

# **CANADIAN RUGBY FOUNDATION**



**NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSAL**  
**March 6th, 2018 DRAFT**

# INTRODUCTION

- This is a proposal to hold a National Club Championship for both men and women in Canada.
- The Championship would initially be on a four year cycle starting in 2018 for men and 2019 or 2020 for women with a view of increasing to two years with sufficient funding.

# HISTORY

- The only national club championship held was May 18-21, 2006 at Ellerslie Park in Edmonton, it was for men's club rugby and was won by James Bay of Victoria.
- The final was contested between Victoria's James Bay and Toronto's Irish Canadians, the final was 34-26 for JBAA.
- 10 teams from 7 Provinces participated.

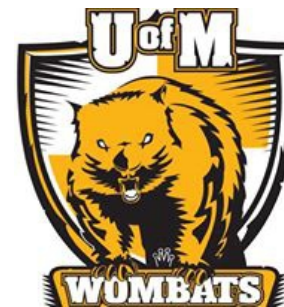
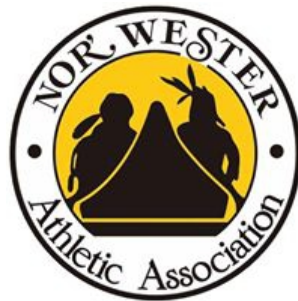


# PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

- Four year cycle starting in 2018 for men and 2019 or 2020 for women (option for two year cycle with funding)
- East and West club championships in August/September
- Final Four national championship tournament on Thanksgiving weekend.

# SCHEDULE - WEST

- Game 1 - University of Manitoba Wombats (seed #3) vs Saskatoon Badgers (seed #4) - end of August.
- Game 2- Edmonton Nor'Westers (seed #2) vs Winner Game 1 - Labour Day weekend.



# SCHEDULE - EAST

- Game 1 - Fredericton Loyalists vs Newfoundland Dogs - end of August.



- Game 2 - Montreal Irish vs Brantford Harlequins - Labour Day weekend.



# SCHEDULE - FINAL FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

- A four team tournament on Thanksgiving weekend.
- Teams include BC club champion, Winner of West Game 2, Winner of East Game 1, Winner of East Game 2. Pools to be decided by committee based on rankings.
- Semi-finals on Saturday, Banquet Saturday night and Finals on Monday.

# BUDGET - West 1 of 2

## Western Championship: Game #1

- Basic travel and accommodation costs for Manitoba vs Saskatchewan estimated at \$5000 (bus \$2000, hotel two nights \$3000 ).
- Hosting team to pay \$500 to committee. Committee to provide subsidy to traveling team of \$1500.

Note: costs are rough estimates only. Subsidy levels are fixed minimum, teams are responsible for arranging and paying travel and airfare costs.





# BUDGET - West 2 of 2

## Western Championship: Game #2

- Basic travel and accommodation budget \$5000 if Saskatchewan vs Alberta and \$7000 if Alberta vs Manitoba.
- Hosting team (Edmonton) to pay \$500 to committee. Committee to provide subsidy to traveling team of \$2500 if Manitoba or \$2000 if Saskatchewan.



# BUDGET - East 1 of 2

## Eastern Championship: Game #1

- Maritimes vs Newfoundland. Cost shared between two teams. Same formula as West with respect to hosting. Approximate total cost \$10000.
- Hosting team to pay \$1000 to committee. Committee to provide subsidy to traveling team of \$3000.

Note: costs are rough estimates only. Subsidy levels are fixed minimum, teams are responsible for arranging and paying travel and airfare costs.



# BUDGET - East 2 of 2

## Eastern Championship: Game #2

- Quebec vs Ontario. Cost shared between two teams. Same formula as West with respect to hosting. Approximate cost \$6000.
- Hosting team to pay \$500 to committee. Committee to provide subsidy to traveling team of \$1000.

# BUDGET - Final Four Championship - 1 of 2

- All teams are responsible for their own transport and accommodation costs.
- Teams traveling would be provided a subsidy per traveling team member - up to a maximum of 25.
- Traveling subsidy per traveling team member from Newfoundland or Maritimes \$800; from Toronto or Quebec \$600; from Saskatchewan or Manitoba \$400; from Alberta \$300.

# BUDGET - Final Four Championship - 2 of 2

- All qualifying teams to pay a \$2k registration fee within one week of qualification or September 1st 2018 whichever is later. Funds refunded in full on confirmation of flight and accommodation details.
- BCRU to host - net game day revenue allocated based on formula to be agreed upon.
- Entry cost for BC team \$3k to contribute to cost sharing.

# Prize Money

- Prize money \$5k winner, \$2k second place, \$1K third place.
- Remaining monies allocated to prizes to pay for cups and medals.
- All subsidies and prize monies will be paid in full on the last day of the tournament .

