



Alberta Player Support Policy

Purpose

This policy describes the financial support members receive to represent Alberta or Canada at inter-provincial, national 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 and approved at the LBAA Spring General Meeting as part of the operating budget. The Board of Directors may revise approved funding in unusual circumstances, such as where revenue sources materially change subsequent to the preparation of the budget.

Canadian Championships – Majors (pairs, triples, fours) / Senior Triples / Mixed Pairs / Outdoor Singles / Indoor Singles

Members who win a provincial qualifying event for the right to represent Alberta in a national championship are charged an assessment fee of \$250 per member. The assessment fee is reduced to \$100 where the national championship is held within the province of Alberta.

Where Alberta receives an additional entry in a national championship, the members of the Alberta “B team” (generally speaking, the 2nd place entry in the respective provincial qualifying event) are charged an assessment fee of \$325 per member. The assessment fee is reduced to \$100 where the national championship is held in the province of Alberta. See the *B Team Policy* document for details regarding selection of the B Team entry.

The Team Coach / Manager for the Canadian Majors receives the same funding support as a playing team member. The Team Coach / Manager is not charged an assessment fee.

The LBAA will arrange and pay for the members’ entry fee for the national event, official event meal plan (if any), transportation, and accommodation for the duration of the event. For details regarding athlete support for travel and accommodations, see the *Travel & Accommodation Procedure and Guidelines* document. Since the last two documents

Additional entries may be available to members in some cases (i.e. 3rd and 4th place provincial finishers may be invited to the Canadian Indoor Championships). In such cases, members may receive funding up to an amount not to exceed funding provided to the “B Team” member. Such funding will be determined by the Board of Directors dependent on funding sources provided to support the particular event. No amount will be provided if the athlete lives in the city hosting the Championship.

No funding is provided to additional members (other than those described above) to attend the Canadian Outdoor Singles Championship, which is an open event.

Canadian Championships – Junior / U25

Members who win the Provincial Junior Championship or Provincial U25 Championship are eligible for the following support outlined below, and are not charged an assessment fee.

The LBAA will arrange and pay the entry fee (if any), official event meal plan (if any), transportation, and accommodation for both the junior / U25 member, and (in the case of a junior member) their coach or chaperone.

With respect to the Provincial Junior Champion, the member must meet the criteria set out in the *Junior Policy*. If a provincial junior tournament is not held, a junior member, through their parent or guardian, may apply to the LBAA office for this support.

Additional members choosing to attend the Canadian Junior or U25 Championships will receive up to \$250 per athlete upon the submission of qualifying invoices. No amount will be provided if the athlete lives in the city hosting the Championship.

Invitational Events representing Alberta

Financial support for members chosen to represent Alberta in invitational events (such as challenge matches between Alberta and another province) will vary from year-to-year depending on the amount budgeted, location and duration of the event. Coordination of travel and/or accommodation to attend an event will occur through the LBAA office and athletes will be advised in advance as to nature and amount of financial support available.

International Events and Canadian National Team member support

Financial support is available for members who are members of the Canadian National Team (senior squad, development squad or junior squad) or members invited to participate in Canadian National Team activities (training camps, selection camps, or competitions).

Financial support is also available to members who either win the right or are selected by Bowls Canada to represent Canada at an international event.

Members requesting financial support must assist with LBAA's application for use of casino funds by providing the LBAA office with the following information no later than 30 days prior to the start of the event:

- Invitation to attend the event
- Financial support received by the member from other sources
- Anticipated expenses by category
- Travel dates
- Detailed event schedule or itinerary

Once the LBAA office receives approval that casino funds may be used, the LBAA office will provide the member with an expense claim form. The expense claim form must be supported by receipts and be received by the LBAA office within 30 days after the completion of the event.

Qualifying expenditures may include:

- Bowls Canada player program contribution fees
- Entry fees
- Transportation and excess baggage fees
- Accommodation (based on the official arrival and departure dates of the event)
- Meals not supplied by the host of an event or part of the registration fee

The amount of financial support available per member for a specific trip or event is equal to the qualifying expenditures incurred by the member less the amount of any other financial support received by the member from other sources with respect to the trip or event, to a maximum of \$1,500 per trip.

Generally, only expenses approved by AGLC will be covered. Non-approved expenses will be reviewed by the Finance Committee in which case they will make the final decision of whether to provide the support and the maximum that will be allowed.

Financial support for members attending Canadian National Team and international events is made possible by annual donations from the Edmonton Indoor and Royal Lawn Bowling Clubs. If these donations are suspended, financial support for members attending international Events and support for the Alberta Canadian National squad members will be reviewed and revisions made based on the LBAA annual budget.

Canadian Blind Bowlers Championships

Financial support may be available for visually impaired members and their guides to attend the annual Canadian Blind Bowlers Championships.

Requests for assistance should be received by the LBAA office a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the event and include:

- Invitation to attend the event or official letter of sanction of the event
- Financial support received by the member from other sources
- Anticipated expenses by category
- Travel dates
- Detailed event schedule or itinerary

The amount of financial support available to members and their guides is dependent on the amount of funding the LBAA receives from its funding sources to support this program.

Visually impaired members and their guides are encouraged to seek support from their home clubs. Financial support using casino funds should be coordinated through the LBAA office as requested by AGLC.