

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY, AS IT CONTAINS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

Hello OCSEF competitors!

If you are receiving this email, then you are currently successfully registered for OCSEF 2017, an official Rubik's Cube competition to be held at the Discovery Cube (2500 N Main St. Santa Ana) this Sunday, April 23, 2017.

Here you will find important information about what to expect this weekend, as well as supplementary materials for new competitors.

**Schedule** (posted at <https://www.cubingusa.com/OCSEFOpen2017/schedule.php> for reference)

**NOTE:** If we run ahead of schedule, we will start subsequent rounds early in order to get the competition finished as soon as possible.

Please be ready to compete at least 15 minutes before the beginning of a scheduled round. Staff will provide updates throughout the day so that all competitors know of any schedule changes.

The schedule looks as follows:

|       | Station Number                |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------|---|---|---|----|
| Time: | 1                             | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6               | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 10:10 | 3x3 R1 Group 1                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R1 Group 2  |   |   |   |    |
| 10:30 | 3x3 R1 Group 3                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R1 Group 4  |   |   |   |    |
| 10:50 | 3x3 R1 Group 5                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R1 Group 6  |   |   |   |    |
| 11:10 | 3x3 R1 Group 7                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R1 Group 8  |   |   |   |    |
| 11:30 | 3x3 R1 Group 9                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R1 Group 10 |   |   |   |    |
| 11:50 | 2x2 R1 Group 1                |   |   |   |   | 2x2 R1 Group 2  |   |   |   |    |
| 12:05 | 2x2 R1 Group 3                |   |   |   |   | 2x2 R1 Group 4  |   |   |   |    |
| 12:20 | 2x2 R1 Group 5                |   |   |   |   | 2x2 R1 Group 6  |   |   |   |    |
| 12:35 | 2x2 R1 Group 7                |   |   |   |   | 2x2 R1 Group 8  |   |   |   |    |
| 12:50 | 2x2 R1 Group 9                |   |   |   |   | 2x2 Stragglers  |   |   |   |    |
| 13:00 | Lunch                         |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 14:00 | 3x3 R2 Group 1                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R2 Group 2  |   |   |   |    |
| 14:20 | 3x3 R2 Group 3                |   |   |   |   | 3x3 R2 Group 4  |   |   |   |    |
| 14:35 | 2x2 R2 (Top 24)               |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 15:00 | 3x3 R3 (Top 20)               |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 15:30 | 2x2 Final (Top 8)             |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 15:45 | 3x3 Final (Top 8, Nats-style) |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 16:25 | Awards                        |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |
| 16:40 | Cleanup                       |   |   |   |   |                 |   |   |   |    |

**Information for First-Time Competitors**

If you are competing for the first time, you are not alone, welcome! Please familiarise yourself with the processes of competitions:

<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/regulations/> - The World Cube Association Regulations. These are the rules that every competitor must follow. As a new competitor, please be familiar with the regulations pertaining to your particular events. Articles 2, 3, 10, and A have most of the information relevant to you.

<http://www.cubingusa.com/tutorial.php> - The CubingUSA Competitor Tutorial is a great tutorial to read.

Don't worry about being around people you don't know; competitions are meant to have a comfortable atmosphere, and many speedcubers are friendly and inviting! If you are unsure of something related to the competition (e.g. where the competitor area is, how the puzzles are scrambled), feel free to ask a staff member. We're more than happy to help.

### Groups

Formalised groups have been generated for this competition. View them at the bottom of the Schedule page: <https://www.cubingusa.com/OCSEFOpen2017/schedule.php>

**For those unfamiliar with a group system:** Competitors are called up in labelled groups in order to enhance the competition flow. When a round starts, a staff member will call up the first group of the round to compete. Competitors may have different group assignments for different events.

Based on how quickly the competing group completes their attempts, an organiser will call up additional groups to compete in numerical order.

That means if you're in an early group, be prepared to compete closer to the beginning of the round. If you're in a later group, you will be called to compete closer to the end of the round. **If your group has received its final call and you do not come to compete, you will not be allowed to compete in that event.** Please know your group numbers!

### Live Results:

Live results will be provided by CubeComps here: <http://cubecomps.com/live.php?cid=2180>.

### Parking:

Parking will be available for \$5 (cash only) in the lot next to the venue. Parking is first come, first serve, so be punctual to increase chances of getting a spot!

### Travel Instructions:

**From south of the 22:** Head north on the 5 to the Main St./Broadway exit. Exit and stay to the right for Main St. North. Turn left onto Walkie Way, and follow directions for parking.

