

# UTAH SNITCH



OFFICIAL SPORTS NEWSLETTER OF THE UTAH QUIDDITCH ORGANIZATION

## NEWS-Flash Edition



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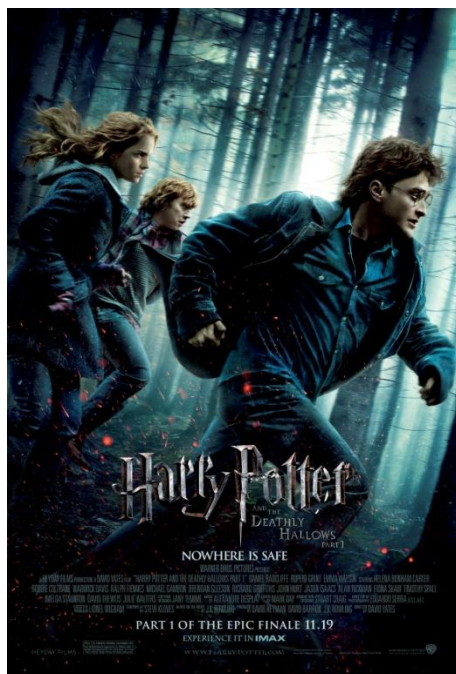
Planning Summit:	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>
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Fat Cats HP7 Premier:	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>
Dobby's Socks due:	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>



The newly formed team of University of Utah students is ready for its first game! This Ute debut game will be against the Utah Hex on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at Reservoir Park found on E South Temple and E 1300 South, Salt Lake City. ("Ute Game" cont. on Page 2)

### HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 1

## ADVANCE SCREENING!



The UQO has been granted access to amazing promotional giveaway prize packs including exclusive tickets to a special advance screening of HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. ("Advance Screening" continued on Page 5)

UTAH QUIDDITCH PLANNING SUMMIT



## MOVES

To facebook

Thank you for joining us for this important News Flash edition of the *Utah Snitch!*

The first official Planning Summit of the Utah Quidditch Organization has been formally relocated. The meeting will **no longer take place at Judge Memorial High School**. Instead, the UQO is making this meeting digital as an open online forum hosted on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com). (Please contact others whom you know who were planning on attending concerning this change.)

Facebook members will be able to attend the meeting by joining the "[Online UQO Planning Summit](#)" open group, and then by participating in the group chat. Further details will be available on the group's main wall posts. ("Summit" cont. on Page 2)

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("Summit" Cont.)

Everyone who is interested in helping to plan the future of Quidditch in Utah is invited. The meeting will start promptly at 1:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

All who attend the meeting are also able to enter an online raffle for two advance screening passes to

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1 on November 15<sup>th</sup>!

To save on time, many of the proposals to be discussed in the summit will be listed later on in this issue. Please look into them if you plan on attending, so that you may have questions or comments prepared for the meeting. Thank you, and feel free to send us an email if you have any questions or suggestions for our summit – see you there!



("Ute Game" Cont.)

KSL Channel 5 News will also be covering the match, so all players are invited to give their Moms a good wave before dunking a Quaffle or blasting another player with a bludger.

Concessions will also be available including a free raffle for HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 tickets for an advance screening of the movie on November 15<sup>th</sup>! Invite your friends to come see the match and possibly win some tickets! Also available will be wizard candy and a top of the line Phoenix Phlyer broomstick from Alivans! ([Dollar for Dobby's Socks](#) donations will be accepted at the game.)



Whether or not this game will go toward a season will be discussed at the UQO Planning Summit a week earlier. For more information about the team of U of U Students, please contact Sequoia Thomas at [uofuquidditch@gmail.com](mailto:uofuquidditch@gmail.com) or send us an email.

Also, we have been featured in a couple of articles of the Daily Utah Chronicle, the official newspaper of the University of Utah! Find the link on our website to read all about it!



**Grand Opening!**

A new button has appeared on [utahquidditch.org](http://utahquidditch.org)! Now you can pick up Utah Hex Fan shirts, concessions, Quidditch equipment and Harry Potter merchandise all online!

Also, we are always welcome to merchandise from teams all across the state. If your team would like to list something in our store as a fundraiser for your team, just let us know!



Invite your friends to subscribe to the Utah Snitch! The one who brings the most subscribers to our paper in the months of November and December will win a free official broomstick!

## PLANNING SUMMIT PROPOSALS...



Listed below are various topics which the Utah Quidditch Organization Officials, Team Captains and Representatives as well as players and fans across the state will be discussing at the Online Planning Summit. If you plan on attending the Summit, please review these issues to establish your own view on them and also prepare comments you wish to share. Thank you!



## Winter Season

Now that we have had our first exciting Utah Cup Quidditch season, many fans and players have asked – what is next? One idea is to have a new season opposite of the Utah Cup. It would include teams in the state of Utah and surrounding states (as does the Utah Cup) and start just after the World Cup in November

and end in February. This leaves March through October for the Utah Quidditch Cup tournament.

One idea for the Winter Season, is that it would not be as competitive or aggressive as the Utah Cup, allowing new teams to compete at a lower level of intensity, and with less demands on schedules.

Having two separate seasons where points would not be carried over between either, also allows new teams to join these tournaments more often, rather than having to wait until March before they can play.

The idea of a winter season includes playing outdoors in deep snow, but also opens up the possibility of indoor games if an indoor gym is found large enough to accommodate a Quidditch Pitch. For outdoor games (possibly in falling snow, cold wind, etc.) players would wear something like their jerseys on top of hooded sweaters and wear long warm pants rather than the usual T-Shirt and shorts.

