

Rogue Hippo

2018 SEASON

OUR PITCH

We recognize that there are a lot of options to play competitive Ultimate in Edmonton! We would like to take a moment to let you know what Rogue Hippo is about:

As we enter our 7th season as a team, Rogue Hippo has two key focuses: **gender equity** and **team development**.

Rogue Hippo believes that everyone, regardless of gender, should feel as though they can make an impact on the field. We expect that our players recognize the valuable role of each of their teammates and strive to make each one of our players feel that they are contributing to the team in a meaningful way. As such, Rogue Hippo will be moving towards a 50/50 gender ratio with a smaller roster of 9 to 11 men and 9 to 11 women for the 2018 season. This is also designed to bring us in line with last year's rule change to allow for a team to decide the gender ratio when defending a predetermined endzone.

We believe that a team that functions and competes as a unit produces the best results. With a smaller roster we will be looking to distribute play time more evenly and ensure everyone sees the field on a regular basis. More than ever our season will focus on developing all of our players and building on their individual strengths in order to succeed as a team.

We believe that mixed ultimate is unique, challenging, and appealing in its own right. We are looking for passionate and driven players who are excited about mixed ultimate and the opportunities it provides. If you are interested in playing in a fun and competitive environment and making some great friends along the way, then Rogue Hippo could be the team for you!



DIRECTIONAL COMMITTEE

Dani Dugan, Nolan Rettie, Robyn Bosnyak, Chris Reid

TRYOUTS AND CREATING OUR ROSTER

For our 2018 season we are looking to take a roster of 9 to 11 men and 9 to 11 women. Players interested (or potentially interested) in playing on Rogue Hippo should fill out our Expression of Interest Form by May 1 - <https://goo.gl/forms/6Z9ugljF0qWQWZ4k1>

Tryouts will be held May 2 and 9 (both Wednesdays from 7-9 pm), locations are TBD.

Prospective players are encouraged to attend as many of these tryouts as possible. If you are not able to attend tryouts (which is not a dealbreaker) please let leadership know ahead of time.

The roster will be announced on May 15 and will be selected by team leadership.

PRACTICES & TRAINING

Practices will start the first week of May and run until the end of August. Practices will be held once a week on Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm. We will also be running two additional practices per month: dates for these practices will be selected based on player availability and will be held on different days of the week to accommodate busy schedules.

Practices will begin as soon as the fields are safe to practice on. Until the roster is made, all practices are completely open.

TOURNAMENTS

We will be attending the following tournaments:

- Sunflicker - May 4-5, Kelowna, BC
 - Pre-season: attending as Rogue Hippo and Friends
- Ho-Down - June 23-24, Calgary, AB
- Sunbreak (*formerly Potlatch*) - June 29 - July 1, Redmond, WA
- Alberta Regionals - July 14 or 21, Red Deer, AB
 - Date and location TBC
- Disc Break (Nelson, BC) *or* Disc Odyssey (Saskatoon, SK)
 - TBD - based on tournament dates
- Canadian Mixed Ultimate Championships - August 23-26, Surrey, BC



COST

Based on our estimates, the cost of our season (including jerseys, travel, accommodations, and tournament fees) will be between \$1,130 (the 'budget' option) and \$2,170 (the 'diva' option). Breakdown of costs for the 2018 season: <https://goo.gl/QXkUsr>

We will be asking players for a \$100 deposit once we make the roster to help float the costs of jerseys and tournament fees. This is not mandatory. If you are not in a financial position to make a deposit you are under no obligation to do so. Players who make a deposit will have the money applied to jersey costs and tournament registrations.

FUNDRAISING

Rogue Hippo will be undertaking two fundraising events. Money raised from these events will first go towards covering the cost of practices and team expenses; any additional funds will be used to offset player costs. Players are asked to help with these events, schedules permitting.

Fundraising events:

- Countdown (May 26) - One-day tournament organized and run by Rogue Hippo
- Pre-Fall Brawl (Sept 1&2) - Volunteering as part of EUPA Touring Team Agreement (not yet confirmed)

CONTACT & MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or are looking for any more information about Rogue Hippo, our 2018 season, or what it is like to play with us, please don't hesitate to get in touch! The best way to contact Rogue Hippo is by email at roguehippoulti@gmail.com or you can usually find us playing in one of EUPA's leagues.

To make sure you don't miss any updates, join the Google Group at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/edmonton-mixed-ultimate>

You can also find more Rogue Hippo news and updates on the social media @RogueHippoUlti

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