

Hello, fellow underwater hockey enthusiasts!

Orange County Octopush is pleased to announce the 3rd annual Orange County Cup!



Tournament Dates: February 28th – March 1st

Tournament Location: Woollett Aquatics Center (4601 Walnut Avenue, Irvine, CA 92601 USA)

We are planning on using 1 playing area to accommodate up to 8 teams. (If we have 12+ teams interested, we will look to add a 2nd court).

This OC Cup will have 1 competitive grade with no age or gender restrictions (a second grade may be added if we expand to 2 courts)

Please feel free to forward this announcement to all teams/persons interested.
Tournament details and specifics are below

TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

Important note: The OC Cup will be a club-only tournament. Non-Club teams can be accepted following national championship team rules and with approval by tournament organizers.

What does club-only mean?

For a team to be eligible for medals, **all members** of the team must be members of the same club, i.e. registered with their federation (e.g. CUGA or USOA) under that club as

of February 16th, 2026.

What if a player is in between clubs or joining a new club?

If a player has a legitimate reason to change clubs and join one of the attending teams between February 2nd and OC CUP, they may send an email to

Orangeuwh@gmail.com, and make a request to change clubs. Their request will be evaluated based on legitimacy of reason to change clubs, which include but is not limited to:

- Moving for work or school with providing proof of hiring or registration
- Moving for other personal reasons with providing proof of permanent / long term stay (rental agreement, change in driver's license...)

Note: Regional directors might be contacted to confirm legitimacy of club teams.

What if my team has some players from another club? Can we still play?

YES. But your team will not be eligible to receive a medal. You will still be permitted to play in the playoffs. This is subject to change based upon the number of registered teams and per discretion of the tournament organizers and team captains.

If we have more than 8 teams (and less than 12) by the standard registration deadline, then priority will be given to club teams from the SW, NW and Western Canada. Club teams from outside of these regions will be given secondary priority, followed by non-club teams from any region.

IMPORTANT DETAILS: Registration Dates, Times, and Costs

Registration opens: Saturday, January 3rd at 10AM PST,

- Standard Registration: \$1500 (including a \$100 deposit)
 - A \$100 non-refundable deposit can secure your team's spot, pending full payment by the fee deadline. Pending availability, submitting this fee secures your team's spot.
 - Registrations are on a first-paid basis.
- Late Registration: \$1700 after January 26th at 10AM PST
- Full payment must be received by Monday, February 2nd at 10AM PST.
- Confirmation of your team's spot will come by February 3rd.

Payment methods accepted:

- Venmo: @Simpl3y
- PayPal: orangeuwh@gmail.com (OC-UWH)
 - Please send as friend/family (deposit/payment only counts if the full value is received). Teams are responsible for covering any fees associated with their choice of payment method.
- Check (mailed)

Rosters to be finalized by Monday, February 16th at 10AM PST:

- This includes ensuring all your team's members have accepted their invites and completed their USOA/CUGA registration for 2026 and accounts linked on UWH Portal.

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

To register your team visit www.uwhportal.com, sign in, and then navigate to the event page. Click on "Register a team" and follow the prompts. The only information required to make a team is a team name (can be edited later). All other team information can be added/edited later. Once you have registered your team, your players can request to be added to your team, or you can invite them to your roster. Please send any questions regarding team creation and roster building to support@atlantissports.org. Once you have registered your team on www.uwhportal.com please send in your \$100 deposit (or full entry fee if you are confident in attending). If your completed entry fee is not received within 1 week your team will be removed from the team list to make room for other teams and you will have to re-apply (space allowing). If you need to withdraw, your entry fee will be returned minus the \$100 deposit and any transfer fees.

Please note your Team Registration includes:

UWH tournament, snacks on pool deck, Tournament keepsake, Saturday Social dinner (TBD), a chance for the CUP and all the Gatorade you can drink!

POOL DETAILS & TIMES:

Court Description: 7ft flat bottom pool, smooth concrete

Puck description: TBD

Competition Days and Times (EXPECTED, finalized time subject to change):

- Start: Saturday, February 28th at 7am
- End: Sunday, March 1st by 5pm

Players should plan to be present for all the hours listed above. We will not re-arrange the schedule to accommodate teams whose players are not present for some games.

REFFING & OPT-OUTS:

This year we will be using the Team referee system; This means that whole teams will be assigned games to referee and must supply 3 water refs, timer and score keeper (5 individuals). Due to its size, there will not be any referee opt-outs for this tournament.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT AND VIDEO:

We are happy to feature the Atlantis Sports Time and Score Systems and schedule integration with UWHPortal.com. At this point we are not expecting to provide video coverage of the tournament.

LODGING:

Lodging information is TBD

BANQUET:

Banquet information is TBD, no post-tourney event is planned for Sunday to accommodate travel schedules

AWARDS:

Will be presented poolside at the conclusion of the tournament.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

All standard USOA-sanctioned tournament rules will apply. All 2026 USOA dues and waivers should be taken care of through Underwater Society of America prior to your arrival. Please contact the UWH Committee with any registration questions, at support@usauwh.com. We will be using uwportal.com to verify your USOA status. If you have any questions or issues linking your Portal account to USOA please send an email to info@atlantissports.org.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2026 Orange County Cup!

-Orange County Octopush

Any questions? Please contact the OC team at Orangeuwh@gmail.com