



NEWS RELEASE - NORTHWEST REGIONAL QUIDDITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

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Quidditch Championship Coming to Salem, Oregon February 6-7, 2016

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



Photo by Lang Truong

SALEM, Ore. - In February, the best quidditch teams from the Northwest will gather at Capital Futbol Club Sports Complex in Salem, Oregon to determine the regional champion. Nine teams and over 200 players from British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming will be in attendance February 6-7, 2016 for the Northwest Regional Quidditch Championship. The top three 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 Salem, Oregon

The capital city of Oregon and its third largest city, Salem lies in the center of the lush Willamette Valley, 47 miles south of Portland. Salem's historic downtown is one of Oregon's most charming. It is home to a wide array of attractions, ranging from historic pioneer sites and museums to events that appeal to a wide variety of interests - from sports tournaments to art fairs, theater and music. 1,869 acres of park land invite residents and visitors alike to enjoy the outdoors via hiking, biking, walking or running. For more information about what to see and do in Salem, Oregon, visit www.TravelSalem.com.

About U.S. Quidditch

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

DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

Northwest Regional Quidditch Championship

WHAT: **Northwest Regional Quidditch Championship** featuring nine teams and over 200 players from British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming competing to be the regional champion. The top three teams will also qualify for the US Quidditch Cup 9, to be held in Columbia, South Carolina this spring.

WHEN: February 6, 8 7:30.m. - 5:30 p.m. and February 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: **Capital Futbol Club Soccer Complex**
5201 State St
Salem, OR 97317

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

OTHER: Youth quidditch, a non-contact adaptation of the sport taught to elementary, middle, and high school students, will be available Saturday from 12:20 - 1:20 p.m. and Sunday from 12:40 - 1:40 p.m.

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