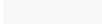


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4 'Heated Rivalry' events you have to go to in metro Phoenix

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'Heated Rivalry' brings men to tears, laughter. See the viral videos. "Heated Rivalry," HBO's queer hockey drama, has taken off on social media and its male audience is fanning out over the show.

Key Points

AI-assisted summary

- The fictional sports romance "Heated Rivalry" has become a cultural phenomenon, inspiring fan events.
- The show and book series follow a secret relationship between two professional male hockey players.
- Fans in the metro Phoenix area can attend several themed parties and events celebrating the series.

The obsession with "Heated Rivalry" has officially gone from binge-watching on the couch to full on cultural moment.

What started as a steamy, emotionally charged sports romance has turned into a shared experience fans can't stop talking about. From rewatching episodes, reading the books and seeing that iconic TikTok edit.

The show follows two professional hockey players whose intense on-ice competition slowly turns into a secret relationship. Because of the show, people have been craving ways to get out, connect and celebrate this love story.

Whether it's dancing to a DJ set or rewatching steamy episodes, here are some parties and events you can go to around metro Phoenix to find your own Ilya Rozanov or Shane Hollander.



Heated Rivalry Night

Themed cocktails, fun photo moments and group shots off hockey sticks before screening Episodes 5 and 6 of the show, perfect for fans who want to relive the drama and romantic tension between everyone's favorite hockey players. Make sure to stay after for a dance party with anthems from the show and iconic moments from the series playing on the screen.

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Details: 6-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. The Pemberton, 1121 N. Second St., Phoenix. \$35. [ticketscandy.com](https://www.ticketcandy.com).

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Heated Rivalry The Party

Of course, the drag queens had to be included. Espresso Grande is the hostess for this themed party that includes performances by drag queens, costume contests, drinks and music.

Details: 9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31. Walter Studios, 747 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix. \$33.06. [.w.eventim.us](https://www.eventim.us).

Club 90s Presents Heated Rivalrave

Get on the dance floor to recreate "that" iconic scene from the show at this rave. As the DJ spins nostalgic songs and hear the music bumping, maybe you too can find the Rozanov to your Hollander.

Details: 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7. The Van Buren, 401 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix. \$82.28. [visitphoenix.com](https://www.visitphoenix.com).

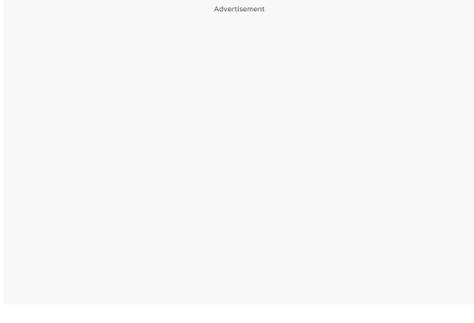
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Cottage Chemistry A 'Heated Rivalry' Dance Party

Get in the Valentine's spirit and dance the night away with the hottest queer pop anthems. This 21+ event invites fans to come celebrate their favorite TV obsession as we dance to the Heated Rivalry soundtrack.

Details: 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12. Crescent Ballroom, 308 North 2nd Ave., Phoenix. \$20.73. [ticketweb.com](https://www.ticketweb.com).



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