



## **OCUA Competitive Alliance FAQ**

*Updated for 2026, please read carefully.*

### **1. What is the Competitive Alliance?**

The Competitive Alliance is a program designed to bring unity, collaboration, and support to all competitive Ultimate clubs representing Ottawa.

### **2. Why does the Competitive Alliance exist?**

Touring to play Ultimate competitively is complicated. Paying for jerseys, tournaments, hotels, and transportation can be challenging. Organizing tryouts, practices, and recruiting players in a fair manner can be difficult. OCUA is here to help clubs form, practice, and perform. *OCUA wants all clubs to succeed and attain their goals!*

### **3. How does the Competitive Alliance work?**

Interested clubs apply to be part of the Alliance and work with OCUA to advertise tryouts, book indoor turf, summer practice fields, and get their season organized. Once rosters are set, each member of the club pays their OCUA Membership fee.

*- New for 2026, out of town players are required to pay the OCUA Member Fee (\$20+tax). This is to ensure insurance numbers are accurately represented. Out of town players are not required to pay the comp alliance fees below.*

Players also pay an individual comp alliance membership fee based on their practice schedule. Once a club's full roster has registered and paid their fees - due by May 17 - they receive access to their practice fields for the summer.

Summer practice fields are included as part of the Competitive Alliance fee (May 18 – August 27).

Winter, spring, and fall fields are rented out to clubs at cost. If OCUA's online payment processor is used, a 2.5% administrative fee is added to cover the online transaction costs.

### **4. Fee Structure**

In addition to OCUA's general annual membership fee, the Competitive Alliance membership fee per player is set at the following rates and covers you for the entire summer:

<b>Summer (May 18 – August 27)</b>	<b>Junior Clubs (u19)</b>	<b>Adult Clubs (18+)</b>
1 practice per week	n/a	\$110 + tax
2 practices per week	\$92.92 + tax	\$190 + tax

Junior players will have the option to volunteer for OCUA and receive a refund. Adult players that are considered a Super-Volunteer for the Association are exempt from the fee (See below).

## **5. Junior Volunteer**

Junior volunteer options will be managed by Dave Brown ([dave@ocua.ca](mailto:dave@ocua.ca)) and advertised on OCUA's website. The soft deadline to complete volunteer hours is August 30th. The hard deadline to complete volunteer hours is October 30th.

- Volunteer hours may be earned once the comp alliance fee has been paid
- Volunteer hours will be earned at a rate of \$15 per hour and will be paid in OCUA Credit. Credit can be used for any future OCUA programming. Maximum of \$105 worth of credit applied to account.
  - 7 hours will reward you \$105 worth of credit (same cost as your fee)
- Volunteer hours will be credited on August 31st and October 31st

## **6. What's a Super-Volunteer?**

Adult players who volunteer regularly with OCUA or players who actively promote the sport of Ultimate in their local Ottawa community are eligible for exemption to paying their Comp Alliance fee. If you think you qualify for exemption, get in touch with Jeremy Hill ([jeremy@ocua.ca](mailto:jeremy@ocua.ca)) to verify. Here are some examples:

- Non-playing Coach (youth, junior, competitive, university, high school)
- Up to 4 Captains per Competitive Alliance club (one can be an administrative captain)
- Adult League Coordinator
- Member of OCUA's Board of Directors

## **7. Comp Alliance Team Fundraising Opportunities**

Started in 2025, OCUA is providing teams the opportunity to fundraise with help at our tournaments. Teams are requested to provide a minimum of (5) players at all times to help support tasks such as parking, water stations, etc.

- It is up to the teams how they wish to have players on site. You could have 5 players all day, switch them mid-day, etc. We just ask you communicate with OCUA if selected to support a tournament.

Teams will be provided with \$500 per day towards their teams fundraising.

Interested teams are asked to email [dave@ocua.ca](mailto:dave@ocua.ca)

## **8. How is the Comp Alliance membership fee established?**

The Competitive Alliance fee aims to break-even on the cost of fields and be in line with recreational league fees. As a reference, below are typical field costs:

Grass field = \$55/hour

Artificial turf = \$190/hour

Indoor field = \$260/hour

Note that extra fields (spring, fall, winter) are always rented to the club at their actual cost.

### ***9. What are other benefits to being in the Competitive Alliance?***

OCUA will support all clubs with:

- Promotion of your club on OCUA's website and social media
- Financial support; collecting team fees, tryout fees, helping with cash flow
- Administrative support; booking extra fields, paying upfront for tournaments, jerseys
- Insurance; peace of mind when it comes to liability and ability to book private fields
- Fundraiser events; special events, tournaments, raffles
- Exclusive access to in-city fields such as Carleton or uOttawa
- Covering the cost of NCCP training for non-playing coaches
- Organizing scrimmages and tri-meets with other clubs

### ***10. What are the criteria for eligibility into the Competitive Alliance?***

Currently, the following criteria will be enforced:

- Minimum roster size of 14 players, maximum of 30 players
- Follows Ultimate Canada's [roster rules](#) with regard to age restrictions
- Minimum 1 formal practice per week
- Masters clubs are encouraged to attend [MGM](#)
- Non-masters adult clubs are encouraged to attend [No Borders](#)
- History of good relationship with OCUA and adherence to the Association's [policies](#)

If you have any further questions, please email [jeremy@ocua.ca](mailto:jeremy@ocua.ca)