropriate shelter in an orderly and timely manner. Recommended shelter from thunderstorms containing lightning is an enclosed building or hard-topped vehicle.

Event staff will evacuate to the indoor staff rooms. VIP pass holders may evacuate to the VIP lounge. All other attendees must leave the facility. Places to avoid during a lightning emergency include, but not limited to, open air pavilions, dugouts, sheds, bleachers and tents. Also, it is imperative to avoid metal objects such as fences, flagpoles and light poles.

In the event of a stoppage of play due to high wind or a significant delay due to thunder or lightning, park occupants are recommended to shelter in their vehicles. Teams may also go back to their hotel.

### **Weather Updates**

If anyone wishes to receive alerts from US Quidditch about the weather, including schedule adjustments or evacuation notifications, they should sign up to receive text message updates. The sign up form will be available online on Wednesday, April 12. The team contacts listed on the event registration form along with coaches will automatically receive these text alerts.

### **Rulebook 11, 3.6.2 Suspended Games**

#### **3.6.2.1. Declaring a suspended game:**

- A. The head referee or tournament director may declare a game suspended due to weather, safety concerns, extreme or inappropriate misconduct, or external interference.

- B. Suspended games must be recorded with the current game time, score, players in play, and possession of all game balls.
- C. Suspended games should be resumed as soon as possible after it has become safe to resume play.

### **3.6.2.2. Resuming a suspended game:**

- A. If any of the game’s original officials are unavailable, the tournament director or head referee shall replace them.
- B. All players in play at the suspension must line up behind their respective starting lines.
  - i. If, while play was suspended, a player became too injured to play, had to leave the event, or otherwise became unavailable to play, another player on the roster may substitute in, starting on the line in their place.
- C. Game balls must be given to the appropriate teams based on the possession information recorded at the time the game was suspended.
  - i. Any balls which were not possessed when play was stopped shall be placed on the ball marks.
    - a. The inner marks shall be filled first.
    - b. If there were two loose bludgers, but the quaffle was possessed, both inner marks shall be used for the bludgers.
- D. If the suspension occurred after the snitch runner was released, then the snitch runner should enter the player area before the game resumes and the seekers must line up behind their starting lines.
  - i. Any snitch handicaps that had been implemented prior to the suspension are still in effect when the game resumes.
- E. The head referee shouts “Brooms Down!”
- F. All starting players should be stationary with the broom flat on the ground as in the regular start of game procedure.
- G. The head referee shouts “Ready!”
- H. The head referee shouts “Brooms Up!”
  - i. On the first “B” sound of “Brooms Up!” all players may begin play.

## **Event Safety**

### **General Security**

There will be two police officers on-site at all times, coordinated by the Round Rock Police Department. There will also be security guards at the entrances to the facility. We’ll be checking all bags at the main entrance and spot checking bags at the south teams entrance.

### **Teams’ Village Security**

The Teams’ Village will not be secure. Teams should take the proper precautions to keep their valuables safe and their belongings secure; neither USQ nor the City of Round Rock is responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.

## Medical Staff

There will be certified athletic trainers on-site stationed in four locations - three on the south quads and one near the championship fields. The northernmost tent will have walls and a cooling unit for those who overheat. There will also be an ambulance on-site at all times.

Should a player begin to bleed, play may not resume until the blood is cleaned up and the area affected is sanitized. The player is allowed to re-enter play once they are no longer bleeding.

An ATC or EMT can medically disqualify a player at any time for any medical reason.

## Concussions

Players with concussions are not permitted to play in any games until they have been cleared by an athletic trainer or a primary care physician. If medical staff onsite see a player with concussion-like symptoms, the player must submit to a concussion test if asked to do so or they will be disqualified until further notice. If a captain notices one of their players with concussion-like symptoms they must escort the player to be examined by medical staff, or the captain is also subject to suspension for the remainder of the tournament.

