



## NEWS RELEASE: 2019-20 AND 2020-21 EVENT LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

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## CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA AND SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TO HOST US QUIDDITCH CUP IN 2020 AND 2021



Carnage Quidditch versus Silicon Valley Vipers at US Quidditch Cup 12 in Round Rock, Texas.

Photo by Darrell Jeffries.

Charlotte, N.C. — US Quidditch (USQ) is excited to announce that Charleston, West Virginia and Salt Lake City, Utah will host US Quidditch Cup in 2020 and 2021, respectively. US Quidditch Cup 13 will be held on April 18 and 19, 2020 at the [Shawnee Sports Complex](#) in Charleston, West Virginia in partnership with the [Kanawha County Commission](#). US Quidditch Cup 14 will be held on April 17 and 18, 2021 at the [Regional Athletic Complex](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah in partnership with [Visit Salt Lake](#) and the [Utah Sports Commission](#). Both Charleston and

Salt Lake City are first time event hosts with US Quidditch. US Quidditch Cup 14 will be the first major quidditch event to be held west of the Rocky Mountains. It is estimated that the event will have at least 80 teams in attendance and generate over 1,000 hotel nights each year.

Tickets for US Quidditch Cup 13 will go on sale later this year. Those interested in attending can fill out [this form](#) to be notified when more information is available.

“Events are a key part of USQ’s strategic plan, and they further our mission of creating competitive opportunities that grow our community, as well as strengthening our commitment to empowering all genders to compete together. I am incredibly grateful to the support of our new partners in Charleston and Salt Lake City,” said Sarah Woolsey, USQ’s executive director.

US Quidditch Cup 12 was hosted April 13-14, 2019 in partnership with [Round Rock CVB](#), which had 59 collegiate and 24 community teams competing. Over 3,000 athletes, fans, officials, and volunteers were in attendance, with several thousand more tuning in online. The champions were Texas Quidditch from the University of Texas at Austin in the Collegiate Division and Texas Cavalry in the Community Division.

Charleston is the river adjacent capital city of West Virginia. It’s a big city with a small-town feel. With its focal point for tourism in West Virginia, Charleston is known for food, art, recreation, and music. Whether it’s a weekly summer concert on the riverfront or catching a baseball game at the minor league baseball affiliate, Charleston has something for everyone. You are never far from adventure. There are many local restaurants and you’re mere miles from outdoor activities ranging from white water rafting and world-class skiing. With other great cities like South Charleston, Dunbar, Nitro, and Saint Albans, there is a restaurant or activity to keep you busy! The Shawnee Sports Complex knows all visitors will understand why West Virginia is referred to as “Wild and Wonderful.”

“The Shawnee Sports Complex opened a year ago. It was a sketch on a napkin that has grown to exceed all expectations we could have had. Today’s announcement from US Quidditch is a tribute that we are moving in the right direction... On their visit, they saw the work and dedication we have committed to bringing athletic tourism to our area. Thank you for choosing us and welcome to Shawnee Sports Complex!” said Kanawha County Commissioner Ben Salango.

Salt Lake, nestled against the spectacular Rocky Mountains, offers an energetic and friendly downtown that's full of restaurants, bars, brewpubs, cultural, and historical attractions. The city is just minutes from the airport and competition venue and offers a clean, vibrant, and walkable experience. When the competition ends, athletes will have access to dozens of local world-class attractions around Salt Lake City, and over 21 national parks and monuments within a few hours' drive.

"We are thrilled to have US Quidditch host a National event here in Utah with the 2020 and 2021 US Quidditch Cup. This event will continue to build our brand as 'The State of Sport' and we know it will have great economic impact to our state" said Jeff Robbins, president and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission.

"Our community is absolutely thrilled and honored that US Quidditch has selected us. The Quidditch Cup is a very unique and high profile sporting event that we have had our eyes on for quite some time. This is an exciting moment for Salt Lake," said Clay Partain, Director of Sports Market Sales at Visit Salt Lake.

