

Subject: Practice board for Jack Bagley Field

Representative Rogers and POSAC.

To begin with the Nanoose Bay Pickleball Club (NBPC) would like to thank Representative Rogers and the Parks and Outdoor Spaces Advisory Committee for all that they have done to create a wonderful racket sports facility here in Nanoose.

NBPC is one of the primary users of the courts, the club now has in excess of 200 members, the vast majority of which reside in Electoral Area E. From the time the courts first opened and with the cooperation of the Regional District of Nanaimo, the club has been continuously active assisting with facility improvements. Club members installed the blue windscreen that has significantly improved playing conditions on the courts for all players, and more recently club members installed a suspended cable to hang sports bags and apparel on. The suspended cable has improved safety by taking all the sports bags off of the shoulder of the playing surface eliminating the tripping hazards the bags on the ground presented.

One additional improvement that the club strongly supports would be the installation of a practice board along the back fence of the courts. This would be a permanent installation and available for club use as well as the general public. A practice board would be installed vertically against the fence and in no way interfere with the playing surface of the courts.

A practice board enables both pickleball and tennis players to practice their strokes against a hard surface by themselves at any time without necessarily having playing partners. These are a common feature on many public courts throughout BC. For purposes of illustration I have included two photos of a typical practice board.





In our preliminary research, we have found there are very few commercial suppliers of practice boards, and those we have found are quite expensive. They are certainly outside the NBPCs resources to purchase. Below I have included some information on one commercially available product. It is made in the United States and after shipping and brokers fees and currency conversion would be close to \$15,000 Canadian.

As an alternative to purchasing a commercial product, the club would like to offer to construct a high standard practice board from marine grade plywood with a surface of bonded starboard. These products are available locally and the club has the resources in the way of volunteers with woodworking and construction skill sets to construct and install such a practice board.

Of course we understand the importance of quality and would be only too happy to submit a plan for construction as a first step. The club would also be willing to fund raise for the cost of the materials for the board or as was the case with the wind-screening be more than willing to do the installation with the materials paid for by the RDN.

The NBPC respectfully requests your consideration and support for our proposal and will be happy to follow up to this letter should you have any questions.

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NBPC

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Date: May 27, 2025 at 7:22:51 AM PDT

To: [rogersb](#)

Subject: RE: Rally Master Backboards request for quote

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting us.

Rally Master Backboards are the most durable tennis backboard on the market and can also be used for pickleball, lacrosse, soccer, hockey, and many other applications. Rally Master Backboards come with an industry-leading 20-year warranty.

Per your request the quote for the Rally Master Backboard is as follows:

- **Quantity (1) 10' x 20' DC Rally Master Backboard: \$6810**
- **Shipping to zip code V9P9L5: \$1570**

*****Does not include broker fees.**

Mounting Requirements:

- Minimum Fence Post Requirements: 2 ½" OD Pipe, SS40/ 10' feet height
- Maximum Post Spacing: 10' O.C.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'll be happy to help.

Shipping fee is subject to change.

Best,

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