



## NEWS RELEASE - TEXAS QUIDDITCH AND TEXAS CAVALRY WIN US QUIDDITCH CUP 12

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Photo courtesy of Jenna Bollweg

Round Rock, Texas – Texas Quidditch won the Collegiate Division and Texas Cavalry won the Community Division at US Quidditch Cup 12. The tournament took place in Round Rock, Texas at the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex over April 13 and 14, 2019, with 59 collegiate teams and 24 community teams from dozens of states competing in one of the

country's most exciting sporting events. Over 4,000 athletes, fans, officials, and volunteers were in attendance, with several thousand more tuning in online.

Texas Quidditch won the collegiate division title at US Quidditch Cup 12. Founded in the Fall of 2010 at the University of Texas at Austin, they went 4-0 in pool play, and were ranked fourth coming out of [swiss](#). Texas Quidditch beat Texas State University - San Marcos 140\*-60 in the semi-finals to advance to the championship match. Texas Quidditch ultimately defeated the number seven ranked team Cal Quidditch, the collegiate team comprised of students from the University of California, Berkeley. Texas Quidditch defeated Cal Quidditch 150\*-40. The head referee for the collegiate championship match was Alex Amodol. The snitch for the championship match was Anthony Hawkins, who was also presented with the "Most Fly Snitch" award.

Texas Cavalry won the community division title at this year's US Quidditch Cup. Texas Cavalry is a community team founded in 2015 and based out of Austin, TX. They went undefeated in pool play at US Quidditch Cup 12, and were the 2nd seed overall coming into the community division bracket. They beat Boom Train (a community team based out of Chicago and Milwaukee) 130\*-0 to advance to the championship match. In the finals, Texas Cavalry faced off against the number 1 seeded team Texas Hill Country Heat, another community team based out of Austin, TX that was founded in 2018. After a hard fought match, Texas Cavalry pulled the snitch to end the game 120\*-100. The head referee for the community championship match was the 2018-2019 Referee of the Year, Ricky Nelson. The snitch was Adil Abdalla.

The full recap of the tournament is available [here](#). Footage from the live stream is available [here](#).

The following teams competed:

#### **Collegiate Division**

Anteater Quidditch  
Appalachian State Quidditch  
Arizona State University  
Austin Quidditch  
Ball State Cardinals  
Baylor University  
Bobcat Quidditch  
Boston University Quidditch  
Bowling Green State University  
Brandeis Quidditch  
Cal Quidditch  
Central Michigan Quidditch Club  
Creighton Quidditch

#### **Community Division**

Atlantic Dragons  
Bay Area Breakers  
Boom Train  
Bosnyan Bearsharks  
Carnage Quidditch  
District of Columbia Quidditch Club  
Houston Cosmos Quidditch Club  
Lone Star Quidditch Club  
Los Angeles Gambits  
Philadelphia Freedom Quidditch Club  
Quidditch Club Boston  
Rain City Raptors  
Rochester Hailstorm

Duke University Quidditch  
Florida Gulf Coast Quidditch  
Florida State Quidditch  
Gamecock Quidditch  
Grand Valley Quidditch  
Harvard Horntails  
Illini Ridgebacks Quidditch  
Illinois State University Firebirds  
Iowa Quidditch Club  
James Madison University Quidditch  
Kansas Quidditch  
Lock Haven University Quidditch  
Macaulay Honors College Marauders  
Maryland Quidditch  
Miami University (OH) Quidditch  
Michigan Quidditch Team  
Michigan State Quidditch  
Middlebury College Quidditch  
Minnesota Quidditch  
Mizzou Quidditch  
Nearly Headless Knights  
New York University Quidditch  
Ohio University Quidditch Club  
Penn State Quidditch  
Quidditch Club at Virginia Tech  
Raptor Quidditch at the University of Utah  
Richmond Quidditch  
RIT Dark Marks  
RPI Quidditch  
Rutgers University Quidditch  
SIUE Quidditch Club  
Southern Illinois University  
Syracuse Snare Quidditch Club  
Texas A&M Quidditch  
Texas Quidditch  
Texas State University - San Marcos  
Texas Tech Quidditch Club  
The Silver Phoenix  
Tufts University Tufflepuffs  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of Florida Quidditch Club  
University of Rochester Thestrals  
University of South Florida Quidditch  
Utah State Quidditch Club  
UTSA Club Quidditch  
Virginia Quidditch Club

Silicon Valley Vipers  
Southern Storm  
Terminus Quidditch Atlanta  
Texas Cavalry  
Texas Hill Country Heat  
The Fighting Farmers of America  
The Long Beach Funky Quaffles  
The Lost Boys  
The Rogues  
The Warriors  
Twin Cities Quidditch Club

All 83 teams qualified by either winning a bid at their regional championship or receiving an at large bid. This is the second year that US Quidditch has implemented a community and collegiate division split at USQ events.

US Quidditch Cup 12 was supported by the [City of Round Rock](#).

Quidditch is a full contact, competitive, mixed gender sport inspired by the *Harry Potter* series. It began in 2005 and has since spread to over 300 colleges, high schools and community teams nationwide. Quidditch is played with seven players to a team all mounted on brooms. Three chasers score goals by putting the quaffle (a volleyball) through any of three hoops at the opposite end of the field. A keeper defends the hoops, while two beaters throw bludgers (dodgeballs) at opposing players to temporarily knock them out of the game. Meanwhile, each team's seeker tries to catch the snitch: an autonomous yellow-clad athlete who has a tennis ball in a custom-made velcro tail hanging from the back of their shorts, similar to flag football. A game of quidditch ends when the snitch tail is caught, and the capturing seeker's team is awarded an additional 30 points. US Quidditch's official rulebook is available free for download [here](#).

**US Quidditch (USQ)**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes US Quidditch Cup 12. 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)

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