## Jewelry

Per USQ Rulebook 11, all jewelry must be removed prior to gameplay. Please inform your team well in advance so they can prepare. Medical staff may assist with removing jewelry day of.

## Water

There will be one water cooler at each field, at each medical tent, at teams services, and at the volunteers/officials tent. There will be extra coolers available to have filled and ready to go out to replace empty coolers as needed. If you are at a field that needs to have its water cooler refilled, please tell your field manager!

## Safe Participant Conduct

Familiarize yourself with [USQ's Code of Conduct](#), [Fair Play](#), [Player Disciplinary](#), and [Unlawful Harassment](#) policies. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure this event is a fun, fair, and safe environment for all participants. Violations to our Code of Conduct will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know feels threatened or experiences an unsafe situation, please contact USQ Events Director Mary Kimball ([mary.kimball@usquidditch.org](mailto:mary.kimball@usquidditch.org), 858-735-9719) or USQ Executive Director Sarah Woolsey ([sarah.woolsey@usquidditch.org](mailto:sarah.woolsey@usquidditch.org), 704-962-5099). They will work quickly and efficiently to resolve the situation and remove victims from unsafe situations.

## Event Gameplay Policies

### Event Equipment

The following equipment will be supplied and required throughout the event:

Brooms: Peterson's Everlour

*Note: Teams may NOT elect to provide their own brooms - all players must use the provided Peterson's Everlour brooms for all games at the event.*

Quaffles: Baden Matchpoint Size 5 Volleyballs

Bludgers: Champion PG 8.5 Dodgeballs

Hoops: Petersons

Snitch Shorts: Petersons

### Personal Equipment

Per USQ Rulebook 11, all players are required to wear a mouthguard at all times while playing.

Metal cleats are prohibited on the fields. The only type of cleats allowed are rubber or plastic.

If it is imperative that you wear a specific piece of equipment to enable you to participate in an official game, but it does not meet USQ's standard equipment policies, please fill out the [USQ Player Equipment Waiver](#). Be sure to follow up with an email to [events@usquidditch.org](mailto:events@usquidditch.org) and please include a photo and description of the equipment/reason. Please note that on-the-spot waivers will not be granted.

### Snitch Rules

Per USQ Rulebook 11, the official seeker floor of 18 minutes will be used throughout the tournament.

All games will follow the same snitch handicaps:

1. 18 minutes - Must remain between keeper zones
2. 23 minutes - Must remain within roughly 1.5 yards of the midfield line
3. 28 minutes - Only one arm
4. 33 minutes - Must remain within roughly 1.5 yards of the intersection of the midfield line and the sideline opposite the scorekeeper table and team benches.

### Score Updates

Score Updates can be found in the following locations:

Website: [US Quidditch Cup](#)

Twitter: [@USQScores](#) and [@LiveWithUSQ](#)

### Hotels

Austin Marriott North  
2600 La Frontera Blvd.  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Best Western Executive Inn  
1851 Interstate 35  
Round Rock, TX 78664

Extended Stay America Austin-Round Rock-North  
555 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd  
Round Rock, TX 7866

Extended Stay America Austin-Round Rock-South  
16950 N Interstate Hwy 35  
Austin, TX 78728

Hampton Inn Austin Round Rock  
110 Dell Way  
Round Rock, TX 78664

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
2340 Interstate 35  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Home2 Suites By Hilton Austin Round Rock  
1000 Louis Henna Blvd  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Homewood Suites By Hilton Austin Round Rock  
2201 South Mays Street  
Round Rock, TX 78664

Hyatt Place Austin/Round Rock  
420 Sundance Parkway,  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Microtel Inn & Suites Round Rock  
6 Roundville Lane  
Round Rock, TX 78664

Residence Inn Austin Round Rock  
2505 S I H-35  
Round Rock, TX 78664

Sleep Inn & Suites  
1980 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd  
Round Rock, TX 78681

TownePlace Suites Austin Round Rock  
541 Parker Drive  
Austin, TX 78728 USA

Quality Inn & Suites Round Rock  
1802 Interstate 35  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Wingate By Wyndham Round Rock  
1209 N Interstate 35  
Round Rock, TX 78664

## Miscellaneous Event Information

### Admission

Tickets are \$12-\$33. They may be purchased [online](#) or at the door.