**From due northwest of the 22:** Head south on the 5 to the 22. Merge onto the 22 East. Immediately after merging onto the 22, exit on Main St. Turn right on Town and Country Road. Turn left onto Main St. Continue down Main St. for about half a mile, then turn right into Walkie Way, and follow directions for parking.

**From due northeast of the 22:** Head west on the 91 and exit onto the 55. Continue on the 55 until the 22. Merge onto the 22 West, then exit on Main St. Turn left on La Veta Ave, then turn left onto Main St. Continue down Main St. for about half a mile, then turn right into Walkie Way, and follow directions for parking.

**Alternate:** Head west on the 91 and exit onto the 57. Stay left for the 57 South. Keep going on the 57 to the 22 East. Merge onto the 22 East. Immediately after merging onto the 22, exit on Main St. Turn right on Town and Country Road. Turn left onto Main St. Continue down Main St. for about half a mile, then turn right into Walkie Way, and follow directions for parking.

### Food:

There is a cafe in the Discovery Cube called Bean Sprouts but it is expected to be very busy, so please plan on buying food early. Your registration fee includes \$10 for lunch. There will be about an hour break for lunch. **PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ANY FORM OF DELIVERY TO THE CENTER (Pizza, DoorDash, Postmates, etc.)**

While we will try our best to accommodate everyone, please be considerate of the competitors and staff, and remember that they have priority inside the venue. There will be absolutely no smoking or alcohol in the venue as well.

### Prizes

Prizes for OCSEF 2017 will be provided by [SpeedCubeShop](#). Unfortunately, due to venue policy, SpeedCubeShop is unable to vend at the competition. Huge thanks to them for sponsoring our competition; be sure to check them out!

### Volunteering

If you would like to help us out by judging or running, please see the competition main organiser (Ethan Vovan) or the WCA delegate (Michael (Not Kevin) Young) and we'll see if/when you can help. People eligible to volunteer are people who have competed in Rubik's Cube competitions before, preferably in many competitions.

**Please bring extra Stackmat timers/mats if you have them!** We can use them for 3x3 Round 1.

### Other General Notes

1. **Please be quiet** (PBQ) during the competition!
2. Throw away trash in trash bins around the venue. It's the right thing to do.
3. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY.** It is very distracting to competitors and puts them at a disadvantage. Any persons found to repeatedly use flash photography will be asked to leave.

### FAQ

*Is there a general admission price if I am not competing?*

By Discovery Cube policy, spectators must pay a \$10 fee for general admission into the center. For all paid participants (registered competitors), each will receive a free admission to Discovery Cube and \$10 lunch money. For all others including family members and spectators, each will receive a discounted admission rate at \$10/person (regular admission is \$18). Please also note that we do not allow flash photography, and require that observers remain at least 1.5 meters (~5 feet, ~0.88 smoots) from competitors at all time. However, there is a good chance the venue space will be limited, so remember that competitors have priority inside the venue. If you would like to film a competitor, the best idea is to bring a tripod.

*When should I arrive at the competition?*

You are only expected to be at the competition when you are scheduled to compete. Otherwise, you may come and go as you please. **Please do not arrive until 10:00, as the venue will only be open to staff before 10:00.** Staff will be arriving by 9:50am, and competitors and observers are welcome to enter the venue anytime after 10:00.

*Is there any sort of check-in process when I arrive at the competition?*

Yes. Once you arrive, please go to the check-in table. A volunteer will be there to give you your lunch money. Please keep checking your emails for further information.

*When should I leave the competition?*

You are allowed to enter and leave the competition as you wish. If you are finished competing for the day, you do not need to stay at the competition, although it is always nice for competitors in final rounds (especially 3x3 Finals) to have an audience.

*What do I do if I want to drop or add an event?*

If you wish to drop an event from your registration, please reply to this email, or let us know at the data entry table. Unfortunately, due to our tight schedule, we are unable to add events to competitors' registrations.

*I cannot attend this competition. What should I do?*

If you cannot attend this competition after all, please reply to this email saying so. Please ensure that you include your name and WCA ID in the body of the email.

*I know somebody who isn't registered but would like to compete. Would they be able to compete if they show up?*

No; unfortunately we cannot accept any more competitors as we are already operating with the current list of registrants in mind. They are, of course, welcome to attend the competition as an observer in order to meet other speedcubers. Thank you for understanding, and helping us ensure that we run on schedule.

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If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to send us an email at [socalcubing@gmail.com](mailto:socalcubing@gmail.com). We will do our best to answer your inquiries in a timely fashion, though please allow us time to do so as we are currently rushing to finish preparations for the competition.

We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Happy cubing,

Ethan Vovan  
Organizer, OCSEF 2017