



## Touring Team Agreement

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## Background

The Edmonton Ultimate Players Association (EUPA) was incorporated in 2001 as a not-for-profit association founded on a handful of basic principles. As filed in the *EUPA's Articles of Incorporation* its objectives are as follows:

- Promote the sport of Ultimate and its spirit of good sportsmanship in Edmonton and surrounding areas
- Promote physical and mental well-being through exercise
- Provide a social atmosphere for all who play the sport of ultimate
- Provide an atmosphere that fosters learning – teaching beginners who want to play the sport of ultimate and assisting players who want to improve
- Organize pick-up sessions open to everyone who would like to play the sport of ultimate
- Organize leagues for members to play the sport of ultimate
- Promote the sport of ultimate in Edmonton at a national level by supporting teams which participate in competitions and tournaments
- Represent the concerns of persons who play the sport of ultimate in Edmonton and its surrounding areas through participation in governing bodies such as Ultimate Canada.

The objectives listed above direct all of the EUPA's conduct and policy making. The cooperative agreement that follows attempts to balance these objectives in an effort to grow and strengthen the association in cooperation with the Edmonton touring teams.

## Strategic Planning 2017-2022

### EUPA Mission

To advance the sport of Ultimate in the Edmonton area and foster a culture based on sportsmanship, integrity and community that embodies Spirit of the Game.

### EUPA Vision

EUPA is a leader among sports organizations, and the leader of providing quality opportunities to learn and play Ultimate within a welcoming community.

### EUPA Values

1. **Spirit of the Game:** Ultimate relies upon a spirit of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the player. Highly competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of a mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the agreed upon rules, or the basic joy of play.
2. **Community:** EUPA will foster a welcoming environment for all.
3. **Equality:** EUPA will provide programming to all irrespective of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or physical ability.
4. **Sustainability:** EUPA will focus on positive and constructive growth of membership and leagues and the sport of Ultimate.

### Plan Pillars

Areas of focus for the next 3 years

1. **Community:** Create a culture of ownership, belonging, engagement, acceptance and fun for all current and potential EUPA members.
2. **Growth:** Retaining current and sustainably increasing the number of new individuals playing in, involved with, and exposed to EUPA programs.
3. **Capacity and Resources:** Ensure that EUPA has sufficient resources to support existing programs as well as growth for achieving long term objectives.
4. **Youth:** Lay the foundation for a self-sustaining/self-perpetuating youth program.

## Funding Opportunities Overview

### Fundraising Opportunities

Funding opportunities are split into two sessions, Spring/Summer (April 1 to August 31) and Fall/Winter (September 1 to March 30). Tentative dates for the Spring/Summer events will be set by March 1 and finalized by May 1. Tentative dates for Fall/Winter events will be set by August 1 and finalized by September 1. EUPA will attempt to keep consistency from year to year for each event, however, dates are subject to change due to facility availability and other organizational considerations.

### Spring & Summer

Fundraising Opportunity/Date	Date	Description	Value
Cups Tournament	July 6, 2018 (Tentative)	Friday night Cups tournament	See Stubble Jumpers value
Stubble Jumpers (SJ) Hat Tournament	July 7, 2018 (Tentative)	1 day hat tournament with Saturday night dinner and party	Up to \$2000
Pre Fall Brawl (PFB) Tournament	Sept 1-2, 2018	2 day team tournament with Saturday night dinner and party	Up to \$2000

### Fall & Winter

Fundraising Opportunity/Date	Date	Description	Value
Prairie Summit Series - Frostbite 4v4 Indoor Tournament	January 13, 2019 (tentative)	1 day 4v4 indoor tournament	Up to \$400
Spirit of the North Juniors Tournament	Oct 13-14, 2018 (Tentative)	1 or 2 day Juniors team tournament	Up to \$400

**Note:** The Cups and Stubble Jumpers Tournaments will be treated as one fundraising opportunity for the 2018 season due to the change of the Stubble Jumpers Tournament being a one day event.

### Blue Sky Provision

Every so often the EUPA implements a new program or event that benefits its members and makes the Association better. The Touring Teams are encouraged to get involved in

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the EUPA – if a contribution spearheaded by the Touring Team is implemented, the EUPA reserves the right to recognize this contribution with additional support to the Touring Team, subject to Board approval.

## **Funding Opportunity Specifics**

The reason this agreement has been designed as a 'Touring' Team Agreement is because we expect that the Touring Teams have experience attending similar events outside of Edmonton and are able to assist with elevating EUPA events to the highest standards for how well run, and how much of a positive experience attending an Ultimate event can be. Any team applying for funding from the EUPA using the Touring Team Agreement has come to an understanding that the quality of the event they are helping with should meet or exceed the standards they expect when they are attending a similar event.

Along with assisting during the event, teams awarded a funding opportunity are also expected to help with promotion of the event within and outside of the EUPA community. Event promotion strategy will be determined by EUPA and staff, this may include but is not limited to - online communications, promotion at out of town tournaments, and in person promotion at EUPA league or other events.

