

## **Guidelines - Labrador Sport Travel Subsidy Program**

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that the cost of air and ground transportation between Labrador and the island portion of the province may be cost prohibitive for youth athletes attending sporting competition and try-outs.

The Labrador Sport Travel Subsidy (LSTS) Program provides transportation support for youth and Special Olympics athletes sport travel to provincial competitions, provincial training camps and Canada Games team selections, training and competitions. The program also provides support for coach and official training development, and may subsidize the cost of hosting provincial minor championships in Labrador.

### **Who can apply?**

Provincially sanctioned teams and individual athletes 18 years or younger, as of the travel date, may apply for a team or individual travel subsidy. The only exemption to the age restriction are Special Olympic athletes.

Minor sport associations within Labrador may apply for the hosting subsidy. The hosting subsidy is intended to support the travel costs for teams attending the event in Labrador.

Officials and coaches in Labrador may be eligible for travel assistance to participate in accredited provincial or national coaching programs within and outside Labrador. Coaches or officials from outside Labrador may be eligible for travel assistance to host development camps within Labrador.

### **What is eligible under the LSTS?**

Sports sanctioned by a provincial governing body are eligible for subsidized airfare or mileage. Supporting documentation must be provided to demonstrate that an athlete or team will be participating in the event. Examples of supporting documentation is a letter/email from the sport body, a registration form, a grading report, etc. Invitational tournaments and any School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador (SSNL) school competitions are generally not eligible for this subsidy.

Accommodations, meals or ground transportation while at the event are not covered under the LSTS.

### **How to apply?**

Anyone applying for the Subsidy must complete an application form located on the Labrador Affairs website (<https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/las/grantsprograms-we-offer/labrador-sport-travel-subsidy/>)

Approvals must be sought before travel occurs.

## What is the maximum subsidy available?

### Individual Air Travel

Air travel for individual athletes may be approved for a subsidy of 75% of the cost of a return ticket. The remaining amount of the ticket will be the responsibility of the athlete.

Athletes are eligible for **four** individual travel subsidies per fiscal year (either air or driving).

If any athlete is successful in joining a provincial team, an additional **two** individual subsidies may be approved.

### Team Air Travel

Air travel for teams athletes may be approved for a subsidy of 75% of the cost of return tickets for each team, to and from their community, up to a maximum of the following amounts:

Central Labrador	\$6,500
Labrador West (includes Churchill Falls)	\$6,500
North Coast of Labrador	\$7,500
South Coast and Straits	\$7,500

Remaining airfare costs will be the responsibility of the team. Teams are eligible for **one** team travel subsidy per fiscal year (either air or driving).

Note: a team must travel together either by air or ground.

### Driving

If an individual athlete or team decide to drive from Labrador to the event on the island, they may be eligible for mileage reimbursement. Kilometres are calculated based on the distance between the community of residency and the community where the event occurs using the NL Statistics Agency Kilometre Matrix which is available at [www.stats.gov.nl.ca/DataTools/RoadDB/Distance](http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/DataTools/RoadDB/Distance).

### Labrador Sport Hosting Subsidy

Minor sport associations within Labrador may be eligible to receive a \$7,500 subsidy to assist teams and officials traveling to a Labrador Provincial Sport Championship or provincial training camp. Each Sport Associations is eligible for **one** hosting subsidy per fiscal year

### Coach and Official Development Travel

Officials and coaches may be eligible for the travel subsidy to attend an approved Provincial/National Coaching Certification Program. Subsidies up to 75% of the cost of airfare may be approved to any coach or official looking to advance their qualifications that will in turn serve the athletes of the region. Officials and coaches

are eligible for one development travel subsidy per fiscal year.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**1. My son's team is flying to provincials on the island, but I have decided to drive my son, can I be reimbursed for fuel?**

The full team must travel together either by air or ground. Mileage is not eligible for one member of a team when the team itself have received the air subsidy.

**2. My daughter is travelling to St. John's for Team NL try-outs and she is 15 years old. Does the Subsidy cover an escort?**

The LSTS provides support for athletes. Escorts or coaches are not eligible unless there are extenuating circumstances.

**3. My daughter is travelling to Deer Lake by herself for Team NL try-outs. Does the Subsidy cover hotels or meals for her?**

The Subsidy only covers 75% of airfare for the athletes. All other expenses are the responsibility of the athlete such as accommodations, meals and ground transportation while at the event.

**4. The Nain volleyball team is travelling to Goose Bay for a regional competition, are they eligible for the LSTS?**

The LSTS is for athletes travelling from Labrador to the island for provincial competitions, camps and/or try-outs. Travel within Labrador is not eligible.

**5. There is a team of three figure skaters and a coach travelling to provincials in St. John's. Why didn't the team receive the full \$6,000?**

The Subsidy provides 75% of the airfare for the travelling athletes up to a maximum of \$6,000. Since there are three athletes travelling, they are eligible for 75% of their airfare each which is less than \$6,000.

**6. I am the coach of swim team, why didn't I receive the Subsidy?**

The LSTS is for travelling athletes. Coaches and escorts are not eligible unless there are extenuating circumstances.

**7. My son has been invited to provincial try-outs in Carbonear and I booked his ticket myself. Can I be reimbursed?**

Applications should be submitted to receive approval prior to the event. The LSTS uses travel agencies for booking airfare. If someone did not receive approval in advance or if they purchased tickets themselves, they may not be eligible for reimbursement.