

Quick Quidditch with Wizards

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(Quidditch world cup Stadium.)

If someone told you to find the definition of the word Quidditch you might not know what awaits you. Quidditch is a wizarding game with a lot of magical stuff like flying broomsticks and balls that fly (so you can't try this at home!). It also has its own world cup with smaller cups within, like the Hogwarts school cup.

Note that there are always two teams playing against each other. The famous author Joanne Rowling (J.K.Rowling) invented Quidditch for her novels of Harry Potter. The word Quidditch itself is made up from the imaginary place it was invented, the Queerditch Marsh. But there is a lot more to Quidditch than just fantasy.

Beat some Bludgers

You need some accessories to play Quidditch. As I already told

you, each member of the team will need a flying broomstick. You also need three different types of balls. The bludgers are flying balls that try hitting the other team. The beaters will protect their team from the bludgers with wooden bats to prevent injuries. The quaffles are the balls that the chasers throw through the hoops to score points. The keeper will try to prevent the goal from being shot. The last ball is the smallest ball, which is the snitch. The snitch has wings and zooms across the field. The seeker tries to catch the snitch before the other team does.



(The golden snitch.)

Rolling Rules

Now to the rules and how to play. There are seven players on each team, one seeker, three chasers, two beaters, and one keeper. The seekers try to catch the golden

snitch while everyone around them are playing practically a totally different game. The chasers around them work hard to score the most points possible. That happens while the beaters try to protect the rest of their team and try to hit the bludgers onto the other team with their bats. Now to the keeper. The keeper keeps the balls from going through the hoops.

There is always a captain, anyone on the team can be the team captain. The captain will tell you your position based on what you are best at. For instance, Harry Potter is the seeker because he is good at catching small objects quickly in the air and he has good control over his broom. Once you have your position you may not do another player's job in the game.

Looping Hoops

The goals or the three tall hoops on each side of the field are as you might already know not the only way of scoring points. Every time the quaffle goes through the hoop, 10 points are scored. But scoring isn't all that easy!

The golden snitch is worth 150 points when it is caught. Then the game is automatically over. (Sometimes this could take days, even weeks to happen!)

But the team that caught the snitch does not always win. Like in the world cup with Ireland against Bulgaria, Victor Krum catches the snitch but Ireland wins anyway.

Even though it is sometimes very dangerous, Quidditch is a very fun and traditional game in the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Quidditch is played almost every day because people love it so much. But of course the wizards are the only ones that can really play Quidditch.



(Oliver Wood and the Gryffindor house Quidditch balls.)