

Wellington Hockey Association Representative Team

Equalisation 2016

2016 Representative Team Costs;

<u>Team</u>	<u>Equalised</u>	<u>Costs</u>
U13B Boys and Girls	No	Manager to advise
U13A Boys and Girls	Yes	\$800 including GST
U15B Boys and Girls	Yes	\$800 including GST
U15A Boys and Girls	Yes	\$800 including GST
U18 Boys and Girls	Yes	\$800 including GST
Senior Nationals Men and Women	No	Manager to advise

What is equalisation?

In 2009, Wellington Hockey Association introduced the equalisation system for all youth representative teams which attend a National Tournament. Equalisation was introduced so that the costs of representative hockey was affordable to all players and is known in advance. This means you will pay the same whether you are playing in Wellington or Invercargill. It is expected that this averages out over the years of someone playing representative hockey.

The equalisation fee in 2016 is \$800, this is the first increase since 2013. During the 2015 season WHA subsidises \$18,345 excl GST for the youth representative campaigns (averaging as \$143 subsidy per player).

This fee does not include a levy for new uniforms which Wellington Hockey also subsidises, which are budgeted to cost in excess of \$7,500 this season.

Why equalise?

Wellington Hockey Association understand that hockey is an expensive sport. By introducing the equalised figure, it is anticipated that this method would make representative teams more accessible to all hockey families. Setting the equalisation fee gives families an indication of the costs for future representative campaigns and enables them to budget accordingly.

Who is equalised?

Only Wellington youth representative teams that are attending a National Tournament are equalised. Therefore, U13B teams are not equalised as they only attend regional tournaments. Senior National teams are not equalised as team entries vary each year.

What does equalisation cover?

Equalisation covers the following costs associated with a representative campaign;

- National Tournament van rentals
- National Tournament flights / ferry
- National Tournament accommodation
- Turf Fees (Trainings, official quads and National Tournament)
- Tournament Entry Fees (National Tournament and official quads)
- Travel and accommodation costs for WHA appointed coaches and managers to attend quads and National Tournament
- Medical fees charged by the Host Association for First aid services at National Tournament

Are there additional costs to being in a representative team?

The simple answer is yes. While the equalised figure is paid to WHA to cover direct costs for National Tournament, Team Manager's will also invoice you for any costs not mentioned above. These include, but are not limited to;

- Food at National Tournament and quads
- Incidental costs for National Tournament and quads
- Travel and accommodation costs for quads

When must the equalisation fee be paid by?

The WHA Finance Officer will invoice players directly upon receipt of the team list. The full amount must be paid at least one week **before** the team goes to their tournament. If, for any reason, a family may struggle to have this paid prior to tournament, they can apply in writing to the WHA Finance Officer to set up a payment plan, this must be done at least **four** (4) weeks prior to tournament.