

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING

As of January 2026



Guidelines are subject to change by the Board of Directors.

1. How does Breakaway Foundation determine eligibility for Breakaway Foundation funding? Breakaway Foundation™ considers the social and economic barriers facing the player's family when determining eligibility for Breakaway Foundation funding.

2. If the application meets the eligibility criteria, does this guarantee that the player will receive the requested funding? No. Funds will be awarded based on funding availability.

3. What is covered under Breakaway Foundation funding? The Breakaway Foundation funding covers minor hockey registration fees for Minor Hockey.

4. What ages are covered under Breakaway Foundation funding? Players who are 18 years of age and under qualify for Breakaway Foundation funding.

5. Does the player have to be a resident of the province to qualify for Breakaway Foundation funding? Yes. The player has to be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador and registered with Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador to qualify for funding.

6. What is the maximum amount of funding available? A player can receive up to a maximum of their Minor Hockey Registration.

7. Will Breakaway Foundation accept applications for personal sport equipment only? No. Breakaway Foundation™ will not fund applications for personal sports equipment.

8. What is the deadline for applications? January 12, 2024.

9. Who must make the request for Breakaway Foundation funding on behalf of the player? An application must be initiated by an adult sponsor (e.g. parent, guardian). Support is required from a non-family member community reference (e.g. teacher, guidance counsellor, social worker, family physician, police officer, clergy, etc)

10. What financial information to I provide? Proof of total family income must accompany application form. You must include A, B or C:

A. Proof of total family income: Tax Return Summary or Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency (call 1-800-959-8281 if you do not have a copy);

B. Proof of Income Support: Authorization from the Department of Human Resources (for office locations visit www.aesl.gov.nl.ca/income-support) ; or

C. Provide a cheque stub of your families most recent Income Support payment.

11. Who is required to sign off on the application? Sign off is required from all of the following: A. the parent/guardian B. the player's community support reference and C. the local Minor Hockey Association (MHA) president (and if applicable MHA funding liaison person)

12. Where should the application be submitted? Applications must be submitted to the Breakaway Foundation mailing address as given on the form. The application must be submitted by the MHA.

13. When will applications be processed? Applications will be processed regularly throughout the year as they are received. **Only completed applications will be processed.** There are no specific timelines/deadlines as to when applications are reviewed.

14. Who receives notification of the status of the application, and when? As soon as a decision is made, an email/letter of notification will be sent to the adult sponsor. A letter of notification will also be sent to the MHA specified on the application and funds supplied directly to them.

15. What are the funding arrangements? Funds for the Minor Hockey registration will be issued directly to the MHA specified on the application.

16. What procedure should be followed if the player decides to withdraw from Minor Hockey? The parent, guardian, or MHA must notify the Breakaway Foundation if the player withdraws from minor hockey. The application review process will cease and/or any fund given should be returned to Breakaway Foundation

17. Once the funding has been issued, can any portion of the funding be transferred to someone else? No. The funding must be used for the player for whom it was approved.

18. If a player has already received funding from another source for Minor Hockey Registration, is it possible for the player to still receive Breakaway Foundation funding? Yes. It is possible for a player to receive Breakaway Foundation funding hockey registration even if the player has already received funding from another source. This happens in cases where the player is not able to obtain full funding for minor hockey from one source only. For example, if the registration for hockey is \$400, and the player has received \$300 from another funding agency, the player can apply for the \$100 outstanding amount from Breakaway Foundation