### Afterparty

The afterparty will be held at Austin's Park 'n Pizza on Sunday, April 15 from 9pm-12am. Tickets are \$26.95 in advance and \$30 at the door. Purchase tickets online [here](#). We will also be selling presale tickets at player check-in on Friday. \$30 tickets will be available in the Fan Festival on Saturday and Sunday and also at the door on Sunday evening.

Included in admission is:

- All you can eat Buffet: pizza, pasta, salad (vegetarian options available)
- Unlimited soft drinks
- Full service bar and grill on-site
- Unlimited attractions
- Go-Karts, Mini Golf, Laser Tag, Bumper Boats, Rock Wall, Rides
- One game of bowling
- \$5 game card

The address is:

16231 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

It is 15-20 minutes south of the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex.

## Livestream

All games on Field 1 will be livestreamed by US Quidditch, led by broadcaster Ashton JeanLewis and production company All Sport Web Productions. Watch on YouTube [here](#). Additional games will be streamed through The Eighth Man.

## Press Pass and Photography

Press registration has closed. If you have questions about obtaining a press pass, please email [press@usquidditch.org](mailto:press@usquidditch.org). A press pass gives one access to shoot video and photos between the hard boundary and the spectator line. Please note that the use of tripods is prohibited along the scorekeeper table side of each field. Individuals with tripods must be on the opposite side of the field. Tripods are not allowed within the hard boundary area. Access to shooting in the hard boundary area is granted on a case by case basis.

## Travel

Please note that the Austin area has a toll road. Taking the toll road from the Austin airport to Round Rock is often faster than taking I-35. [This website](#) has more information about pricing and routes.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part to the running of a successful quidditch tournament! USQ appreciates the time and effort volunteers put into helping with tournaments. Any field managers, youth quidditch, or general volunteers will receive a free volunteer t-shirt to wear during their shift. Any other volunteers who work 3 or more hours or gameplay volunteers (snitch, assistant, or goal referees as well as score and timekeepers; excluding paid officials) who work 5 or more games will receive a free volunteer shirt for their efforts. Please note that in order for gameplay volunteers to be counted for games, they must ensure their name is included on the scorecard.

## Youth Quidditch

Youth quidditch will take place on both Saturday and Sunday. The full schedule is available [here](#).

## Officials

All teams will be expected to provide crews of lead assistant referees, assistant referees, snitch referees and/or goal judges and score and timekeepers for various game slots throughout the event. Failure to arrive at your assignment within five minutes of the scheduled game start time will result in the officials' team forfeiting the remainder of their scheduled games and be disqualified from the tournament.

## Officials and Volunteer Schedule

The officials and volunteer schedule will be available on Wednesday, April 11. Please check the schedule regularly because changes may occur. For questions about officials, please email

[membership@usquidditch.org](mailto:membership@usquidditch.org). For questions about volunteers, please contact [eventvolunteers@usquidditch.org](mailto:eventvolunteers@usquidditch.org).

## Vendors

Food will be available for purchase on site. Available concessions will include standard festival fare. In addition, some vegetarian options will be available for purchase on site. Here is the full list:

### **Saturday**

Top Taco  
Goodies & Bits (BBQ)  
Pitalicious  
Waffle Love ATX  
King's Cross Coffee  
Kona Ice  
Concessions Building

### **Sunday, April 15**

Top Taco  
Goodies & Bits (BBQ)  
King's Cross Coffee  
Kona Ice  
Concessions Building

Players and guests may bring food into the event site. Please note that glass containers are prohibited and that coolers may be searched.

