

## Guidelines - National Championship Travel Subsidy

The National Championship Travel Subsidy (NCTS) is designed to offset the high travel costs for Newfoundland and Labrador athletes participating in national championships. The NCTS provides financial assistance to offset travel and accommodations expenses.

### Who can apply?

Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) receiving an annual operating grant from the Healthy Living Sport and Recreation (HLSR) Division are eligible for funding. PSOs may apply for funding support in a maximum of three age groups (as determined by the PSO). In the event that two teams are eligible to compete in the same national championship representing Newfoundland and Labrador, only one team is eligible for funding. PSOs will determine which team is eligible for funding.

The NCTS program is only available to one age division per gender. Priority will be given to the highest division (e.g. Triple A over Double A and, if no Triple A, Double A over Single A) team who meets the criteria outlined above.

### What teams and championships are eligible to receive the NCTS?

#### Eligible

- National championships must be sanctioned by the National Sport Organization (NSO).
- Championships with athletes 21 years of age and under.
- Provincial teams representing Newfoundland and Labrador at age group national championships or club teams who have won a provincial championship.
- National Championships in both team and individual sports. Athletes in individual sports must have qualified to attend the national championship sanctioned by the NSO. In sports such as athletics, swimming, etc., where athletes are required to meet competition standards in order to qualify for National championships, athletes will be eligible for funding provided the PSO can substantiate in writing that these athletes have successfully achieved the standards established by the NSO. Athletes will only be eligible for funding to attend one national championship per year.
- National Championship must be held outside the Province.

#### Ineligible

- Teams and athletes whose travel and accommodations have been funded in amounts representing 50 per cent or more of their expenses for travel through the NSO.

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- Teams or athletes competing in Atlantic or Eastern Canadian championships, invitational or exhibition competitions, corporate competitions, Masters Games, Senior Games, Transplant Games, Military Games, North American Indigenous Games, Arctic Games, University Games, Atlantic University Sport and U Sports championships.
- A team designated as the PSOs Canada Games team. PSOs receive funding to support Canada Games teams under the Canada Games grant program.
- Athletes who are invited to a national team training camp/competition or who represent Canada in a recognized international competition (e.g. World Cup). These athletes may be eligible for funding through the Department's Premier's Athletic Awards Program or Elite Athlete Assistance Program.

### **What is the maximum amount of funding available?**

The number of athletes eligible to receive funding will be based on the permitted team size as stated in the NSO Championship technical package up to a maximum identified below. In administering the NCTS, the following funding formula will be applied:

#### Competition Ontario and East

- \$200 per athlete to a maximum of \$3,000 per team of up to 20 athletes
- Teams of over 20 athletes to a maximum of \$4000

#### Competition West of Ontario

- \$250 per athlete to a maximum of \$4,000 per team of up to 20 athletes
- Teams of over 20 athletes to a maximum of \$5000

In addition, up to two coaches or managers as listed as approved team staff in the NSO national championship technical package will also be considered eligible for the subsidy. Teams with 10 athletes or less will be eligible to receive the subsidy for one coach.

The HLSR Division reserves the right to cap funding to a PSO to ensure availability of funding for all eligible PSOs.

### **How are applications assessed?**

The NCTS applications are assessed based on the information provided and the funding formula identified above. If the size of a traveling team decreases or any logistics related to the competition change after submission of the application, the PSO, team coach or manager must advise the Sport Consultant in the HLSR Division of the change immediately.

### **How are the funds distributed between athletes?**

The NCTS grant must be distributed evenly to each athlete traveling (regardless of financial or geographical situation). Funding is to be distributed directly to the athletes and all team members must be informed in writing of Government's specific financial contribution towards their travel/accommodations expenses.

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### **Are administration costs eligible?**

No. At no time is the PSO under which the athletes are represented, permitted to retain any portion of the NCTS for administrative costs. All funds are to be distributed to the athletes to offset the cost of travel to their competition.

### **How to apply?**

Applications for NCTS must be submitted to the HLSR Division at least one month in advance of the competition being applied for. Applications seeking support for competition that has already been held will not be accepted.

### **What are the reporting requirements?**

PSOs are responsible for submitting a final report to the Sport Consultant no later than 30 days following the national championship. Any PSO with outstanding reports will not be eligible for additional funding.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions or need more information on the NCTS?**

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