



# Kamloops Rugby Club

Mens, Womens, Juniors & Mini  
P.O. Box 1161 Kamloops, BC V2C 6H3

Kamloops Sports Legacy Fund  
Attn: Bob Smillie

December 11 2024

Dear Bob,

On behalf of the Kamloops Rugby Club, thank you for providing us with the 2024 funding request. The money we received has been used to purchase new training equipment to supplement our existing inventory and replace items that are no longer usable.

Specifically, we were able to purchase the following items: 50 training balls for senior teams, 60 training balls for mini rugby, 40 Pinnies, 4 Contact Wedges, 4 Tackle Shields, and 200 Training Marker Cones. This year's purchases supplement our existing inventory.

Having the proper equipment, and having enough of it available, makes for more effective training sessions which in turn provides better results on the field. Please refer to the info at the end of this document for more information on what we purchased.

Club participation and player registration is at an all-time high and the future of our club looks great! Here's a brief update on our programs:

- This year, our Senior Men's division 2 team is sitting at the top of the standings after the fall season with a 9-0 record.
- Our Senior Women's moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> division this fall and is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place. They are also going to England in August next year to watch the Women's World Cup tournament. Canada's Women's team is ranked #3 in the world, so rugby fans in Canada are hoping for a strong showing from our national team.
- Our Junior Boys teams (U19, U17 and U15) all qualified for playoffs this fall. The U19 Boys squad is travelling to Argentina in March 2025 for a two-week tour, which of course will include several games. Argentina's Rugby Program is one of the best in the world, with their Men's National Team is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in World Rugby standings.
- The Junior Girls program has a new coach and we are seeing an increase in the number of registered players coming out to play rugby.
- Our Mini Rugby program continues to see 100+ kids from ages 4 to 12 coming to our spring and fall sessions.

Thanks again for the ongoing support we have received from the Sports Legacy Fund this year and years past.

Sincerely,

Andy Fraser



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**Contact Wedge & Tackle Shields**

Keeping our athletes safe and injury-free is our #1 priority.

The Contact Wedge and Tackle Shields are versatile training tools designed to help young rugby players develop their tackling and contact skills without requiring player to player physical contact.

Tackle shields also help experienced players continue to improve their tackling skills.

The KRC bought 4 Contact Wedges and 4 Tackle Shields to add to our existing inventory.



**Canterbury CCC Mentre Rugby Training Ball Size 3&4**

Canterbury CCC Mentre Rugby Training Ball Size 3&4. This size of ball is designed specifically for younger players who are just starting their rugby career. Smaller sizes allow the athlete to learn the ball handling skills that are essential at all ages and levels of ability.

The KRC purchased 60 balls, which will be used primarily by our mini-rugby program. We also purchased 50 size 5 training balls for our senior men's and women's teams.



**KRC Mini Rugby - Class of 2024**



**Tackle Shields in action**



**A future star working on tackling technique**



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