

## NEWS RELEASE - MIDWEST REGIONAL QUIDDITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

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### Quidditch Championship Coming to Macomb This Weekend

The best of the Midwest region compete in a gender integrated full-contact sport



Photo by Jordan Palmer

MACOMB, IL - In November, the best quidditch teams from the Midwest will gather at Veteran's Park in Macomb, IL to determine the regional champion. Over a dozen teams and over 250 players from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin will be in attendance November 21 and 22, 2015 for the Midwest Regional Quidditch Championship. The top four teams will qualify for the US Quidditch Cup 9, to be held in Columbia, South Carolina this spring. This event is free and open to the public.

Real-life quidditch has swept the nation as a fast paced, gender integrated, full-contact adaptation of the sport from the *Harry Potter* books, with more than 170 official teams, 4,000 players, nine annual championship events, and hundreds of thousands of fans. Quidditch is played with seven players to a team, all mounted on brooms. They score points with the quaffle (a volleyball) and the snitch, a neutral yellow-clad athlete who tries to avoid capture, similar to flag football. US Quidditch's official rulebook is available free for download [here](#).

## About Macomb Area Convention Center and Visitors Bureau

We have the best of all worlds in Macomb due to our mix of agriculture, industry, service, retail, education, and culture. We aim to use our local assets to attract ever expanding opportunities for events, visitors, and our community. <http://www.makeitmacomb.com>

## About Macomb Parks District

The Macomb Park District strives to expand opportunities to enrich citizens' lives through education recreation and open spaces. [www.macombparkdistrict.com](http://www.macombparkdistrict.com)

## About US Quidditch

US Quidditch (USQ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes the Midwest Regional Quidditch Championship. 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](http://www.usquidditch.org).

# DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

## *Midwest Regional Quidditch Championship*

**WHAT:** **Midwest Regional Quidditch Championship** featuring over a dozen teams and over 250 players from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin competing to be the regional champion. The four ten teams will also qualify for the US Quidditch Cup 9, to be held in Columbia, South Carolina this spring.

**WHEN:** November 21, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and November 22, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE: Veteran's Park**

1800 E University Dr.  
Macomb, IL 61455

**HOW:** The event is free and open to the public. Visit this page for more information:  
<http://www.usquidditch.org/about/Midwest-RC>

**OTHER:** Youth quidditch, a non-contact adaptation of the sport taught to elementary, middle, and high school students, will be offered Saturday from 1:20 - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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