



Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

Unit 390 Travel Subsidy Policy

Effective May 1, 2023

1. General

As a part of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) located in Canada, Unit 390 wishes to encourage its members to participate in all levels of competitive bridge. The following Travel Subsidy is available to members of Unit 390 as defined in each category. This policy is independent of the ACBL, District 18, other Units in District 18 and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF).

2. How to Apply

Application for subsidy can be made in the following manner. Any eligible team or player (pairs only) may apply in writing or by email to the Board of Directors for their subsidy after attending the eligible event. The players who are applying for the subsidies should list their contributions to Unit 390. If there has been no participation in Unit-sponsored events, services (committees or board appointments), or fundraising then the player should describe his/her intentions for future support.

Applications must be received by the Unit within 12 months of completion of the event.

Please note that any professional player participating in a team or pairs event is ineligible for any travel subsidy provided by Unit 390.

3. ACBL Sponsored Events

Grand National Teams (GNT) is a grass roots competition. Players who have qualified at the club level may form a team to compete at the District level. Rules of Contest for the Club level and District level games can be found on the ACBL website (<https://www.acbl.org/club-corner/#special>).

District Subsidy

At the present time, the District 18 finals for the GNT are held using an on-line format. For this reason, no travel subsidy is given to participate in the District event.

National Subsidy

A Unit 390 Team is defined by the majority of its members being Unit 390 members in good standing within the qualifying period through the National event, which is held at the Summer NABC. For example, a four-person team may have only two team members from Unit 390. Those two members would be eligible for a subsidy from our Unit.

The funds available per team will be given to the Team Captain for disbursement. The Team Captain must present evidence that the team did compete at the National event before any subsidy will be awarded. If a qualified team is not comprised solely of Unit 390 members then the subsidy per team will be given on a pro-rata basis. Each Team Captain must notify the Board of the composition of the team as outlined below:

4-Person Team	5-Person Team	6-Person Team
4/4 = 100%	5/5 = 100%	6/6 = 100%
3/4 = 75%	4/5 = 80%	5/6 = 83.3%
2/4 = 50%	3/5 = 60%	4/6 = 66.7%
		3/6 = 50%
Fewer than 2 = 0	Fewer than 3 = 0	Fewer than 3 = 0

Team guidelines in the Rules of Contest apply. A coach is not a team member.

The maximum subsidy for a team will be \$1000. The Unit 390 Board of Directors may change this award prior to the District final. The change in subsidy should be announced before the deadline for entry to the District 18 finals.

North American Pairs (NAP) is another grass root event. Players are qualified at the Club level. The Rules of Contest can be found on the District 18 website. Qualified pairs must play in the District final to be eligible to play at the National event held at the Spring NABC. The venue for the District final changes each year and will be set by the District.

District Subsidy*

If a player in good standing with Unit 390 places 1st or 2nd in their event at the District final a travel award will be given. 1st place finishers are eligible for \$100 per player. 2nd place finishers are eligible for \$50 per player.

National Subsidy*

If a player from Unit 390 is invited to play at the National level in the 1st place slot an award of \$200 per player is available. An award of \$100 per player is available to the 2nd place slot. No award will be given to the 3rd place slot. Pairs must present evidence that the pair did compete at the National event before any subsidy will be awarded.

***Exceptions to the rule** When District 18 finals are held in Calgary or if the District 18 finals are run in an on-line format no travel subsidy will be given at the District level. The funds usually available at the District level will be combined with the prospective 1st and 2nd place slots filled at the National level. 1st place would now be eligible for \$300 per player and 2nd place would be eligible for \$150 per player.

4. Canadian Bridge Federation Championships

The CBF annually holds the National finals of the Canadian Teams, Flights A, B and C (CNTC-A, CNTC-B and CNTC-C respectively); the Canadian Women's Teams (CWTC); the Canadian Senior Teams (CSTC); the Canadian Mixed Teams (CMTC); the Canadian Open Pairs (COPC), and the Canadian IMP Pairs (CIPC). The National winners of the CNTC-A, the CWTC, the CSTC and the CMTC continue on to represent Canada in International competition. Participants on these teams may come from any Zone in the CBF.

National Subsidy

If a Unit 390 player participates in the National final as a member of a team that reaches the semi-final or final in CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C, CWTC, CSTC, or CMTC then that participant is eligible for a \$200 travel subsidy. There is no subsidy available when National finals are held in Alberta.

A player is eligible to receive a subsidy for at most one National final event.

5. World Championships

Consideration for travel subsidy for a Unit 390 member participating in a World Championship event will be on a case by case basis.

Travel Subsidies - Summary of Unit 390 Policy**May 1, 2023**

Event	Stage	Particulars	Amount of Subsidy
North American Pairs	District 18 final - on-line or in Calgary		\$0
	District 18 final - outside Calgary	All flights - member of winning pair	\$100 per player
		All flights - member of second place pair	\$50 per player
	National final (when District 18 final subsidized)	Member of pair in first place slot	\$200 per player
		Member of pair in second place slot	\$100 per player
	National final (when District 18 final not subsidized)	Member of pair in first place slot	\$300 per player
		Member of pair in second place slot	\$150 per player
Grand National Teams	District 18 final - on-line or in Calgary		\$0
	National final	At least 50% of the team members from Unit 390	\$1000 per team, prorated based on the percentage of team members from Unit 390
Canadian Bridge Championships	CNTC - all flights - not held in Alberta	Team reaches semi-finals or finals	\$200 per player
	CWTC - not held in Alberta	Team reaches semi-finals or finals	\$200 per player
	CSTC - not held in Alberta	Team reaches semi-finals or finals	\$200 per player
	CMTC - not held in Alberta	Team reaches semi-finals or finals	\$200 per player
World Bridge Championship			Case by case