

Dear Underwater Hockey Community,

DAUHC is pleased to announce the 20th annual Battle @ Altitude tournament.

TL;DR bullet points/highlights:

- 2-day format, 16-team cap
- Registration opens: Tuesday, **November 18th** at Noon
- Missing deadlines will cost you **big** this year. Get your ducks in a row!
- Entry fee: **\$1700 Early-Bird, \$2000 Late**
- Ref opt-outs: Only **6 available**, and cost is **\$300**, but you **don't have to provide Arranged Refs**
- Banquet is included. **Request a refund (1 combined per team) by Jan. 12th** if some of your team isn't going.

This year, we will be returning to the classic 2-day format, with space for up to 16 total teams. There may also be a Friday afternoon potluck if there is enough interest (and we can figure out a way to make it fun without overly-burdening the organizers). The tournament will be **January 24th-25th, 2026**, at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC), in Thornton, CO.

B@A REGISTRATION:

To register your team (Team is not considered registered until both steps 1 and 2 below are complete):

- 1.) Go to www.uwhportal.com, sign in, and then navigate to the [20th Annual Battle @ Altitude event page](#). Once registration opens you will be able to click on "Register a team" and follow the prompts. The only information required to initially create a team is a team name and grade selection (both can be edited later). Any other team information and your roster members can also be added/edited later. Please send any questions regarding team creation and roster building to support@atlantissports.org.
- 2.) Pay your \$100 deposit:
 - Paypal (preferred): ColoradoUWHTournaments@gmail.com. Please send as friends/family transfer. As always, if you incur Paypal fees, you are expected to cover them. Also, please indicate in your Paypal memo:
 - What team you are registering
 - Team organizer contact email
 - Venmo: [@ColoradoUWH](#). Please indicate in your Venmo memo:
 - What team you are registering

- Team organizer contact email
- 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

DATES / DEADLINES

Date	Action	Description/Notes
November 18, 2025 Noon MT	Team registration opens	● Registration requires team creation AND deposit
November 25, 2025 11:59 pm MT	Early-bird team registration closes	● Late team registration begins (fee increases)
December 2, 2025 11:59 pm MT	Late (final) team registration closes	● No additional registrations accepted
January 5, 2026 11:59 pm MT	Roster creation deadline	● All players must be at least invited by now
January 12, 2026 11:59 pm MT	Team & Roster submission deadline*	● All roster invitations are accepted, information provided, and USOA registrations completed
January 19, 2026 11:59 pm MT	Tournament schedule release date	● Potentially earlier
January 19, 2026 11:59 pm MT	Team draw release date	● Potentially earlier
January 23, 2026	Afternoon Pot-Luck	● Maybe
January 24-25, 2026	B@A	● Definitely
January 26, 2026	Ski-o-rama!	● Have fun!!!

*Teams with incomplete/incorrect team info/rosters by the Team & Roster submission deadline will incur a **\$20 fine for each piece of missing/incorrect information** (must be paid before your team plays its first game). This is a your-ducks-should-be-in-a-row situation. Exceptions for emergency roster replacements can be made on a case-by-case basis.

Complete/Correct team info/rosters includes:

- Team name provided
- Team skill grade selected
- Team logo submitted
- No open team invitations
- All your team's players have cap numbers assigned (unique integers from 1 to 99).
 - Players may also mark their number on their arm, but it must match their cap.
 - Each player's white and black caps must have the same number
- All your team's players have completed their 2026 USOA Registrations AND linked their USOA SportsEngine account to their UWH Portal account.

- As a reminder, **please do NOT create a new profile** (either for USOA's SportsEngine or for the UWH Portal) if you have had one in the past. Multiple profiles can cause issues with team organizers inviting the wrong one and can disrupt the link between the 2 databases). Both sites have forgot-your-password features; please use that if you don't remember your password. If you need help identifying your UWH Portal username please reach out to support@atlantissports.org.

TEAM EVENT FEE:

Early-Bird Team Event fee is **\$1700**. Your \$100 deposit counts towards this amount and your team's player's banquet entries (for up to 12 players) are included.

The Late (Final) Team Event fee is **\$2000**. Your \$100 deposit counts towards this amount and your team's player's banquet entries (for up to 12 players) are included.

To meet either deadline, your team must be at least created on <https://uwportal.com> **and** your team's event fee must be received in full. Teams that have not paid their event fee in full by the Late deadline will not be accepted and their deposit will be forfeit.

