

2026 UWR National Championships

Hosted by: Austin Underwater Rugby Club

With support from Colorado Underwater Rugby Club

Dates: May 16-17

Tournament Logistics:

a. Summary:

- o This is Austin Underwater Rugby Club's bid to host the 2026 UWR National Championship with the support of Colorado Underwater Rugby Team. Austin, TX is fairly central within the United States so an ideal location for a national championship. Nonstop flights are available from BOS, NYC airports, SFO, FLL with flight times less than 4.5 hours. The facility is a beautiful 25 yard pool with plenty of space. We are a new club trying to show the United States what Austin UWR has to offer. We also have experience hosting UTL (Underwater Torpedo League) tournaments.

b. Team Entrance Fee:

- \$1000 per team
- \$100 late fee will be applied for teams paying after the deadline (April 10, 2026).
- \$20 late fee (per player) will be applied for teams making roster changes after the deadline (April 10, 2026)
- Send team registration fee to paypal reuben1098@gmail.com or venmo @Reuben-Hernandez-2

b. Schedule

- 2 Division: Mixed and Womens.
- Actual pool time will be determined by the number of teams that register.
- Current schedule idea is to play approximately 4-5 games per day
- We can accommodate 12 or more teams.
- Plan to start games at 8 or 9 am on Saturday and 8 am on Sunday.
Friday afternoon training camp available for national teams.
- We plan to end on Sunday by 4 pm at the latest. Flights should be purchased accordingly, as we will not make adjustments to the schedule to accommodate individual players' flights.
- Travel will likely need to occur on Friday and return Sunday evening or Monday morning.
- Round Robin games will be between 8-12 minute halves running clock and playoff/finals will be 10-12 minute halves. Current plan is 30 minute game blocks, but also will depend on the number of teams that actually attend.
- We may have an exhibition game for Juniors of enough interest.

c. Facility Description:

- [RRISD Aquatics Center, 2801 Gattis School Rd, Round Rock, TX 78664](#)
- Dive well: 25 yards wide x ~13' deep with square corners.
- The pool surface is smooth.
- Water level is flush with the pool deck.
- Goals will be secured with weights and rubber mat
- Locker and showers with plenty of space.
- Bleachers for players and spectators/supporters.

d. USOA

- All players are required to be registered with USOA at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. We will utilize UWRportal.com to facilitate this verification step. Rosters will be due 3 weeks before the tournament. Late fees and dates will be announced with the official tournament announcement.
- e. Referees
- Budgeting for flights and hotel for 3 CMAS Referees, but will ultimately depend on the number of teams in attendance and flight prices.
- f. Location
- Round Rock ISD (RRISD) Aquatic Center:
2801 Gattis School Rd, Round Rock, TX 78664
 - About 30 minute drive from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- g. Parking
- Free on site.
- h. Tournament Hotels: many 10-15 minutes from pool
- i. Extras
- Camera: Depends on the number of teams that sign up if we have funding for that. DEF ATX has streaming and commenting capabilities as well. We are also exploring the Atlantis options as well, but price might hinder this option.
 - Timing system: TBD, maybe from Atlantis with laptop and TV Monitor
 - Sound system: likely utilize the USOA buzzers.
 - Tournament food: we plan to provide some food on the pool deck for between games, if we have enough teams sign up. This will include things like sandwich supplies, fruit, vegetables, snacks etc.
 - Optional: Banquet (also depends on interest)
 1. Facility-TBD (Austin has multiple draft houses/food truck areas for socials)
 2. If interested, we would do this Sat or Sunday Evening.
- j. Airport info and other logistics players will need to consider
- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) (~30 minutes from pool driving)
 - Hotels are about 15 min from AUS by car
 - Rental cars will most likely be necessary, but Ubers/Lyft are also available.