

## **NEWS RELEASE - SOUTHWEST REGIONAL QUIDDITCH CHAMPIONSHIP**

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### **Quidditch Championship Coming to San Marcos, Texas Feb. 20-21**

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



Photo by Michael E. Mason

SAN MARCOS, Texas - In February, the best quidditch teams from the Southwest will gather at West Campus Fields at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas to determine the regional champion. 20 teams and over 400 players from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will be in attendance Feb. 20-21, 2016 for the Southwest Regional Quidditch Championship. The top nine 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 U.S. Quidditch

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

### *Southwest Regional Quidditch Championship*

**WHAT:** **Southwest Regional Quidditch Championship** featuring 20 teams and over 400 players from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas competing to be the regional champion. The top nine teams will also qualify for the US Quidditch Cup 9, to be held in Columbia, South Carolina this spring.

**WHEN:** Feb. 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Feb. 21, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** **West Campus Fields at Texas State University**  
Bobcat Soccer Complex  
San Marcos, TX 78666

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

**OTHER:** Youth quidditch, a non-contact adaptation of the sport taught to elementary, middle, and high school students, will be offered Sunday from 2:20 - 3 p.m.

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