

EXPENSE CLAIM POLICY

The guidelines contained in this policy apply to expenses that may be incurred by individuals while carrying out duties on behalf of AGF: including meetings, clinics, workshops, judging assignments and other similar events. Allowable expenses for major events are considered case-by-case in relation to AGF's annual budget and approved by Program Managers.

GENERAL

1. Expense claims must be submitted within 30 days following the completion date of the activity. Expense claims after this deadline will not be reimbursed.
2. Expense claims that are not substantiated by receipts will not be reimbursed (with the exception of meal and personal vehicle mileage allowances).
3. Expense claims that are beyond the stated maximum will be reimbursed only to the maximum allowable claim.
4. Expense claims for judging must be authorized by the Head Judge who will then submit them to the AGF Program Manager for processing.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

1. Air Travel
 - Air Travel may be pre-paid by the Federation. Personal payments must include the confirmation and/or ticket.
 - Seat and meal upgrades will NOT be reimbursed.
2. Ground Transportation
 - If you live further than 50 km from the location of the activity you may claim mileage using the rate found on the accompanying chart. This mileage may also be claimed if you reside further than 50 km from the airport from which you are departing.
 - Mileage for travel within a city will NOT be reimbursed.
 - Fares for airport shuttle or the equivalent (if you choose to take a taxi or ride-share) will be paid when this is available. Taxi fares, which exceed the airport shuttle, will only be reimbursed to the value of the equivalent shuttle.
 - Parking will be reimbursed for members, including residents of the city in which the event is occurring. However, you are encouraged to seek free parking whenever possible.
 - Receipts for all ground transportation (except mileage) **MUST** be attached.
3. Meals
 - Out-of-town participants are allowed \$75.00 per day. Partial days are broken down as follows:
Breakfast - \$17.00 Lunch - \$18.00 Dinner - \$40.00
 - In-town residents may only claim lunch and/or dinner if the activity is in-progress before and after the mealtime. Otherwise, meals claims are disallowed.
 - Breakfast claims from local residents are not allowed.
4. Accommodation
 - In most instances, arrangements will be made with hotels to bill AGF for room fees & taxes. You may be required to pay any restaurant, telephone or miscellaneous fees on your own.
 - If you must pay for your hotel room, folios must be attached to your claim to be reimbursed.
 - AGF's policy is to provide 'double occupancy' accommodation. Anyone requesting 'single occupancy' or wishing to bring their spouse must be prepared to pay any additional costs.
 - This may mean that the entire accommodation costs will be borne by the individual. For example, if there are ten participants requiring accommodation, AGF will pay for five double rooms. If an individual demands a single room, they will have to pay for it themselves.
5. Honorarium
 - Honorariums for judges may only be claimed according to the rates listed in their respective Technical Handbooks.
 - Honorariums for course facilitators may only be claimed according to the rates in your NCCP contracts and the Guidelines for Coaching and Judging Courses.
6. Administration
 - Telephone, postage, supplies and shipping expenses may only be claimed for approved activities. Letters and parcels should be shipped by the most economical means. Receipts or copies of all bills must be submitted with such claims.
7. Extraordinary Expenses
 - Occasionally AGF representatives may incur expenses that are not otherwise provided for in this policy. In such cases the Executive Director shall have discretionary authority over those claims. Normally, approval for such claims must be requested in advance.

Note: Car pooling is expected. AGF reserves the right to decline any mileage claims if reasonable efforts are not made to share transportation.

