

HSBC COMMUNITY RUGBY FUND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

OBJECTIVE

The HSBC Community Rugby Fund (“Fund”) is a program that offers a wide breadth of grants aimed to benefit the operations, sustainability, and growth of rugby across Canada. The Fund is presented by HSBC Bank Canada in partnership with Rugby Canada. Registered rugby clubs, as well as schools and community organizations, can submit an application for funding provided they are eligible and meet the criteria for funding. All applicants must also adhere to these Terms and Conditions.

KEY DATES

Applications Open: April 4th at 12:00:00 am ET

Applications Closed: April 24th at 11:59:59 pm ET

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

To be eligible for funding, the applicant must be one of the following:

1. A **Rugby Club** registered and in good standing with a Provincial Union;
2. A **School** with or without rugby programming that is seeking to develop or enhance their programs; or
3. A **Community Organization** with or without rugby programming that is seeking to develop or enhance their programs.

The primary purpose of the Rugby Club, School or Community Organization should be to deliver playing and training opportunities for community rugby.

Priority Projects

Priority will be given to those Rugby Club, School or Community Organizations that applies for grant funding within the Cultivate or Develop project type as referenced on page three in the Community Rugby Fund Overview document. The application form submitted by the Rugby Club, School or Community Organization will describe a project that would be supported by the Fund. Special consideration will be given to projects that:

- Enhance the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility of rugby within a club, school, or community organization.
- Support the development of coaches and match officials within the rugby community.
- Introduce new youth programs in the rugby community that did not previously already exist.

An applicant that has a staff member, volunteer, or Director who is affiliated with Rugby Canada or HSBC Bank Canada must declare any possible conflict of interest as part of their application. Applications may be rejected by Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada on this basis at their discretion.

APPLICATION

Application forms are available here: [HSBC Bank Community Rugby Fund — Rugby Canada](#)

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria*:

Criteria	Weighting
Ability to identify and address an issue in the community and a clear approach to providing a solution.	20
Quality and clarity of the project description.	10
A detailed and complete project budget that reflects the project description.	10
Alignment with the Priority Projects that are described in the Eligibility section of these Terms and Conditions.	40
Alignment with Pillar #1 (“Cultivate the Community Game”) and/or Pillar #3 (“Protect Participant Welfare”) of the Rugby Canada 2021-23 Strategic Plan .	20
Total Score	Maximum 100 points

** Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada reserve the right to alter or revise these criteria at any time and without notice to the applicant. Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada reserve the right to request that an applicant submit a revised submission.*

REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants must agree to:

- Complete a report about what the funding supported, how it impacted the local rugby community, and include details on number of participants reached as well as participant images and quotes.
- Provide invoices upon completion of the project that are consistent with their expenditure and the work detailed in the original application.
- Submit a short video highlighting the importance of the funds (video format, length, and terms of use will be discussed between the successful applicant and Rugby Canada prior to its submission).

LEGAL

1. Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada reserve the right to withhold funding from any successful application should the work detailed in invoices provided by the successful applicant differ from the application details.
2. Applicants that commence work on a project prior to a funding decision being reached do so at their own risk and should not rely on funding being granted.
3. The final amount of any award is at the discretion of Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada and may be less than the amount requested in any application.

4. Applicants grant Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada the right to display their name, logo, description of the project, and amount of the award on their websites and media platforms. Applicants grant Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada the right to use and take, at their sole discretion, any information and/or photographs, images, or recordings for advertising and publicity or other promotion of Rugby Canada or HSBC Bank, including without limitation, the clubs name, photographs of the club and participant images and/or their likeness, in any and all media without payment, charge, compensation or further notifications. This may include without limitation written, pictorial, or video materials.
5. Applicants agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Rugby Canada and HSBC Canada and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and contractors from and against any liability for any injury, death, loss or damage to any person or entity, including without limitation damage to personal or real property, caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the funding of a project.
6. Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada are not responsible for late or incomplete applications. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.
7. All awards may be subject to additional terms and conditions imposed at the discretion of Rugby Canada and HSBC Bank Canada.
8. All issues or questions relating to these Terms and Conditions and their interpretation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the province of Ontario.
9. Funding awards may not be appealed.