"We're very excited to host the Quidditch Cup in 2021. The RAC has wanted to host a quidditch event since the complex opened in the fall of 2015 and it's great to bring US Quidditch out to the west coast. We anticipate a large crowd for the event and look forward to building a lasting relationship which will bring plenty of enthusiasm to the RAC and the surrounding community," said Chris Laughlin with the Regional Athletic Complex.

Event locations and dates for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 regional championships are as follows:

## **2019-20 SEASON**

### **2019 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- Warwick, Rhode Island
- Bend Street Field Complex
- Through Rhode Island Sports Commission
- October 26-27, 2019

### **2019 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- West Chester, Ohio
- Voice of America Athletic Complex
- Through Butler County Visitors Bureau

- November 2-3, 2019

#### 2019 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Goldsboro, North Carolina
- Bryan Multi-Sports Complex
- Through Visit Goldsboro, NC
- November 9-10, 2019

#### 2019 MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Papillion, Nebraska
- Papillion Landing
- Through Sarpy County Tourism
- November 9-10, 2019

#### 2020 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- LSU UREC Field Complex
- Through Visit Baton Rouge
- February 8-9, 2020

#### 2020 SOUTH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Auburndale, Florida
- Lake Myrtle Sports Park or the Fields at Balmoral Resort
- Through Central Florida's Polk County Sports Marketing
- February 15-16, 2020

#### 2020 WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Livermore, California
- Robertson Park
- Through Visit Tri-Valley
- February 22-23, 2020

#### **2020-21 SEASON**

#### 2020 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Warwick, Rhode Island
- Bend Street Field Complex
- Through Rhode Island Sports Commission
- October 31-November 1, 2020

#### 2020 MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Papillion, Nebraska
- Papillion Landing
- Through Sarpy County Tourism

- October 31-November 1, 2020

#### 2020 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Bloomington, Indiana
- Karst Farm Park
- Through Hoosier Sports Corporation - Visit Bloomington
- November 7-8, 2020

#### 2020 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Goldsboro, North Carolina
- Bryan Multi-Sports Complex
- Through Visit Goldsboro, NC
- November 14-15, 2020

#### 2021 SOUTH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Columbia, South Carolina
- The Fields at Saluda Shoals Park
- Through Experience Columbia SC Sports
- February 13-14, 2021

#### 2021 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Round Rock, Texas
- Round Rock Multipurpose Complex
- Through Round Rock CVB
- February 20-21, 2021

#### 2021 WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Livermore, California
- Robertson Park
- Through Visit Tri-Valley
- February 27-28, 2021

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. US Quidditch includes official club teams at traditional sports powerhouses like the University of Texas; University of California, Los Angeles; and University of Florida. Teams compete over a year long season. USQ hosts seven regional championships that crown regional champions and are typically part of the qualification process for teams attending the annual US Quidditch Cup. At these events, teams compete in one of two divisions: collegiate and community.

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](#).

### **About Shawnee Sports Complex**

Shawnee Sports Complex opened in 2018, and involved the redevelopment of 127 acres at Shawnee Park into a multi-sport complex capable of hosting local, regional and national tournaments along with special events. The Park features a Youth Board focused on giving the children of Dunbar and Institute a safe and encouraging environment to grow and develop as athletes and people. The Shawnee Sports Complex has six collegiate sized artificial turf soccer fields lined for multiple sports, four collegiate size turf baseball and softball fields with movable mounds and fencing, and 27 acres of grass fields along the bank of the Kanawha River. Shawnee has two fully functioning concession stands along with a welcome center. The baseball and softball fields opened in the Spring of 2019.

### **About Regional Athletic Complex**

Salt Lake City's premier Regional Athletic Complex for youth & adult sports games and events is host to local, regional and national sporting events, with 16 sand-based multi-use fields on over 100 acres. Complete with professional painting, Wi-Fi, 1200+ parking spots, and easy access. The RAC offers a playing experience like no other. The Regional Athletic Complex was recently named one of the best soccer facilities in the U.S. by Connect Sports. Click [here](#) for the article.

### **About US Quidditch**

US Quidditch (USQ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes US Quidditch Cup. USQ advances the sport by organizing events and programs that build community and empower all genders to compete together. US

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