



CANADIAN RUGBY  
FOUNDATION

# Introducing... The Canadian Rugby Foundation

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**\* As of March 1, 2026**

# Introducing the Canadian Rugby Foundation (CRF)

## “Investing in the Future of Canadian Rugby” for 20 Years

- Canadian Not-for-Profit Corporation and public foundation charity offering tax receipts to donors
- Arms-length, cooperative relationship with Rugby Canada, formalized in 2022 MOA



## Key Metrics

- **Assets of \$24.7M** at December 31, 2025. As of January 15, 2026, \$28.7M. **386% growth** since Dec 31, 2021
- **2025 Donations of \$3.1M, grants supporting rugby \$2.2M**



## Role

- Encouraging and building endowment and capital funds with income or capital used to develop and grow community and high-performance rugby in Canada
- Initiating and/or supporting specific projects and organizations at clubs, schools, universities, regions or across Canada, and with award programs





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## Benefits to CRF

- Establish new endowment funds
- Increase assets
- Increase capacity to grow and develop rugby

## Benefits to Fund Sponsor

- Tax receipts for Fund donors
- 25% Matching on funds (maximum of \$20K)
- Endowed funds – capital invested in perpetuity
- 3.5-5.0% payouts annually (tax-free) from interest
- Shared returns from investments
- No Administration fees
- Regular fund performance reporting
- Leading institutional fund manager with low fees (<0.45%)
- Conservative (stable, secure ) investment policy
- Reduced time spent on financial asset management
- Reduced reliance on annual fund-raising for operating expenses

# 93 Funds With Increasing National Footprint



## AB

Ancient Nor'Westers Endowment Fund  
 Clansmen Legacy Fund  
 David Robinson Memorial Award Fund  
 Don Whidden Memorial Award Fund  
 For the Love of the Game Fund  
 Green and Gold Legacy Fund  
 Judy Seddon Memorial Award Fund  
 Leprechaun Tiger RFC Legacy Fund  
 Red Deer Titans RFC Capital Fund  
 Red Deer Titans RFC Endowment Fund  
 Rugby Alberta Endowment Fund  
 Stampede 7s Award Fund  
 Strathcona Druids RFC Fund

## BC

Bayside RFC Clubhouse Campaign Fund  
 BC Grassroots Rugby Fund  
 C.O.R.E. (Central Okanagan Rugby Enthusiasts) Fund  
 Capilano Rugby Club Fund  
 Captain's Fund  
 Castaway Wanderers RFC Fund  
 Courtenay Taaffe Award Fund  
 Cowichan RFC Larry Thibodeau Memorial Award Fund  
 Cowichan Rugby Club Legacy Capital Fund

## BC

Crimson Tide Junior Fund  
 CWRFC Coming Home Capital Fund  
 Dave Huang Memorial Award Fund  
 Dennis Crawford Memorial Award Fund  
 Dick Ellis Memorial Fund  
 Don Ennis Rugby Fund  
 Doug Tate University Coach of the Year Award Fund  
 George Jones Award Fund  
 Gerald McGavin Coaching Award Fund  
 Hong Kong and Olympic 7s Fund  
 Jack Patrick and Nick Mather & Tillman Briggs Family Awards Fund  
 John Cannon Award Fund  
 Kevin 'Lunk' Wirachowski Award Fund  
 LeadHerShip Fund  
 Lone Oak Legends Capital Fund  
 Lone Oak Legends Fund  
 Marina and Howard Gerwing Award Fund  
 Men's Age-grade Rugby Fund  
 Meraloma Rugby Endowment Fund  
 Monty Heald Senior National Women's Fund  
 Pacific Pride Legacy Fund  
 Quinn Lauridsen Memorial Award Fund  
 Ravens Ripper Fund  
 Rick Bourne Rugby Award Fund  
 Steven Batie Memorial Award Fund  
 Thomas Family Award Fund  
 Thunder Indigenous Rugby Fund  
 Tillman Briggs (JBAA) Capital Fund  
 University Rugby Supporters Fund  
 Unrestricted Fund  
 Vikes Men's Rugby Supporters Fund  
 VIRU- Creighton Capital Fund  
 Westshore RFC Fund