There will be beer available to purchase at the Beer Garden, located on the grass championship field. Please note that this area is restricted to those 21 and older, and all attendees must follow the alcohol policies listed above. Alcohol will also be available to purchase in the VIP Lounge. However, that space is only open to VIP passholders. Alcohol may only be consumed in the Beer Garden and the VIP Lounge. It may **not** be taken out of these areas.

USQ merchandise will be available for sale in the Fan Festival. We accept credit cards and cash. Additional vendors include:

Camp Gladiator  
Henna Tattoo by Charu  
Major League Quidditch  
Round Rock Express  
Savage, an Apparel Company

Transfiguring Adoption  
 What the Duck Designs  
 Worthwich School of Witchcraft & Wizardry

**Weather**

Please be prepared for any type of weather. The forecast as of Tuesday, April 10 is as follows:

- Saturday: high 68, low 43. Mostly sunny.
- Sunday: high 71, low 46. Sunny.

**Local Guide**

We would like to thank our valued partners, the City of Round Rock, for their support of this event.

<u><b>Necessities</b></u>	<u><b>Food</b></u>	<u><b>Medical</b></u>
<p>The Laundry Basket            900 Palm Valley Boulevard,            Round Rock, TX 78664            Open everyday 7am - 8pm</p>	<p>Kerbey Lane Cafe            2120 N Mays St            Open 24/7  <i>American/Tex-Mex Diner Food w/            Vegetarian, Vegan, &amp; GF Options</i></p>	<p>RediClinic            1700 E Palm Valley Blvd,            Round Rock, TX 78664            Mon-Fri: 8am - 8pm            Sat-Sun: 8am - 5pm</p>
<p>Exxon            4450 E Old Settlers Blvd,            Round Rock, TX 78665            Sun-Thu: 5:30am - 11pm            Fri-Sat: 5:30am - 12am</p>	<p>GreenHouse Craft Food            1400 E Old Settlers Blvd #110            M-F: 6:30 AM-9 PM            Sat-Sun: 9 AM-9PM  <i>American Diner Food</i></p>	<p>CareNow Urgent Care            4810 Gattis School Rd Suite            100, Hutto, TX 78634            Mon-Fri: 8am - 9pm            Sat: 8am - 8pm            Sun: 8am - 5pm</p>
<p>Walmart            4700 E Palm Valley Blvd,            Round Rock, TX 78665            Open 24/7</p>	<p>BJ's Restaurant &amp; Brewhouse            4201 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd.            S-F: 11 AM - 11:30 PM            Sat: 11 AM - 12:30 PM  <i>Pub Fare &amp; House Brews</i></p>	
	<p>Fire &amp; Ice Pizza Bar            2601 S Interstate 35 B300            S-Th: 11 AM - 9 PM            F-Sat: 11 AM - 10 PM  <i>Pizza</i></p>	
	<p>Salt Lick BBQ            3350 E Palm Valley Blvd            Sun-Th: 11 AM - 9 PM            F-Sat: 11 AM - 10 PM  <i>Barbecue</i></p>	
	<p>Torchy's Tacos            2150 E Palm Valley Blvd            M-Th: 7 AM - 10 PM</p>	

	F: 7 AM - 11 PM Sat: 8 AM - 11 PM Sun: 8 AM - 10 PM <i>Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner Tacos</i> <i>Can also pre-order large group orders</i>	
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

On-site, anyone with a walkie talkie or wearing a blue USQ event staff polo should be able to answer your questions, or at the very least, direct you to an answer!

Referee and snitch evaluations should be submitted via the online forms linked below; they will be reviewed by USQ event staff frequently throughout the event. Please also fill out the event survey after the tournament has ended.

Referee Evaluations - [Click Here](#)

Snitch Evaluations - [Click Here](#)

Event Survey - [Click Here](#)

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This concludes this Orientation Packet! We hope it has answered all of your questions and concerns. If you have any more please contact us at [events@usquidditch.org](mailto:events@usquidditch.org). We look forward to seeing you at US Quidditch Cup! And Good Luck!