

OOZEBALL 2017: RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Place: North Campus Field

Time: Approximately 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Student Alumni Association is excited to welcome you to our 34th annual OOzeball Tournament, Game of OOze: Mud is Coming (“OOzeball Tournament”)!

Eligibility Rules:

Any student, faculty, or staff member of the University of Connecticut (“UConn”) shall be deemed eligible to participate in the OOzeball Tournament if the following requirements are met:

1. Must be 18 years of age or older
2. Must be a current UConn student or UConn faculty/staff member
3. Must have a valid UConn NetID at the time of registration and at the time of game play
4. Must provide a valid UConn ID at the event
5. Students who graduated from UConn in December 2016 are eligible to participate as long as they meet the other eligibility rules. They will need to provide their UConn ID at the event. Participation in the OOzeball Tournament does not provide December graduates with access to other UConn Spring Weekend events.
6. Participants must have no physical or mental health problems which preclude or restrict participation, sign the Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability, and pay the registration fee.
7. The team captain must register the team in [IM Leagues](#) within **48 hours** of submitting a payment through saa.rso.uconn.edu, or your team may lose its spot in the tournament.
 - a. If, for some reason, a team registers first in IM Leagues, they must register and pay at saa.rso.uconn.edu within 48 hours of submitting their team to IM Leagues.
8. Your team must meet the minimum eligibility requirements in IM Leagues by **Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.** to be added to the bracket. This means you must have at least six (6) players registered in IM Leagues, with at least two (2) who identify as female and at least two (2) who identify as male. After this point, substitutions may still be made and players may be added as long as the team maintains those eligibility requirements.
9. In order for a team to participate, they must have a representative at the mandatory Captain’s Meeting on **Monday, April 17, 2017 at 8 p.m. in ITE C80**. There will be no exceptions!

The Entrants:

1. Each team shall consist of at least six (6) members and up to two (2) alternates for a total of eight (8) members.
2. Six (6) players must be on the court during game play.
 - a. Due to unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to injury, we may allow a team to finish the OOzeball Tournament with fewer than six (6) players. This is at the discretion of the OOzeball Tournament Coordinator.
3. At least two (2) of your team’s players must identify as female, and at least two (2) of your team’s players must identify as male.
 - a. At least two (2) women and two (2) men will be on the court at all times.
 - b. When you register in IM Leagues, the gender associated with your UConn NetID will be your default gender.

- c. Our goal is to maintain a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment for all participants, and we encourage you to contact us if you have questions or concerns about this policy.
4. The names of the team members shall be registered in IM Leagues.
5. Each member of the team will electronically sign an Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability. **This form will be available to each player online when they register for OOzeball within IM Leagues. No one may play in the OOzeball Tournament without having a signed Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability.**
6. After registration, the number of players on a team may fluctuate as long as you have no fewer than six (6) players and no more than eight (8) players registered. Teams must also meet and maintain the gender requirement. In the event that a player becomes unavailable to participate in the OOzeball Tournament, substitutions for individual players can be made within IM Leagues until Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.
7. Each player can compete on one and only one team during the OOzeball Tournament.

Liability:

The Student Alumni Association, UConn Foundation, UConn Recreation, Spring Weekend Committee, and University of Connecticut assume no potential liability nor responsibility for lost/stolen items or for injuries related to the OOzeball Tournament. Participants are reminded that their participation is completely voluntary.

Remember, anyone that does not sign the Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability form will not be allowed to play. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Clothing:

1. Members of the team are NOT required to wear their official OOzeball Tournament T-shirts during the games. These shirts will be handed out after teams have finished competing.
2. Teams are encouraged to incorporate a theme/uniform that is appropriate.
3. Gym shorts or long pants are required.
4. Check the weather: we play rain or shine, so dress accordingly! Severe inclement weather could delay or cancel all or part of the OOzeball Tournament, as player safety is our top priority.
5. **Closed-toed shoes, tennis shoes, or sneakers must be worn at all times. NO sandals or open-toed shoes are allowed. Cleats are prohibited.**

General Game Rules:

The NCAA Official Volleyball Rules will prevail with the following modifications:

1. You must have six (6) players to start the game. **If you do not have six (6) players checked in and ready to play within three (3) minutes of the start time, the team will forfeit the game and the opposing team will advance.**
2. A substitute may replace any player when the ball is dead. She/he must fill in the position vacated by the player she/he is replacing. Abuse of this rule will not be tolerated. Ex: Individual cannot leave front line and on next dead ball enter of the front line again.
3. A game shall consist of the following:
 - a. First team to twenty-five (25) points or the team with the most points after twelve (12) minutes wins the game.
 - b. The clock will run continuously throughout the game (there will be no time-outs).
 - c. In the event of a tie, the team that scores the next point wins the game.
 - d. All games will use rally scoring.
 - e. A team does not have to win by two (2) points.

4. No more than three (3) consecutive hits of the ball made by the same team.
5. Spiking and blocking the ball is prohibited.
6. All disputes are settled per discretion of the court monitors and OOzeball Tournament Coordinator.

Sportsmanship:

Any player or spectator under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will be immediately disqualified and removed from the OOzeball Tournament.

All participants will be held accountable to the policies set forth by the [University of Connecticut Student Code](#). Any participant who is in violation of this code or whose behavior is hindering game play may be disqualified and asked to leave the event.

Disqualifications may also result in a team forfeit. Disqualified players and/or teams do not receive refunds.

Cleaning Policy:

Before leaving the site, all participants must use the provided washing stations and will not receive their OOzeball Tournament T-shirt and UConn ID until they are thoroughly cleaned. Anyone who returns to their residence hall room or any other building on campus without cleaning off at the washing stations may be subject to University conduct procedures.

Refund Policy:

Team registrations are non-refundable. If a team does not meet the eligibility rules or violates another one of the aforementioned rules, we reserve the right to disqualify individual players and/or forfeit teams without issuing refunds. In the event that a player becomes unavailable to participate in the OOzeball Tournament prior to the event date, substitutions for individual players can be made within IM Leagues until Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.