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Guelph Rowing Club Receives Relief Funding from Jumpstart

GUELPH, ON - The Guelph Rowing Club is the successful recipient of \$10,000 in funding from Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund for youth programs. This funding will enable the club to offer its high school aged rowers programming that is safe and socially distanced, with the purchase of club-owned equipment specifically aimed at keeping young female athletes in the sport.

Junior athletes at the Guelph Rowing Club have achieved impressive results over the past five years, including multiple wins and podium finishes at championship regattas, earning opportunities to compete for Team Ontario and Team Canada, as well as offers of post-secondary scholarships.

"We are extremely grateful to be recipients of this Jumpstart funding," said club President Jane McKinnon Wilson. "The pandemic has been a very challenging time for our junior athletes, who are unable to train or compete for a second consecutive spring season. This funding will allow us to continue their sport-specific development in small boats once we are back on the water, and create inclusivity within the sport through access to more diversely sized equipment."

In February, Canadian Tire Corporation announced an additional \$12 million commitment to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund to help sport and recreation organizations build back sport and play in Canada. Jumpstart conducted a State of Sport study via Ipsos which revealed the pandemic has not only impacted current access to sport and play but will also have long-term effects.

For more information about youth and all other programs offered at the Guelph Rowing Club, visit guelphrowing.ca and follow [@guelphrowingclub](https://www.instagram.com/guelphrowingclub) on Instagram.

About the Guelph Rowing Club

The Guelph Rowing Club, established in 1999 as a legacy of the facilities and operations for the 1998 Ontario Summer Games, is a community-based, volunteer organization that aims to inspire a life-long love of rowing in athletes ranging in age and ability. Its members strive to promote rowing excellence through structured programs, quality coaching and equipment. Members at the Guelph Rowing Club range from youth and adult Learn to Row participants to athletes racing at national and international championship regattas.



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