

# **THE DICK ELLIS MEMORIAL FUND**

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## **Introduction and Background**

The Dick Ellis Memorial Fund (DEMF) originated in 1978 as an ongoing memorial to Mr. Dick Ellis, a Rugby Canada President, who had passed away in office. Since its inception the trustees of this fund have been distributing financial awards ranging in degree for worthwhile educational Rugby projects across Canada.

The main purpose of the DEMF is to provide financial support to a Canadian individual located within Canada specifically for an educational “Rugby opportunity/activity” that he/she may be undertaking that the Dick Ellis Memorial Funding Committee members consider being beneficial to the sport/game of Rugby in Canada. (i.e. help defray travel costs for educational clinics, seminars, projects, and workshops) Players, referees and/or coaches are eligible and the annual award is restricted to a maximum of \$500.00 per approved applicant.

The fund has recently been in a hiatus and undergone review and is now again being offered to the Canadian Rugby Community.

## **DEMF Fund Committee**

Members of the DEMF Committee are comprised of 3 individuals from the Canadian Rugby Community who’s interests is to promote and foster the game within Canada. The founding three (3) members (Robert W. Elder, A. John Russell, and Peter C. Clarke) have retired and appointed three (3) new administrators of the DEM Fund and these three appointed members are currently responsible for administering all aspects of the DEMF and are: Bob McGeein, Preston Wiley, and Robin Russell.

The Trustees are responsible for:

- a) ensuring that the assets of the DEM Fund are securely invested.
- b) maintaining continuity of the DEMF.
- c) reviewing and approving appropriate applications as received for financial assistance.
- d) determining annually the appropriate number of Awards and amounts to be disbursed.

## Qualification Criteria for DEMF Applications

To qualify for the DEMF award, a recipient must:

- a) be a registered and paid-up member of a Canadian Rugby Club and/or Provincial Referees Society of which Club/Society is a member in good standing with the Provincial Rugby Union within the Rugby Canada organization.
- b) have been a resident of Canada for at minimum the past 24 months.
- c) not have been recipients of the DEMF within the past 3 years.
- d) not be a Provincial or National “Carded Athlete” in Rugby.
- e) have demonstrated leadership qualities through Rugby involvement and/or Community involvement.

## Application Process

All applicants must submit a written application to the DEMF including all of the following:

- > submit a letter of endorsement from an elected Rugby Club/Society official of the Rugby Club/Society of which the applicant is a member verifying they are in good standing.
- > submit a factual resume of rugby career, awards, leadership experiences and community involvement.
- > submit an outline of the educational project/activity including the goal/objectives and/or purpose and identify all funds being requested (dollar amount) and how those funds will be used to benefit the sport of Rugby in Canada.
- > Applications must be submitted to the attention of DEMF in each calendar year to the following address to be received no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>:  
2 Varley Cres., Brantford, Ontario, N3R 7Z3  
email: [bmcgeein@sympatico.ca](mailto:bmcgeein@sympatico.ca)
- > Applicants will be notified no later than November 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the standing of the application when a minimum of half (½) to a maximum of three-quarters (¾) of the reward funds will be received.
- > If a reward is received the applicant must provide a “final report” on the outcome of the project/activity to the DEMF committee at the conclusion of the project/activity (normally within a 3 month period) identifying all outcomes, learning experiences, and/or achievements. Once this report is received the remainder of the funds will then be distributed.

For further enquiries contact any one of the following:

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