## MB

Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund  
 MGRP Capital Fund

## NB

Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund  
 Saint John Trojans RFC Fund

## NL

Deacy, Browne, Parfrey Fund

## ON

Aurora Barbarians RFC Development Fund  
 Aurora Barbarians RFC FFL Fund  
 Brampton RFC Fund  
 Brantford Harlequins RFC  
 Brock Green Space Capital Fund  
 Burlington Centaurs Fund  
 Colette McAuley NSWT Award Fund  
 David Burnett Memorial Award Fund  
 Fletcher's Patrons Fund  
 Guelph Gryphons Women's Rugby Award Fund  
 Hamilton Hornets Rugby Fund  
 Les Voyageurs Fund  
 Liam Geddes Memorial Award Fund  
 Markham Irish MICRC Legacy Fund  
 Niagara Old Boys RFC Capital Fund  
 Peterborough Rugby Endowment Fund  
 Rugby Ontario FFL Fund  
 Rugby Rumble Fund  
 Toronto Nomads Rugby Endowment Fund  
 Toronto Saracens Alumni Fund  
 Toronto Saracens Legacy Fund  
 Toronto Scottish FFL Fund  
 Toronto Scottish Rugby Football Club Fund  
 Twin Elm Rugby Park Renewal Fund  
 Western Mustangs Men's Rugby Fund  
 Western Women's Rugby Alumni Fund  
 Women's Age-grade Rugby Fund

## QC

BU RFC Alumni Endowment Fund  
 John Jones Memorial Award Fund  
 Montreal Irish Capital Fund  
 Montreal Irish Fund  
 SABRFC Alumni Endowment Fund

## SK

Paul 'Koby' Kobayashi Memorial Award Fund

# 3 Basic Fund Types

## RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

# ENDOWMENT

- **Restricted (disbursements requested at the discretion of the Fund Sponsors, not the Foundation) towards rugby operating expenses or awards**, subject to CRA requirements and Memorandum of Agreement terms, and only to a qualified donee (e.g., Rugby Canada).
- Donations are irrevocable gifts to the Foundation and are **tax receipt eligible**.
- **Capital is invested in perpetuity. Only interest is disbursed.**
- **Disbursements of 3.5-5.0% of assets annually** based on fund size
- **Matching contributions of 25%** to maximum \$20,000.
- **3.5% Interest on the funds, 4.5% on assets over \$100,000.**  
**Additional sharing of returns once assets exceed \$500,000**

## RESTRICTED CAPITAL



- **Fund assets are completely withdrawn for use on capital project(s)** such as a new clubhouse, facility renovations, or major equipment purchase at the discretion of the Fund Sponsors subject to CRA requirements and MOA terms which describe the intended capital project.
- Donations are irrevocable gifts to the Foundation and are **tax receipt eligible**.
- **No annual disbursements – capital is withdrawn according to project milestones.**
- **No matching contribution** as capital will be withdrawn.
- **3.5% Interest on the funds.**

## UNRESTRICTED



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- **Unrestricted fund with disbursements at the discretion of the Foundation**
  - Revenues based on direct donations, net investment returns of the total Foundation, Administration & General (A&G) fees from the five \$1 million+ Funds.
  - Expenses based on administration expenses (maintained at less than 1% of assets), matching contributions to Funds, the 3.5%-4.5% returns to its Funds under \$1 million, investment management fees, and grants to and sponsorships of specific initiatives

