



Bowls Alberta



Player Support Policy

Purpose

This policy describes the financial support members receive to represent Alberta or Canada at inter-provincial, Canadian, and international competitions. It also describes the financial support available to members participating in the Canadian National Team program.

Funding is determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Bowls Alberta (BA) Association as part of the operating budget. The Board of Directors may revise approved funding in unusual circumstances, such as where revenue sources materially change after the approval of the yearly budget or certain costs rise substantially.

Canadian Championships – Canadians (pairs, fours), Outdoor Singles / Senior Triples /Mixed Pairs / Para Bowls and Indoor Singles

BA is committed to sending teams to all Canadian Championships and to financially supporting those players who qualify according to the expense limits outlined in Player Support Guidelines and Procedures. To be eligible for financial support players must qualify through their placement at provincial tournaments.

Athletes are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

BA will arrange and pay for the qualifying athletes' registration fees for the Canadian championships.

Directors of visually impaired athletes or assistants for athletes with physical impairments that will be attending the Para bowls Canadian Championship will receive funding for travel costs within the expense limits outlined in Player Support Guidelines and Procedures.

The Team Coach for the Canadian Championships, the Youth Championship or Para bowls Championship will receive funding for travel costs within the expense limits outlined in Player Support Guidelines and Procedures.

Reimbursement Claims for Expenses While Representing Bowls Alberta at a National Event

Claims for travel costs associated with athletes' participation in Bowls Canada National events will have limits imposed on them that will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

Expenses incurred by athletes will be reimbursed with the proper claim and expense documentation as outlined in the Player Support Guidelines and Procedures document.

Canadian Youth Championships

Bowls Alberta is committed to following the Responsible Coaching 'Rule of Two' for underage youth that they support in attending Canadian Championships.

Youth members who place first or second in the provincial U18 Singles Championship will receive funding assistance to attend the Canadian Youth Championships according to the expense limits set out in the Player Support Guidelines and Procedures. BA will arrange and pay the entry fee for up to four qualifying juniors, the girls and boys gold and silver medalists. With respect to the Provincial U18 champions and the runners-up, the juniors must meet the criteria set out in the *Youth Program and Support Policy*. If a provincial U18 tournament is not held, a junior member, through their parent or guardian, may apply to the BA office for support to attend the Canadian Youth Championships.

Youth members who place first or second in the provincial U25 Championships are eligible to receive funding assistance to attend the Canadian Youth Championships according to the expense limits set out in the Player Support Guidelines and Procedures. BA will arrange and pay the entry fee for qualifying athletes.

Because the Canadian Youth Championships are an open event not requiring participants to qualify through the provincial event, additional Youth who may choose to attend the Championships are encouraged to request support from their home clubs.

International Events and Canadian Team Member Support

Financial support is available for Alberta members who are members of the Canadian Team (senior squad, development squad or junior squad) or members invited to participate in Canadian Team activities (training camps, selection camps, or competitions). Squad invoices or international event invoices received directly from BCB may be submitted to the BA office for review and support based on the annual budget.

Financial support may also be available to members who either win the right or are selected by Bowls Canada to represent Canada at an international event. i.e. the World Singles Champion of Champions or World Bowls Indoor Championships.

Review of Policy

This policy is reviewed and updated annually based on the approved annual budget of Bowls Alberta.