

2024 USA Underwater Hockey Nationals

June 21-23 in Thornton, CO

See registration and event details below and stay up to date by visiting the tournament website <http://www.uwhnationalchampionships.com>

WHERE: Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center @ [5310 E 136th Ave. Thornton, CO 80241](#)

WHEN: Friday June 21 ~8am through Sunday June 23 ~5pm

DATES & DEADLINES:

March 30	Registration opens at Noon MT
March 30 - April 15	Priority registration period for Club Teams
May 7	Team registration deadline at 11:59pm MT (all teams must be <u>at least</u> created on the Portal by this date) Roster submission deadline (all players for a team must be <u>at least</u> invited by this date) Late entry fee payment period begins
May 21	Late payment deadline at 11:59pm MT
June 15	Roster submission deadline at 11:59pm MT (all team info complete, roster invites to be accepted, player info & USOA membership verification complete)
June 21-23	NATIONALS!!!
June 23	Banquet
June 23	After Party, location tbd
June 24	Camp-o-rama

TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

Nationals will be a club tournament with team membership criteria as per the [US Nationals Team Composition Policy](#).

What does this mean?

- For a team to be eligible as a club team, all members of the team must be members of the same club, i.e. registered with USOA under that club.

- If a club does not have enough for a complete team (10-12 members), or they have too many to fit on the team(s) they are bringing, their extra player(s)/partial team may ask to be joined with another partial team or other players looking for a team.
- If a player's club is not sending a team then that player can request to be added to another team.
- Teams and players will be joined with others from their region first; if no space is available then they can be joined with teams from other regions.
 - These placement decisions are made by the Regional Directors and the USA Competitions Director.
- Club teams and composite teams formed by the Regional and USA Competitions Directors (ie. teams that meet the eligibility requirements of the US Nationals Team Composition Policy) will be allowed to compete and place in the tournament playoffs and finals.
- Teams that include a foreign player and otherwise meet the eligibility requirements will be allowed to compete in the tournament playoffs and finals, but may not place over teams that do not include a foreign player.
- Teams that do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be allowed to compete in the playoffs or finals with, or place over, the eligible teams.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

There will be 1 Division with up to 3 skill grades at Nationals, with no age or gender restrictions: Open A, Open B, and Open C. There will be crossover games to allow for reseeding the skill grades before the playoffs. We ask that you indicate your team's skill grade preference that is appropriate to the strength of your team when creating your team on the Portal.

FEES:

- \$1,700 team entry fee, includes a banquet ticket for each rostered player. Please contact us by the final payment deadline if you need additional banquet tickets.
After May 7: \$1,900 per team
- \$250 ref opt-out fee (more info below) first-paid first-served.

REGISTRATION:

1. Register your team on <https://uwportal.com>. To do this, 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, but must be completed by June 15.
 - 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.
2. Pay your fees:

- **Paypal (preferred):** ColoradoUWHTournaments@gmail.com. Please send as friends/family transfer. As always, if you incur Paypal fees, we will ask you to cover them. Also, please indicate in your Paypal memo:
 - What team you are registering
 - Team organizer contact email
 - **Venmo:** @ColoradoUWH
 - **Check:** Make payable to DAUHC and mail to:
Tyera Eulberg, PO Box 270164, Louisville, CO 80027
Also, please include a note indicating:
 - What team you are registering
 - Team organizer contact email
3. A team registration is not considered complete until both the Portal team creation is submitted **AND** payment has been received.

CLUB TEAM PRIORITY REGISTRATION:

There will be a maximum of 24 total team entries accepted, generally first-come first-served.

However:

- Any non-eligible team entries will be put on hold until April 15 to ensure that all clubs have a chance to enter at least 1 team.
- Any second (and subsequent) team entries from any one club will also be put on hold until April 15 to ensure that all other clubs have a chance to enter at least one team.
- After April 15, any team entries that were put on hold will be accepted (space allowing) in the order in which they were paid (fully refundable if not ultimately accepted).