POOL LOCATION & TIMES:

The pool is the Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC) at 5310 E 136th Ave, Thornton, CO 80241 (same as usual).

VMAC features crystal-clear water and some of the fastest UWH on the continent, with state-of-the-art sport court and built-in walls and goals. We have replaced all the damaged plexiglass wall boards since last year! The two courts are ~7 feet deep, and 25 yards long by 15 yards wide. The tournament pucks will use polished stainless sliders that provide one of the fastest and smoothest playing experiences in the world.

B@A will run approximately:

Saturday: 8am to 9pm

Sunday: 8am to 5pm

Friday Potluck will run approximately noon to 6pm

REFGING:

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 or Player Referees (Minnesota Rule) with some timing help by our fantastic volunteers. If you are interested in being a

Dedicated Referee (travel and lodging expenses covered + per game stipend) please fill out the [Dedicated Referee Interest Form](#) by November 14, 2025.

REFFING OPT-OUTS:

For an additional **\$300 fee**, your team can opt-out of Player Referee (Minnesota Rule) referee responsibilities entirely (due to the increased cost and reduced number of opt-outs, your team is NOT required to provide 2 arranged/paid refs this year - just pay the \$300 and, assuming you get one of the 6 opt-out spots, your team will have no reffing responsibilities).

There are up to 6 team opt-out slots available (this number may be reduced if fewer than 16 teams enter). These opt-out slots are handled on a first-paid first-served basis (once registration is open). This fee is refundable if your team does not secure one of the final number of opt-out slots, or if opting out is canceled due to lack of participation. All non-opt-out teams will be responsible for providing 1 Player Referee after each game they play.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:

We are happy to feature the complete Atlantis Sports time/score management system to provide up-to-date integration with UWHPortal.com.

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

BANQUET:

Location: TBD

Banquet pricing has been automatically added to each team's event fee. Team organizers may request a refund for players who do not attend the banquet. Each team may submit only one (combined) refund request, and they must be received by the Team & Roster Submission Deadline of January 12th. Please note that attending the banquet is attending the banquet, whether you intend to eat or not. If you show up without a wristband, you'll be asked to leave or pay the late price of \$70.

Refunds are available at a rate of \$30/player for players on your roster who attend the tournament and not the banquet. Team organizers must do the math and submit the request for their team by the deadline. Any requests not following these rules will be summarily ignored by the over-worked, frazzled tournament organizers. This is a your-ducks-should-be-in-a-row situation.

Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$35/ticket (the \$5 difference between ticket rate and refund rate is to cover fixed costs associated with banquet venue, organization, and logistics) until January 17, and then for \$70/ticket until January 25th via PayPal to ColoradoUWHTournaments@gmail.com.

Wristbands for banquet access will be handed out to team managers during the weekend. Please have your wristband before you arrive at the banquet venue.

SKI-O-RAMA:

Agnes is once again offering an opportunity for anyone coming to Colorado for B@A to also experience Colorado outside of the pool. You will have the opportunity to ski, sled, skate, XC ski, hike or just hang out. All of this fun takes place about 1 ½ hours' drive (assuming no snowstorm) away from VMAC in Frisco, Colorado. Skiing is at Copper Mountain, but there are also several other ski areas close by. Unfortunately, the 2-for-1 coupons we got in the past are no longer available, but we'll try and secure any discounts that we can. Housing in a private residence is provided for up to 20 people for 3 nights (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) following the tournament. There are also hotels nearby if you want more than a very basic place to sleep. Rides can hopefully be arranged amongst attendees. In the past we have been able to arrange carpools to Frisco and back to the airport. Worst case, there are also buses. Agnes will help arrange rides, but ultimately that will be up to you to finalize.

Please contact Agnes at agnesdebrunner@icloud.com with any questions or to let her know that you are interested and to reserve your spot. A text to 303-885-8443 is also fine, but identify yourself or you will likely be ignored.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

All standard USOA-sanctioned tournament rules will apply. All 2026 USOA dues and waivers should be taken care of through [Underwater Society of America](https://www.usoa.org/) prior to your arrival in Denver.

We ask that you please link your UWHPortal profile to USOA to make this verification easier on us. Please contact support@atlantissports.org for any registration or linking questions.

B@A WEBSITE/SOCIAL-MEDIA:

For regularly-updated tournament information you can visit <https://battleataltitude.weebly.com> or visit our [FaceBook](#) or [Instagram](#).

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS: Stay tuned on how to order our always-awesome T-shirts

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