



Regional Youth Sport Events Contribution Program Guidelines

The Regional Youth Sport Event Contribution Program provides funding to local sport programming, athletes and coaches in smaller communities and is intended to improve youth participation in physical activity, leading to positive lifestyles.

Regional Youth Sport Event (RYSE) funding is not to be used for hosting Territorial Championships or for multi-sport games athlete/team selection such as Arctic Winter Games, North American Indigenous Games, Western Canada Games and Winter / Summer Canada Games. Events found to be in violation will be invoiced for the full contribution amount.

Eligibility

- Approved events may receive up to 75 percent of eligible expenses.
- Sport and recreation organizations, community governments or school authorities are eligible to apply for funding.
- The maximum amount of funding available to any one event is \$25,000.
- Funding may be used to "top up" existing regional youth sport events or to establish new events. The event may be a single or multi-sport event.

Eligibility Criteria, New or existing events will:

- Focus on activities that create increased participation in physical activity and promote healthy lifestyles;
- Provide positive benefits to ten (10) or more youth;
- Involve at least two (2) communities other than the host community;
- Contribute to the development of athletes and coaches;
- Encourage increased participation in physical activity;
- Improve access to youth sport events for youth in rural and remote communities;
- Assist rural and remote communities to improve their own sport and recreation services; and
- Promote active living and healthy lifestyle choices for youth.
- Preference may be given to events which benefit rural and remote communities.

Eligible Expenses, Funding may be provided for the following:

- Travel and costs incidental to travel,
- Accommodation and meals,
- Rental of sport and recreation venues,
- Premises suitable as sleeping quarters,
- Repairs or purchase of sport equipment or training tools up to a maximum of \$5,000 dollars per year, and
- Communications including advertising related to the regional youth sport event.



Ineligible Expenses, Funding may **NOT** be provided for the following:

- Core funding for sport and recreation organizations, community governments or school authorities
- Per diems, fees, wages or similar payments
- Expenses related to the conduct of fundraising events
- Expenses related to gambling or cash prizes
- Capitol or renovation costs over \$5,000.00
- Territorial events or events held outside of the Northwest Territories

Reporting Requirements:

- Templates will be provided:
- Final report is due April 30, 2027

Timelines:

- Applications are due May 15, 2026
- Funding notification will be sent on or before May 31, 2026
- **IMPORTANT** to ensure consideration, please work directly with the appropriate regional MACA Sport Recreation & Youth contact for events planned April/May

Please submit this application to the Municipal and Community Affairs Office in your region for review by May 15, 2026:

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