# 93\* Endowment, Awards, Capital, and Rugby Canada-related Funds

## CLUB ENDOWMENT FUNDS (43)

1. Ancient Nor'Westers Endowment Fund
2. Aurora Barbarians Fund
3. BC Grassroots Rugby Fund
4. Brampton RFC Fund
5. Brantford Harlequins RFC Fund
6. BU RFC Alumni Endowment Fund
7. Capilano Rugby Club
8. Castaway Wanderers RFC Fund
9. Clansmen Legacy Fund
10. Crimson Tide Junior Fund
11. Deacy, Browne, Parfrey Fund
12. Don Ennis Rugby Fund
13. Fletcher's Patrons Fund
14. For the Love of the Game Fund
15. Green and Gold Legacy Fund
16. Hamilton Hornets Rugby Fund
17. LeadHerShip Fund
18. Leprechaun Tiger RFC Legacy Fund
19. Lone Oak Legends Fund
20. Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund
21. Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund
22. Markham Irish MICRC Legacy Fund
23. Meraloma Rugby Endowment Fund
24. Montreal Irish Fund
25. Peterborough Rugby Endowment Fund
26. Ravens Ripper Fund
27. Red Deer RFC Endowment Fund
28. Rugby Alberta Endowment Fund
29. Rugby Ontario FFL Fund
30. Rugby Rumble Fund
31. SABRFC Alumni Endowment Fund
32. Strathcona Druids RFC Fund
33. Thunder Indigenous Rugby Fund
34. Toronto Nomads Rugby Endowment Fund
35. Toronto Saracens Alumni Fund
36. Toronto Saracens Legacy Fund

34. Toronto Scottish FFL Fund
35. Toronto Scottish RFC Fund
36. University Rugby Supporters Fund
37. Vikes Men's Rugby Supporters Fund
38. Western Mustangs Men's Rugby Fund
39. Western Women's Rugby Alumni Fund
40. Westshore RFC Fund

## AWARDS FUNDS (26)

1. Colette McAuley NSWT Award Fund
2. CORE (Central Okanagan Rugby Enthusiasts) Fund
3. Courtenay Taaffe Award Fund
4. Cowichan RFC Larry Thibodeau Memorial Award Fund
5. Dave Huang Memorial Award Fund
6. David Burnett Memorial Award Fund
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22. Quinn Lauridsen Memorial Award Fund
23. Rick Bourne Rugby Award Fund
24. Stampede 7s Award Fund
25. Steven Batie Memorial Award Fund
26. Thomas Family Award Fund

## CAPITAL FUNDS (15)

1. Aurora Barbarian RFC Development Fund
2. Bayside RFC Clubhouse Campaign Fund
3. Brock Green Space Capital Fund
4. Burlington Centaurs Fund
5. Cowichan Rugby Club Legacy Capital Fund
6. CWRFC Coming Home Capital Fund
7. Lone Oak Legends Capital Fund
8. Montreal Irish Capital Fund
9. Niagara Old Boys RFC Capital Fund
10. Red Deer Titans RF Capital Fund
11. Saint John Trojans RFC Fund
12. Strathcona Druids RFC Fund
13. Tillman Briggs Capital Fund
14. Twin Elm Rugby Park Renewal Fund
15. VIRU- Creighton Capital Fund

## RUGBY CANADA-RELATED FUNDS (8)



1. Captains' Fund
2. Dick Ellis Memorial Fund
3. Hong Kong 7s Fund
4. Les Voyageurs Fund
5. Men's Age-grade Rugby Fund
6. Monty Heald National Senior Women's Fund
7. Pacific Pride Legacy Fund
8. Women's Age-grade Rugby Fund

## CRF UNRESTRICTED FUND (1)



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# Starting a New Fund

## Determine Fund Purpose

**30 Days**

Potential Fund Sponsor (FS) develops preliminary idea for a new Fund and its goals.

**1-2 Days**

FS contacts CRF Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

FS and CEO schedule and hold telephone or Zoom call to discuss scope, scale, and type of fund:

## Draft MOA

**1-2 Weeks**

CEO emails Draft 1 of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

FS discusses with other Fund sponsors, club executives, and major donors; develops Draft 2 with Schedule A with unique terms of the Fund and 2 Fund Representatives identified.

FS and CEO discuss and develop penultimate draft MOA.

Final MOA draft signed and sealed

## Set Up New Fund

**2-4 Days**

New Fund set up on CRF books with Financial Administrator and Treasurer.

New Fund set up with Leith Wheeler, the CRF Investment Manager.

New Fund set up on CRF website and CanadaHelps.org to accommodate new donations

News article posted on CRF website announcing the new fund

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