Naming the tournament is also under consideration. The “Ice Cup” is taken for a tournament in Canada. However, the “Snow Cup” is currently being reserved by the Utah Quidditch Organization. We can change it to anything we want, but here are some reasons why we may go with “Snow Cup:”

1. Utah has the “best snow on earth.”
2. It doesn’t specify a geographic boundary, which may invite teams from other states to join in.
3. It doesn’t require us to specify that is is for a “winter season.”



## Seasonal Team Registration Fee

The costs of trophies, equipment and fund raising attempts in the past have left their wear on the Utah Quidditch Organization and especially those who personally have paid for many things out of their own pocket to make it all happen.

To better prepare for future tournaments, teams and games, it has been proposed that the UQO charge each team entering in to the Winter Season Tournament or the Utah Quidditch Cup Tournament a \$20 registration fee. (Teams registered with the International Quidditch Association would be of this fee by virtue of IQA membership policies.)

This would come to \$1 to \$3 a player every November and March. The accumulated funds would mostly be used for \$40 trophies. The remaining amount would help to cover practical expenses for the UQO such as web hosting charges, promotional fees (including entrance fees for fair booths) and so forth.





## Target Teams

Our mission is to help spread Quidditch through the state of Utah. This is best done by maintaining current teams, and creating new ones to play against our current teams. The more teams we have, the more longer our schools will continue to support Quidditch programs, and we would have all the more room for growth.

Creating a team is best done by collecting a group of 2 or 3 individuals in a particular school who would be willing to get to work and host a meeting of interested students who then form a team. It can happen in a matter of days as we have seen.

Our current schools of interest are the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College. What we are looking for are students who attend each who want to promote the sport and head up a team. So far, the new University of Utah Captain and Representative has been doing an awesome job, but we still are looking for a Representative for SLCC.

If there are other schools with a high population of athletes and Harry Potter fans you would like to suggest, or if you know of people in different schools who could accept the challenge, please let us know.



## General Scheduling

It is proposed that we have each of our winter matches at earlier times (Such as 12 Noon rather than at 6:00 PM as we have done in earlier matches.) This is to avoid an early setting sun as well as dropping evening temperatures, and other unhealthy conditions.

We would also like to keep with scheduling most (if not all) of our events on Saturdays, as that seems to be the best time when most players and fans (especially Student age) are available. Keeping Saturday evenings open may also help our players and fans avoid scheduling conflicts with other obligations or events of interest.

Since the great majority of our current players are church goers, we also propose that we always keep Sundays free from any matches or other activities.

In keeping with our non-profit status and current trend of community service endeavors, we can also have at least one charitable or service oriented event, (drive, run, themed game, etc.) per month, or every other month.

Quarterly parties may also be a good idea. These would be general parties once every 3 months open to all players from all teams to get together (have miniature planning summits) and have fun. They could be elaborate or simple, at a player's home (for instance) playing games. This kind of event could be done in conjunction with the Harry Potter alliance, or other groups as well.

A yearly planning summit (such as this one) with UQO leaders and everyone else of every team and every level of participation would also serve a practical purpose.



## Junior League

The IQA is very impressed with our outreach to little kids, from showing them how to play in the park to teaching Cub Scouts how to score with style. Although our main focus is growing publicity of the sport and creating new teams, another important part of our mission may be to bring youngsters the fun of Quidditch.

We are always on the look out for new groups to teach how to play, and the younger generation seems to catch on faster than any other group. (If you happen to know of child groups which may be open for Quidditch instructors, please let us know.)

For this next summer, we may be able to have enough publicity to have a large following of younger players. The question then is, should the UQO help start a Junior League of players around 6 to 12? They would play according to modified rules, while keeping the essence of the sport.



## Organizational Leadership

The volunteer officers of the UQO and their roles have been lightly defined before, so here would be a more clear picture of what they would do:

**President:** Oversee and coordinate general operations of the UQO. Keep in contact with all Representatives and other officers at least on a monthly basis. Act as official media contact for the UQO, and definitive decision maker to resolve disputes or conflicts within the organization or between teams.

**Commissioner:** Master of Ceremonies at all major matches and events. Present trophies and awards to winning players or teams. Appoint Inter-scholastic game Snitch Runners and Referees from a non-bias standpoint. (Same as President unless President is otherwise occupied.)

**Representative:** Helps organize, maintain and reports for a particular Utah Team. Often is a Team Captain or similar leader of their team. Is the informational contact for the UQO in terms of reporting how their team is doing, and also relaying messages back to their team's players. (Representative for the IQA also acts

as a Team Support Specialist according to the IQA specifications.)

Please visit our "[About Us](#)" page to see our current Organizational Leaders, and their offices. Officers are appointed by the President, but any member can be recommended by any member for any position.



## Team Independence

Now that we are in a new phase of our organization's growth, we are no longer able to always provide playing equipment for all of Utah's teams. Therefore, we are encouraging all of our teams to purchase their own Quaffles, bludgers, snitches, hoops, and so forth.

It is our ambition to find low priced equipment for our [online store](#), to make it easier for each time to find affordable sport supplies.

## Calendar Plan

During the Planning Summit, we hope to plan the dates and times for our next games, at least for our Winter Season. Please keep an eye on our calendar on our [Current Events](#) page for the community calendar we will be using as an organization.

("Advance Screening" Cont.)

This exclusive screening is presented courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures. Attendees of our Planning Summit as well as Players and Fans who come to our game on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be entered into a free raffle! Winners will be announced at the end of each event. There will be multiple winners, so spread the word and bring your friends!

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