

OOZEBALL 2019: RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Place: North Campus Field

Time: Approximately 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Student Alumni Association is excited to welcome you to our 36th annual 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 at least 18 years old to sign the mandatory waiver.**
2. Must be a current UConn student, UConn faculty/staff member, or UConn alum
3. Must have a UConn NetID
 - a. If any alumni players foresee a problem with this rule, please contact us to make alternate arrangements.
4. Must provide a valid UConn ID at the event **and** UConn Spring Weekend wristband; faculty, staff, and alumni must instead provide a government-issued photo ID
 - a. Participation in the OOzeball Tournament does not provide alumni with access to other UConn Spring Weekend events; alumni will not receive Spring Weekend wristbands.
5. 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.
6. Registration is a 2-step process. Teams must submit a payment through saa.rso.uconn.edu **and** register the team on IMLeagues (your full team roster is due at a later date). Both steps must be completed within 48 hours or a spot in the tournament may not be guaranteed. Please allow up to three business days for teams to be marked as paid in IMLeagues.
7. Your team must meet the minimum eligibility requirements in IMLeagues by **Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.** to be included in the bracket. This means you must have at least six (6) players on the IMLeagues roster with at least two (2) who identify as female and at least two (2) who identify as male. Players may still be added and removed from the roster until Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. **No roster additions will be allowed at the tournament.**
8. In order for a team to participate, they must have a representative at the mandatory Captain’s Meeting on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7PM in Philip E. Austin 108**. There will be no exceptions!

The Entrants:

1. Each team captain must be a current UConn student, staff member, or faculty member.
2. Each team shall consist of at least six (6) members and up to two (2) alternates for a total of eight (8) members.
3. 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.
4. 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. 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.
5. All players must be on the IMLeagues roster (and accepted by the captain) in order to participate in the tournament.
6. 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 IMLeagues. No one may play in the OOzeball Tournament without having a signed Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability.**
7. Each player may only compete on 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.

Clothing:

1. Teams are encouraged to incorporate a theme/uniform that is appropriate.
2. Gym shorts or long pants are required.
3. 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.
4. **Closed-toed shoes 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 at game 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 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 IMLeagues until **Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.**