



NEWS RELEASE - UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER AND TEXAS QUIDDITCH WIN US QUIDDITCH CUP 11
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University of Rochester and Texas Cavalry
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Photo by Miguel Esparza.

Round Rock, Texas – University of Rochester Thestrals won the Collegiate Division and Texas Cavalry won the Community Division at US Quidditch Cup 11. The tournament took place in Round Rock, Texas at the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex over April 14 and 15, 2018, with 63 collegiate teams and 24 community teams from dozens of states competing in one of the country’s most exciting sporting events. Over 4,000 athletes, fans, officials, and volunteers were in attendance, with several thousand more tuning in online.

The University of Rochester Thestrals went 3-1 on day one of US Quidditch Cup 11. They were the sixth seed coming out of [swiss](#), and beat Kansas Quidditch in the semi-finals on day two, 130*-80, to advance to the championship match. University of Rochester ultimately defeated the number one ranked team Texas Quidditch 100*-90. The snitch for the collegiate championship match was Anthony Hawkins. Head referee was USQ 2017-18 Referee of the Year Austin Pitts.

Texas Cavalry went undefeated in pool play, and were the top seed overall coming into the bracket. They beat BosNYan Bearsharks in the semi-finals, 90*-30, to advance to the championship match. Texas Cavalry ultimately defeated the number two ranked team Lone Star Quidditch Club 90*-30. The snitch for the community championship match was Rob Snitch, who was also presented with the "Most Fly Snitch Award" at the Medal and Trophy Ceremony. Head referee was Ramare Hopkins.

The full recap of the tournament is available [here](#). A selection of photos from the championship matches is available [here](#). Footage from the livestream is available [here](#). The tournament was covered by an Our Story on Snapchat that ran for 24 hours starting the afternoon of Monday, April 16.

The following teams competed:

Collegiate Division

Anteater Quidditch
Arizona State University
Austin Quidditch
Ball State Cardinals
Baylor University
Boston University Quidditch
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis Quidditch
Cal Quidditch
Central Michigan Quidditch Club
Creighton Quidditch
DeathRow Quidditch Team
Duke University Quidditch
Emerson College Quidditch
Florida State Quidditch
Grand Valley Quidditch
Harvard Horntails
Hofstra University Flying Dutchmen
James Madison University Quidditch
Kansas Quidditch
Lock Haven University Quidditch

Community Division

290 Bluebonnets
Bad and Rougie Quidditch Club
Bosnyan Bearsharks
District of Columbia Quidditch Club
Florida's Finest
Gainesville Siege
Lake Erie Elite
Lone Star Quidditch Club
Los Angeles Gambits
Nomads (NW)
Nomads Quidditch
Ohio Glory
Philadelphia Honey Badgers
Quidditch Club Boston
Rain City Raptors
Rochester United
Silicon Valley Skrewts
Southern Storm
Texas Cavalry
The Fighting Farmers of America
The Long Beach Funky Quaffles

Louisiana State University
Macaulay Honors College Marauders
Marquette University Quidditch
Maryland Quidditch
Miami University (OH) Quidditch
Michigan Quidditch Team
Michigan State Quidditch
Minnesota Quidditch
Mizzou Quidditch
Nearly Headless Knights
New York University Quidditch
Northern Arizona University Narwhals
Ohio University Quidditch Club
Oklahoma State University
Penn State University Nittany Lions
Quidditch Club at Virginia Tech
Richmond Quidditch
RIT Dark Marks
RPI Quidditch
San Marcos Sharknados
SHSU Quidditch
SIUE Quidditch Club
SJSU Quidditch
Sun Devil Quidditch
Syracuse Snare Quidditch Club
Texas A&M Quidditch
Texas Quidditch
Texas State University - San Marcos
Texas Tech Quidditch
The Silver Phoenix
The University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill Quidditch
Tufts University Tufflepuffs
Tulane University
University of California Los Angeles
University of Florida Quidditch Club
University of Miami
University of Northern Colorado
University of Rochester Thestrals
Utah State Quidditch Club
UTSA Club Quidditch
Virginia Quidditch Club
West Virginia Mountaineers

The Lost Boys
The Warriors
Twin Cities Quidditch Club

All 87 teams qualified by either winning a bid at their regional championship or receiving an at large bid. They competed in two newly created divisions: collegiate and community.

US Quidditch Cup 11 was supported by the [City of Round Rock](#).

Quidditch is a full contact, competitive, mixed gender sport inspired by the *Harry Potter* series. It began in 2005 and has since spread to over 300 colleges, high schools and community teams nationwide. Quidditch is played with seven players to a team all mounted on brooms. Three chasers score goals by putting the quaffle (a volleyball) through any of three hoops at the opposite end of the field. A keeper defends the hoops, while two beaters throw bludgers (dodgeballs) at opposing players to temporarily knock them out of the game. Meanwhile, each team's seeker tries to catch the snitch: an autonomous yellow-clad athlete who has a tennis ball in a custom-made velcro tail hanging from the back of their shorts, similar to flag football. A game of quidditch ends when the snitch tail is caught, and the capturing seeker's team is awarded an additional 30 points. US Quidditch's official rulebook is available free for download [here](#).

US Quidditch (USQ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes US Quidditch Cup 11. USQ advances the sport by organizing events and programs that build community and empower all genders to compete together. US Quidditch is not affiliated with JK Rowling, Warner Bros. or Time Warner. To learn more about quidditch, visit www.usquidditch.org

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