### EUPA Beer Cups Tournament and Stubble Jumpers Hat Tournament

*Time Commitment:* Friday set-up (~9:00am to 4:00pm), Friday Cups Tournament (~5:00pm to 1:00am), Saturday Tournament (~8:00am to 5:00pm), Saturday Party (~5:00pm to 3:00am), Sunday clean-up (morning/afternoon, ~3-4 hours)

*Minimum number of volunteers:* 15 over the weekend, 2-5 at any given time

*Tasks:* Promotion of tournament, set-up and cleanup, assistance with registration and schedule, score reporting, field food and water maintenance, bartending, party supervision and general help to Tournament Director

### Pre-Fall Brawl Tournament

*Time Commitment:* Friday set-up (~9:00am to 4:00pm), Friday meet & greet (~7:00pm to 12:00am), Saturday Tournament (~8:00am to 5:00pm), Saturday Party (~5:00pm to 3:00am), Sunday Tournament and clean-up (~8:00am to 5:00pm)

*Minimum number of volunteers:* 15 over the weekend, 2-4 at any given time

*Tasks:* Promotion of tournament, set-up and cleanup, assistance with registration and schedule, score reporting, field food and water maintenance, bartending, party supervision and general help to Tournament Director

### Frostbite U4UC Indoor Tournament

*Time Commitment:* 4-6 hours Saturday or Sunday

*Minimum number of volunteers:* 2-4 at any given time

*Tasks:* Set-up and cleanup each day, ensure proper following of schedule and score reporting, and general help to Tournament Director

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Spirit of the North Juniors Tournament

*Time Commitment:* Saturday and Sunday (~9:00am to 4:00pm each day)

*Minimum number of volunteers:* 10 over the weekend, 2-4 at any given time

*Tasks:* Set-up and cleanup each day, field food and water maintenance, ensure proper following of schedule and score reporting, and general help to Tournament Director

## Registration

Registration for the Touring Team Agreement will happen in two intakes. One for the Spring/Summer session and one for the Fall/Winter session. Registration for the Spring/Summer session begins March 1 and closes on March 31 of each year. Registration for the Fall/Winter Session begins on August 15 and closes on September 15 of each year. The 'Touring Team Registration Form' must be submitted by email to [tournaments@eupa.ca](mailto:tournaments@eupa.ca) by 11:59pm on March 31 or September 15.

All Touring Teams must:

1. Meet the minimum roster requirements for the event that they are attending,
2. Vie to compete in at least one of the following major tournaments in any division:
  - a) The Canadian Ultimate Championships
  - b) USAU Northwest Regionals
  - c) USAU Club Nationals
  - d) Canadian University Ultimate Championships
  - e) Canadian 4-on-4 Ultimate Championships (C4UC)

*Note: If your Touring Team is not planning to attend any of the required tournaments but is still looking to be involved through the Touring Team Agreement, you are encouraged to apply and your application will be considered. Applications from teams that cannot attend an event due to financial or logistical limitations will still be considered.*

3. Compete in at least one additional tournament. Qualifying tournaments (e.g., CUC Regionals or USAU Sectionals) are excluded from the count of these additional tournaments.
4. Promote EUPA tournaments and events at the tournaments they attend, where teams may be drawn from, throughout the season.
5. Must be active, engaged members of the EUPA community.

All Touring Team Players must:

1. Be members in good standing with EUPA.
2. Be a good model of the Spirit of ultimate.
3. Promote opportunities for touring ultimate at EUPA leagues.

Following the event, an evaluation will be completed. If EUPA deems that a Touring Team does not uphold the requirements of the Touring Team Agreement then EUPA may revoke the Touring Team's status and funding. Evaluations will be kept in EUPA records for future reference.

## Definitions

- Team Owner - Re: Payment. The name of the payee who cheques are made to as agreed upon by the team owner(s).
- Tournament Roster -A team roster must be submitted 1-week prior to volunteering. EUPA may at this point check it to make sure roster criteria is met.

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## **Event Allocation**

Events will be awarded to the team that the EUPA Board of Directors deems to be most qualified [through the lens of the Application Assessment Matrix](#). All things, from the number of EUPA players on the team roster to spirit issues within EUPA leagues, will be taken into consideration. In the circumstance of two teams vying for the same event EUPA will try to work with both teams, maybe offering a similar event, or next year's opportunity to run that particular event.

Teams will be notified by April 30<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup> which events have been allocated to their team.

## **Payment**

Payment will be made to the 'Team Owner' as indicated on the 'Touring Team Registration Form'. It is assumed in good spirit that all monies will be used to help subsidize the cost of out-of-town tournaments and attended by EUPA-based teams. If EUPA deems that the event is not run satisfactorily they reserve the right to withhold some or all of the monies owed to the Touring Team.

The amount of funds given to a team will be directly related to the percentage of their roster that are active members in EUPA, having played in at least one EUPA league in the past year.

Ex. If 1000 is the max amount of funds to be awarded, and 75% of the team is an "active member of EUPA", then the team will receive \$750

## **Future Provisions**

The EUPA General Manager and Board of Directors will review this agreement annually, revisions will be posted not later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Touring Teams taking part in the previous year's policy may be contacted to provide their feedback.

## **Audit and Final Approval**

All requirements are subject to audit and final approval by the EUPA. Support and eligibility with respect to the above cooperative agreement program can be denied subject to satisfactory compliance with the policy's provisions as determined by the EUPA Board of Directors. The agreement is also subject to budgetary restrictions and resource availability.