TEAM SUBMISSION:

All team info and rosters must be finalized on <https://uwportal.com> by **June 15** at 11:59pm Mountain Time. **Each team and any players not meeting this deadline will incur a \$20 fine for your team** (emergency roster replacements excepted). “Finalized” rosters means ensuring all your team’s members have accepted their invites and the following for each member on your roster:

- Cap numbers assigned
 - **New this year!** Unique player/cap #s will be required for this tournament; acceptable numbers are integers 1-99. Players may mark their number on their arm, but it must match their cap. Each player’s white and black caps must have the same number.
- 2024 Basic Rules Certificate
 - This year, in order to be eligible to compete, **ALL** players at Nationals must have received a 2024 Basic UWH Rule Referee Certificate by completing the online test, which takes about 20 min.
 - This includes **EVERYONE**. Even those who have passed this test previously and/or those with a level 1 or higher qualification.
 - If any players are not confident in their referee knowledge, there will be a wide selection of online courses made available to teach the material for this online test. It is recommended that you take the course (it takes about

an hour) before attempting to take the test; even if you “know the rules”; at the very least it is a good refresher, and you might even pick up a thing or two!

- The course schedule and information for how to take the test will be provided closer to the end of March, stay tuned for more information.
- We will be using <https://uwportal.com> to verify each player’s Basic Rules Certificate status with USOA.
- USOA registration for 2024 and account link between the UWH Portal and USOA
 - All 2024 USOA dues and waivers should be taken care of through [Underwater Society of America](#). Please contact the [UWH Committee](#) with any registration questions, at support@usauwh.com.
 - We will be using <https://uwportal.com> to verify player USOA statuses.

REFEREES:

This year we are planning to again follow the [Tri-Referee Rotation](#). This means Dedicated Referees (Level II or above) in the water and on deck for every game! As before, the other refing slots will be staffed either by qualified Arranged Referees (previously known as Hybrid Referees) or Player Referees (Minnesota Rule, from the prior game’s teams); with some timing help by our fantastic volunteers.

Under this system each team that has not received an “opt-out” (see below) is responsible for providing one Player Referee (water referee only) after each game their team plays. Reminder, **ALL** players at Nationals must have received a **2024** Basic UWH Rule Referee Certificate.

REF OPT-OUT: (please refer to [Referee Opt-out and Arranged Referees - How it works](#) for more information)

Up to ½ of the registered teams may pay to opt out of Player Referee responsibilities, contingent on interest from enough Arranged Referees (typically 2x-3x the number of opt-out teams). If the tournament is able to honor a team’s opt-out, the team’s referee slots will be filled with pre-scheduled Arranged Referees (must be at least a Level 1 for this tournament). Referee opt-out is reserved on a first come, first serve basis; the opt-out fee is \$250 per team, payable via the methods listed above under “Registration”.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:

We are happy to feature the complete Atlantis Sports time/score management system to provide up to date integration with <https://uwportal.com>.

LOGISTICS:

- **Getting there:**

The primary airport for the Denver area is DEN (Denver International Airport). The airport is about 23 miles from the hotels and the pool.
- **Lodging:**

We recommend you look for hotels in Thornton near 120th and I-25. There are several to choose from, including, but not limited to: LaQuinta, Super 8, DoubleTree by Hilton,

Baymont by Wyndham, Holiday Inn Express, Delta Hotels by Marriott, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Comfort Suites.

Frequently, there are short-term rental houses available in the area as well.

APPAREL:

Some sweet USA UWH Nationals 2024 apparel will be available for purchase. Details to come!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Referee Clinics:**
 - Basic rules courses will be offered at various days and times leading up to Nationals.
 - Level 1 and Level 2 Referee clinics will be offered at the pool during the day the Thursday before Nationals.
 - We'll keep you posted about any updates, please stay tuned for scheduling specifics.

- **Banquet:**

We're still working out the banquet details. Will share more soon!

- **After Party:**

We're also working on festivities for after the banquet June 23. Stay tuned for more information!

- **Camp-O-Rama:**

Camp-o-rama information forthcoming! We are putting together some great ideas to help you enjoy the best of summertime Colorado.

MORE INFORMATION & UPDATES:

For regularly-updated tournament information, visit our webpage at:

<http://www.uwhnationalchampionships.com>

Join our Facebook event at:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/usa-uwh-club-nationals-2024/233851183138473>

Tournament schedule and results will be hosted at:

<https://uwportal.com/events/us-2024-usa-uwh-nationals>

Questions, comments, etc, please email us at ColoradoUnderwaterHockey@gmail.com