

## NEWS RELEASE - SOUTH REGIONAL QUIDDITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

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### **Quidditch Championship Coming to Polk County, Florida February 13-14, 2016**

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



Photo by Jordan Palmer

AUBURNDALE, Fla. - In February, the best quidditch teams from the South will gather at Lake Myrtle Sports Park in Auburndale, Florida to determine the regional champion. Over a dozen teams and over 350 players from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee will be in attendance February 13-14, 2016 for the South 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 Central Florida's Polk County Sports Marketing

An initiative of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, Central Florida's Polk County Sports Marketing is responsible for recruiting sporting events to Polk County and marketing the county as a venue for competitive sporting events and recreational sports such as golf, tennis, cycling and water skiing/boating. During the past year, 225 PCTSM events generated more than \$130 million in economic impact for Polk County. Polk County Tourism and Sports Marketing is Florida's only sports commission to be awarded both the coveted "Sports Commission of the Year" award by the Florida Sports Foundation and the Sports Organization of the Year by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

## About US Quidditch

US Quidditch (USQ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes the South 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

## *South Regional Quidditch Championship*

**WHAT:** **South Regional Quidditch Championship** featuring over a dozen teams and over 350 players from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee competing to be the regional champion. The top four teams will also qualify for the US Quidditch Cup 9, to be held in Columbia, South Carolina this spring.

**WHEN:** February 13, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and February 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Lake Myrtle Sports Park**

905 Lake Myrtle Park Rd  
Auburndale, FL 33823

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

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

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