2026-2027 Team Travel & Funding Policies

Curling Canada continues to face budget pressures driven by reductions in core funding, rising travel and event delivery costs, limited staff resources, and increasing complexity in coordinating team travel.

Additionally, as more teams opt to stay offsite rather than at designated host hotels, accommodation costs for teams have risen. This shift has also resulted in the loss of grant funding tied to room nights and a decline in interest from prospective event hosts.

In response, and with the goal of providing greater cost certainty, maintaining travel support for teams, reducing administrative demands on staff, and offering teams increased flexibility and control over their travel arrangements to and from each Championship, Curling Canada has finalized the following updates to the team travel and funding policies for the 2026–2027 season.

ACCOMODATIONS

Stay-to-Play Policy

All teams, athletes and/or coaches participating in Curling Canada's Championship Events are required to stay at the Curling Canada Host Hotel(s), and to book their accommodations through the event's official channels, **in order to be eligible to compete**.

Of note: The Stay-to-Play Policy **does not apply to the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship.** To ensure participants have access to accommodations that meet their individual accessibility requirements and recognizing the limited inventory of accessible guest rooms at many hotels, teams and participants may arrange accommodations outside of the designated host hotel(s) where necessary.

Accommodation Subsidy Per Event:

Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Curling Canada will book and cover 100% of the costs of 4 rooms per team. Teams ranked 5th through 18th = 10 room nights, Page Qualifier losing teams = 11 room nights, Final Four teams = 12 nights.
Montana's Brier	Curling Canada will book and cover 100% of the costs of 4 rooms per team. Teams ranked 5th through 18th = 10 room nights, Page Qualifier losing teams = 11 room nights, Final Four teams = 12 nights.
Mixed Curling Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm

	a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
Curling Club Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
Seniors Curling Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
U-18 Curling Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
New Holland U-20 Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
U Sports/CCAA Curling Canada University/College Curling Championship	Teams are responsible for 100% of the costs for accommodations. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.
Wheelchair Championship	Each team will receive a **$1,000** travel subsidy to be used as necessary. Curling Canada will provide discounted rates at the Host Hotel. Teams wishing to stay at the Host Hotel must complete and submit a Hotel Booking Form to confirm a reservation. Teams will be required to provide a credit card, upon arrival, for payment.

PER DIEMS

Please find below, information pertaining to per diem amounts allocated for each of Curling Canada's SOC and Non-SOC events.

Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Each team will be provided with a per diem of **$85**/day for four athletes and a coach (five total) for each training and competition day the teams are involved in the Event. Teams ranked 5th through 18th = 10 days, Page Qualifier losing teams = 11 days, Final Four teams = 12 days.
Montana's Brier	Each team will be provided with a per diem of **$85**/day for four athletes and a coach (five total) for each training and competition day the teams are involved in the Event. Teams ranked 5th through 18th = 10 days, Page Qualifier losing teams = 11 days, Final Four teams = 12 days.
Mixed Curling Championship	N/A
Curling Club Championship	N/A
Seniors Curling Championship	N/A
U-18 Curling Championship	N/A
New Holland U-20 Championship	N/A
U Sports/CCAA Curling Canada University/College Curling Championship	N/A
Wheelchair Championship	N/A

FLIGHTS

Teams, athletes and/or coaches are responsible for arranging and booking their own flights. For all SOC Events, where a full travel subsidy is offered, an expense form must be submitted, along with the accompanying flight itinerary and receipt. Only the amount equivalent to the lowest transferrable fare will be reimbursed (i.e. economy flex fare flights).

For Non-SOC Events, where a set travel subsidy is offered, it is calculated based on an average of regional location costs of air travel from local airports to the host location as of November 1

each year (based on standard fares). Subsidy amounts are region-based (Atlantic, Territories, Quebec/Ontario, Prairies, West). Teams will be paid the subsidy following qualification (assuming all deposit information is provided to Curling Canada in a timely manner).

For teams driving, as opposed to flying, a mileage rate of $0.53/km will be provided for one round trip (one vehicle).

Airfare Subsidy per event:

EVENT	TRAVEL SUBSIDY DETAILS	PREFERRED TRAVEL AGENT
Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Lowest transferrable fare will be reimbursed for 4 athletes and 1 coach.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
Montana's Brier	Lowest transferrable fare will be reimbursed for 4 athletes and 1 coach.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
Mixed Curling Championship	N/A	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
Curling Club Championship	N/A	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
Seniors Curling Championship	N/A	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
U-18 Curling Championship	$150,000, per event, split amongst all teams via travel subsidy.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
New Holland U-20 Championship	$130,000, per event, split amongst all teams via travel subsidy.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
U Sports/CCAA Curling Canada University/College Curling Championship	$35,000, per event, split amongst all teams via travel subsidy.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.
Wheelchair Championship	$70,000, per event, split amongst all teams via travel subsidy.	Teams are responsible for booking on their own.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

All teams, athletes and/or coaches participating in Curling Canada Championship Events are responsible for arranging their own ground transportation between the airport, hotel, and curling venue.

*In the event VIP Shuttle Services are provided for SOC Events, and the proximity between the Venue and Host Hotel is within walking distance, and/or the facilities are attached, reimbursement for ground transportation will not be provided. Details for each specific event will be confirmed in the Competitors' Guide.

Ground Transportation Subsidy per event:

Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Curling Canada will reimburse each team up to **$1,500** for car rental expenses (this may include rental fees, tolls, gas receipts, etc.). *****
Montana's Brier	Curling Canada will reimburse each team up to **$1,500** for car rental expenses (this may include rental fees, tolls, gas receipts, etc.). *****
Mixed Curling Championship	N/A
Curling Club Championship	N/A
Seniors Curling Championship	N/A
U-18 Curling Championship	N/A
New Holland U-20 Championship	N/A
U Sports/Curling Canada University Curling Championship	N/A
U Sports/Curling Canada College Curling Championship	N/A
Wheelchair Championship	N/A

EXPENSES & REIMBURSEMENTS

All teams are required to complete the online expense form within 30 days of competing at the event. Online expense forms will be provided in the Team Information Document, in the weeks leading up to the event. Only expenses supported by original receipts (and flight itineraries or google maps where applicable) will be reimbursed.

Teams will only receive one total reimbursement for all the team's expenses, deposited into the account on file.

The following items are NOT covered nor eligible for reimbursement

- Taxi/Ubers
- Airport parking charges
- Luggage charges
- Seat upgrades
- Personal expenses (e.g. room service)

Should you have any questions or if you require clarification regarding the above details, please contact the Event Manager assigned to the respective event in which you/your team are participating.

Note: Curling Canada team funding will include up to four players and one coach only. Teams will be allowed to bring one alternate player with them but at their own team's expense, including on-ice clothing.