

## Underwater Hockey

Fill in the gaps with words from the box:

was - stick - puck- goalie - struggle - biggest - kick - elegant - fins-  
gorgeous - snorkel - told- score

My mom told me I \_\_\_\_\_ crazy when I \_\_\_\_\_ her I was into underwater hockey. And she continue to think that I'm crazy when I show up with black eyes. But she's also my \_\_\_\_\_ fan when I'm in the World Championships.

My name is Tyera Eulberg, and I'm the captain of the US Underwater Hockey team. So underwater hockey is played six-on-six. We are not wearing tanks, just \_\_\_\_\_ and a mask and a \_\_\_\_\_.The \_\_\_\_\_ is weighted and sits at the bottom of the pool and players use a short-handed \_\_\_\_\_ to play the puck. Unlike ice-hockey there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in underwater hockey, and the snorkel helps you watch the play while you're recovering on the surface, but otherwise you're holding your breath when you're actually involved in the play.

We take underwater hockey very seriously. The US Women's National Team competes at World Championships. They are held every two years and they bring in about 25 different countries to be the best of the best. It really is the ultimate team sport because there's no puck hog that can just do everything for your team. Eventually that person's going to have to come up to breathe and you have to have a teammate there to take your place. If I'm about to \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm running out of air, I'm gonna freaking score.

We see people coming from underwater hockey both from swimming backgrounds and from ice hockey backgrounds. We \_\_\_\_\_ from the fact that most people in the United States don't grow up playing it. People don't grow up holding their breath and trying to \_\_\_\_\_ hard underwater. They grow up playing soccer or basketball. There's no money in underwater hockey. So we are absolutely doing it for the love of the sport.

I love underwater hockey. It's so \_\_\_\_\_. Being underwater is just a beautiful thing. I feel like some really \_\_\_\_\_ sea creature when I'm playing