

# UTAH SNITCH



Official Sports Newsletter of the Utah Quidditch Organization

## Special Edition: Spread the Word!



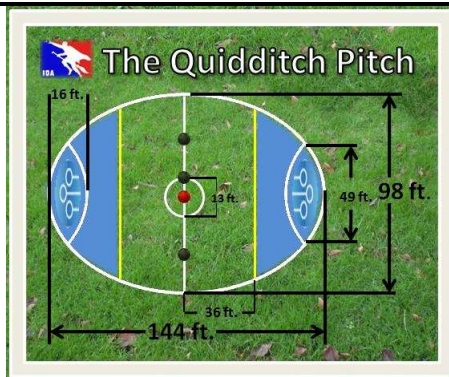
Welcome to this special edition of the *Utah Snitch*! This issue has been created to help promote the fast growing sport of “Muggle Quidditch” in the state of Utah.

You are invited to take part in this exciting development as we help create new teams, hold tournaments, and train to head for the world cup!

## What is Quidditch?



In 2005, students of Middlebury College in Vermont adapted J K Rowling’s sport from the Harry Potter novels to a real life game. Since then, literally hundreds of College and High School teams around the world have joined the game. Three official World Cups have been held, college scholarships have been created, and Quidditch as a sport, has spread like a wild fire.



## How It’s Played

A volley ball plays the role of a “Quaffle,” handled by three players on each team through goal hoops to earn points. A team’s hoops are defended by their Keeper. In the meantime, two Beaters on each team tag out the other players with dodge balls. The game ends when a ball in a sock carried by neutral player (the Snitch) is found and caught by either team’s Seeker.

It is a coed, full contact game, which involves tackles, steals and a high level of rigorous play. Everything is also done one-handed, as players must hold a broom at all times.

Local teams compete in intramural, then regional tournaments, and are then eligible to play for the World cup! For a full summary of the official rulebook, feel free to visit our “How to play” page on our website.



## Local Teams

The Utah Quidditch Organization was founded in February of 2010 to help organize teams and matches in our state. Since its inception, eight teams have been found within our borders:

- Brigham Young University
- Judge Memorial High School
- Salt Lake Community College
- Skyline High School
- Southern Utah University
- Utah Hex (Community Team)
- Utah State University
- Westminster College

A copy of this issue of the *Utah Snitch* is being sent to various institutions across the state, inviting everyone to consider starting their own Quidditch team. The UQO is here to help each team get off the ground. If you would like to learn more about how you can help start a Quidditch team in your school or organization, feel free to send us an email at [utahquidditch@yahoo.com](mailto:utahquidditch@yahoo.com)!



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# The IQA



All official “Muggle Quidditch” teams and organizations operate under the International Quidditch Association. This Association is headquartered in Vermont, and has assisted in the formation of over 400 college and 300 high school teams across 45 states and beyond.

The Association is comprised of a Commissioner, Alex Benepe, and a committee of college volunteers from throughout the country. From their own website, the Association states their mission as follows:

“The IQA serves to promote Quidditch as a new sport and lead outreach programs to increase athletic participation among children and young adults and bring magic to communities.”

Spreading community service, literacy, and other humanitarian endeavors have become typical of the IQA. They are officially a nonprofit organization, and oversee regional and world-wide tournaments. Feel free to find out more on their website:

[Internationalquidditch.org](http://Internationalquidditch.org)!



## Starting your Own Team

The most essential part of starting a team is finding those who would be interested. This shouldn't be too big of a challenge. After all, only seven players are needed for your first game. What College and High School teams have done in the past, which works pretty well, is announce a meeting to the general student body for all those who may be interested. These meetings introduce the sport, and take the names of those who wish to participate.

Typically, try-outs are held for all those who are interested, to determine which positions work best for them.

Another good practice is to create a Facebook page for your team as soon as you can. This will allow a greater number of players, fans, and curious onlookers to follow your club or team.

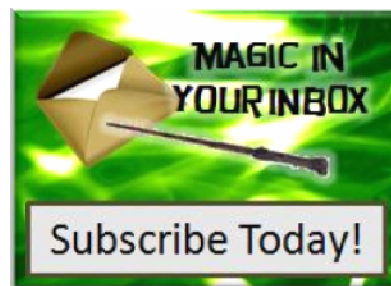
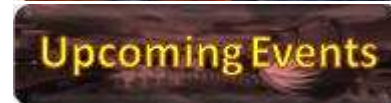
More advice can be found on our “How to Start a New Team” page on our website. Good luck, and let us know how we can help!



Find it all:  
UtahQuidditch.org



Which brooms would work best for your team? Where can you find more information about other local teams? When is the next Utah Cup game? All these questions and more can be answered on our website. Feel free to use it as a resource to help you get things started, and learn about one of the most exciting sports of all time. On it you will find these links, and more!



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