

OOZEBALL 2026: RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Place: North Campus Field

Time: Approximately 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Student Alumni Association is excited to welcome you to the 43rd anniversary of our famous mud volleyball tournament, OOzeball!

Format:

This is a single elimination tournament. Teams will be placed in smaller brackets where they will play all their games until they lose. Winning teams from each bracket will be asked to return later in the afternoon to compete in a championship bracket to determine the winner. Games are scheduled every 15 minutes starting at 9AM. All teams should arrive at least 45 minutes before their first scheduled game to register.

Forfeit Procedure:

If a team fails to have the minimum number of players at the scheduled game time, the opposing team will win by forfeit and advance.

Eligibility Rules:

Any student, alum, 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 (including 2025December graduates)
3. Must have a UConn NetID
4. Must provide a valid UConn ID at the event
 - a. Alumni (including December 2025graduates), faculty, and staff will need to provide a government-issued photo ID. Participation in the OOzeball Tournament does not provide alumni (including December 2025 graduates), faculty, or staff with access to other UConn Spring Weekend events.
5. Each team shall consist of at least six (6) players and up to two (2) substitutes for a total of eight (8) players. Players may be added throughout the tournament if open roster spots are available. Rosters will be managed online through the Fusion Play App.
6. Each player may only compete on one team during the entire OOzeball Tournament.

General Game Rules:

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

1. Each team must have six (6) players to start the game. Teams may finish with less due to injury or other reasons.
2. Substitutions are allowed when the ball is dead. Unlimited substitutions are allowed for a team, however, each entry must be to the same position in the service order. They must fill in the position vacated by the player they are replacing. Abuse of this rule will not be tolerated. Ex: Individual cannot leave front row and on next dead ball enter in the front row 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 can be made by the same team before the ball crosses over the net.
 5. Spiking and blocking the ball is prohibited.
 6. All disputes are settled per discretion of the court monitors and OOzeball Tournament coordinators.

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.**

Safety Rules:

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 gameplay 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.

No pets are allowed at the site during the event. For OOzeball, a pet is any animal that is not a service or emotional support animal.

Liability:

The Student Alumni Association, University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., 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.

Cleaning Policy:

Before leaving the site, all participants must use the provided washing stations and will not receive their OOzeball Tournament T-shirt 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.