

Dear Rugby Coach:

Rugbyfest 2014 will take place on **April 18th and 19th** on various rugby fields throughout the Kamloops area. This year there will be Grade 8 Boys' Division, Junior Boys' Division, Senior Boys' Division, and a Girls' Division.

The registration fee this year will be **\$150.00 to \$300 with no refunds**. Due to the popularity of this event, teams who register first and who have paid their registration in full will secure a spot in the draw. Only teams who have mailed a cheque will be guaranteed their place in the draw. Once the draw is filled, teams registering late will be placed on a waiting list. Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form and return it as quickly as possible **WITH YOUR CHEQUE**. We will confirm with you by e-mail within one week of receipt of payment that you are in the tournament. If payment is not received with your registration form, you will not be placed in the draw.

The deadline for entries and payment will be April 11, 2014 to allow time to finalize and send out the schedule.

This is an exhibition participation festival. Teams will be placed in an appropriate pool based on ability and geographic location. The intent is to offer competitive rugby against teams that do not normally play each other. Teams will play one or two games Friday afternoon between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Each team must be prepared to play two games on Saturday up to 4:00 PM.

SCHEDULES

If you've been here before, you know that the schedule is never perfect. Last minute changes always have to be made, given the large number of teams and side-deals going on. If you are planning a schedule change, or simply are not able to meet your previously scheduled game commitments, you must let me know asap. My phone number and email are listed below.

Phone: 250-554-1930 Email: nielsenstobie@shaw.ca

Schedules will be available Friday morning at the Kamloops Rugby Club between 11am and 1pm. Schedules will also be posted on the website Friday morning for those with internet access. Go to www.kamloopsrugby.com and follow the Rugbyfest link.

SKILLS CONTEST

This year's Skills Competition will be held at 11:30am on Friday, April 18th at the Rugby Club. The following events will be held (subject to change): Drop Goal, Place Kick, Pass, 40m Sprint. Please have your athletes onsite by 11:00am to register. **Each team may register 2 rugby players for each of the events.**

CERTIFIED REFEREES REQUIRED FOR ALL GAMES!!

IRB laws dictate that all U19 games must be officiated by a certified IRB Level 1 referee. Each team is expected to bring at least one referee. All referees who will complete at least 2 full games during RugbyFest will receive a complimentary pass to the Coaches Dinner Celebration and \$50.00 payable after completion of the tournament.

COMMUNICATION

As email will be the primary means of communication prior to the start of RugbyFest, the coach's personal email address is required.

Please PRINT the email address legibly.

Please also provide the main phone # (cell) at which the coach may be reached prior to and during RugbyFest. If no cell or email is available, all coaches are expected to check in at the Kamloops Rugby Club on Friday morning, Friday evening, and again on Saturday morning to ensure they have the latest schedule and referee info.

Rugbyfest Central will be at the Rugby Club. Main contacts for this weekend will be (shown in order of contact):

Name	Phone
Tony Stobie Home	250-554-1930

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During Rugby Fest days only, Tony may also be reached at 250-318-5314

COACHES' DINNER

The annual Coaches' Dinner is on Friday night starting at **6:30 pm**. Entry fee (included in registration fee) gets you 1 gigantic steak, salad, potatoes with the works, and 2 cold beverages (tickets delivered upon arrival at the dinner).

HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATION:

Once again the COMFORT INN and SUITES is the official HOTEL SPONSOR for Rugbyfest. They have an indoor pool, water slide, hot tub and fitness room, are close to Aberdeen Mall and the Cineplex Odeon, and offer reasonable rates(\$100), which include free deluxe Continental breakfast, to get the teams off to a good start. Contact the Comfort Inn at 250-372-0987 to make your reservations, and be sure to mention that you are coming for Rugbyfest, to get the special rate!

For more info on the Comfort Inn:

- www.comfortinnkamloops.com.

Canada's Best Value Inn has listed a nightly rate of \$89.99 plus taxes. All rates include: free wireless internet, free local calls, free parking, free storage equipment room, and continental breakfast. Located near the Aberdeen Mall they are a 10 minute drive from the majority of our playing venues. Contact the Best Value in at 250-374-8100 or email canadasbestvalueinn@shaw.ca

For more info on the Best Value Inn

- www.canadasbestvalueinn.ca
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Please remember that we are a community focused club, and your visit reflects back directly on our club and its ability to generate support from the local community. In other words, make sure your athletes behave themselves if at all possible.

NEED MORE INFO?

If you have any questions regarding Rugbyfest registration, scheduling, accommodation or any other related inquiries prior to the start of the festival, please contact Tony Stobie at nielsenstobie@shaw.ca or 250-554-1930.

PAYMENT:

- \$150 per team, up to a maximum of \$300 per school
- Make all cheques payable to **NORKAM SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Send registration form and payment to:

**RugbyFest 2014 Committee
Tony Stobie
2549 Crestline Place
Kamloops, B.C.
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