# HOSTING

## REGIONAL

- Game Day funded by host team. Responsible for field, referee costs, hosting post match. Host team keeps gate and bar.
- Traveling team responsible for ancillary costs.

## NATIONAL

- RC to cover referee costs. Provincial host union to cover Championship Game Day costs. CC receive cut of bar.

# FUNDING

- Canadian Rugby Foundation contribution \$52000.  
NOTE: Please see summary of Costs and Responsibilities for more details
- Title sponsor \$20000.
- Game day revenue from bar \$2000.
- Host union to contribute \$10000 towards marketing.



# GOVERNANCE - 1 of 2

- Chair and British Columbia representative - **Hans DeGoede**. Former Rugby Canada board member, current Canadian Rugby Foundation board member , Captain Rugby Canada World Cup team 1987, former President James Bay Athletic Association.
- Chairs Hosting Committee - **Annabel Kehoe**, B.C.R.U. C.E.O. , **John Lecky**, former Canadian International , B.C.R.U. director , long time member Merolomas.
- Vice-Chair Fixtures, **Roger Smith**, Former Rugby Canada President, former President Edmonton Clansmen
- Vice Chair - Finance, **Mike Holmes** , Chair and Co-Founder Canadian Rugby Foundation, Vice -President Westshore R.F.C.

# GOVERNANCE - 2 of 2

- Western Region Representative, Gareth Rowlands, former Canadian international, current senior director Saskatchewan Rugby, long time member Regina Rogues.
- Eastern Region 1 (Maritimes and Newfoundland) Representative, Dr. Pat Parfrey, former Rugby Canada President, Senior Men's Coach, current World Rugby Representative, long time member
- Eastern Region 2 (Ontario and Quebec) Representative, Gordon Sneddon . Former Vice President Rugby Canada, Former President Rugby Ontario

# Player Rules

- Proposed initial rules for player eligibility to be discussed and ratified by the Championship Committee are as follows:
- Up to 4 Guest players from other teams in union permitted.
- Players must have played minimum 4 games for a club. Players who have played historically for a club permitted to play on prior application to Committee.

# Summary of Costs & Responsibilities - Regional

Regional Competitions – Atlantic, Central, Prairie				
	Host Contribution	Visitor Subsidy	Host Responsibility	Visitor Responsibility
BC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prairie:				
a. Man / Sask	\$500	\$1,500	a. Match Officials b. Match Day Hosting c. Field Preparation d. Retain all gate and sponsorship	a. Travel b. Accommodation c. Meals
b. Final	\$500	Man. - \$2,500 Sask. - \$2,000	a. Match Officials b. Match Day Hosting c. Field Preparation d. Retain all gate and sponsorship	a. Travel b. Accommodation c. Meals
Atlantic	\$1,000	\$3,000	a. Match Officials b. Match Day Hosting c. Field Preparation d. Retain all gate and sponsorship	d. Travel e. Accommodation f. Meals
Central	\$500	\$1,000	a. Match Officials b. Match Day Hosting c. Field Preparation d. Retain all gate and sponsorship	a. Travel b. Accommodation c. Meals
	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$7,500 / \$8,000</b>		



# Summary of Costs & Responsibilities – National

National Final – Abbotsford, British Columbia				
	Host Contribution	Visitor Subsidy	Host Responsibility	Visitor Responsibility
BC Team	\$3,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Match Officials</li> <li>b. Match Day Hosting</li> <li>c. Field Preparation</li> <li>d. Gate and Sponsorship Division with Committee</li> </ul>	
Prairie Team		\$10,000 \$7,500 (AB)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Travel</li> <li>b. Accommodation</li> <li>c. Meals</li> <li>d. \$2,000 Deposit</li> </ul>
Central Team		\$15,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Travel</li> <li>b. Accommodation</li> <li>c. Meals</li> <li>d. \$2,000 Deposit</li> </ul>
Atlantic Team		\$20,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Travel</li> <li>b. Accommodation</li> <li>c. Meals</li> <li>d. \$2,000 Deposit</li> </ul>
	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$42,500 / \$45,000</b>		



# Summary of Costs & Responsibilities – Notes

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Prize Money:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place - \$5,000 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - \$2,000 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - \$1,000
Finals Subsidies:	Based on 25 people per traveling team at the following rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Atlantic - \$800 per person</li> <li>b. Central - \$600 per person</li> <li>c. Prairie - \$300 per person (Alberta) or \$400 per person (Manitoba or Saskatchewan)</li> </ul>
Subsidy Payment:	All Subsidies will be paid at conclusion of the game to which subsidy is applicable.
Deposits:	Deposits are payable within 1 week of qualification or September 1 <sup>st</sup> , whichever is later.  Deposits are refundable on confirmation of flight bookings and accommodations.  Deposits shall not be refunded if the applicable qualifying team fails to attend the Tournament.

