



Guide for Representative Team Members

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1. Coaching Philosophy

- To develop the playing skills of each individual player.
- To develop a strong team culture that creates a better team.
- To encourage respect and sportsmanship towards the team as well as other teams.
- To develop young athletes that represent NHA with integrity and pride.

2. Team Selection

Players who make themselves available for selection for a Representative Team that falls outside their age group eligibility (i.e. a player who is eligible to play U18 who registers to play for the Senior teams), may do so ONLY if they have made themselves or intend to make themselves available for selection for their age group first.

Players who choose not to make themselves available for selection in their age group, will NOT be considered eligible for any other Representative Teams in that Representative season.

- **U13**

Any player selected for the squad must realise that this is a Representative Team. It is a privilege not a right to be a part of this team and the starting line-up selection process will reflect that. Some players may receive more game time, but overall, every member selected will get the opportunity to represent their region and develop his or her skills further. At U13 level the focus is on development and fostering the willingness to get better.

- **U15**

U15 level is like that of U13 but with a slightly more competitive focus. Whilst there will be a focus on development looking towards U18 reps the overall success of the team should be measured by its ability to compete in tournaments and with bigger regions. Again, it is a privilege to represent your region not a right. Everyone in the team shall receive game time based on three factors: **Willingness to learn, work ethic and skill**. There will be no other reason why a player will get more, or less game time than another. Both the players and the Parent/guardian must be aware of this before accepting a position in the team. The best team, as selected by the Coaching team, will always take the field first.

- **U18**

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- **Seniors and Masters**

The focus will be a competitive one like that of U18's but with an expectation that skills and fitness levels will already be highly developed. As with all other rep teams it is a privilege to represent your region, not a right. All other aspects of team selection and player game time will be the same as U18's.

3. Code of Conduct

Each Player is seen by other teams, Coaches, Spectators and Parents as representing Nelson Hockey Association and the Nelson/Tasman Region.

Respect ALL other team members, Coaches, Managers, Parents and other teams and their supporters.

Any injuries or health problems should be reported to the Coach or Manager as soon as possible.

All personal equipment, clothing and other belongings are **YOUR** responsibility. The Coaching team will provide the best possible care but will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any personal property.

Bullying, either verbally or physically will not be tolerated. You may be expelled from the team or sent home from tournament.

You must report to the Coach or Manager on arrival at a game venue and must not leave that venue without the Coach or Managers knowledge.

Attendance at trainings is required 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

You are to follow the instructions of your Coach, Manager or Parents charged with your care. During games you are to follow the instructions from your **Coach ONLY**.

Most importantly, make sure you enjoy your time in the team.

4. Clothing

The NHA playing uniforms, including the tracksuits will be worn to Representative games only. You are responsible for the care of this equipment from the date of issue until it is returned.

Equipment provided by NHA:

- Playing Strip
- Alternate Strip (in need)
- Track Jackets

Players to provide:

- Socks - purchase from Go Hockey. Cost Per Pair \$15.00
- Players are to supply their own navy track pants.

Care of Uniforms

Skirts/Tops/Shorts: To be washed in cold water – **where possible** do not put in dryer.

Track Jackets: To be washed only when necessary. Please wash all uniform items before returning them to the team Manager.

Wording on any Sponsored Apparel is to be sanctioned by Nelson Hockey prior to printing.

5. Player Registration Fees

The **Player Registration Fee** is \$30 per player per team, per season. (i.e. if you play in 2 teams you will pay 2 x \$30=\$60). This fee is to cover Equipment, Uniforms, First Aid and Administration costs. This replaces the previous Admin Fee charge.

Top of the South Tournaments

A **Tournament Fee** will be charged per Player to cover Turf, Umpire and Tournament costs etc. as follows.

- One Game Tournament \$10 per Player
- Two Game Tournament \$15 per Player
- Three Game Tournament \$20 per player

Managers and Coaches Allowance

All accommodation and transport and food costs for the officials (Manager, Coach and Umpire) are included in the player costs. Managers and Coaches of U15's and U13's teams will be compensated with a one-off payment of \$100 each per season, paid by the team. This will replace the 'Fuel Allowance' payment.

Team Turf Fees

Representative Team Turf Training will be charged to the team as follows.

First weekly full field turf training for one hour \$30, the Second training in the same week is free.

A training schedule will be provided by the RDM at the start of the season. Any additional team training must be booked by arrangement with NHA.

6. Player Contributions

- Player Costings are budgeted by NHA to include Accommodation, food, and travel costs. Turf fees (both training and tournament).
- Player contributions must be paid in full as per the payment schedule, or arrangements have been made with NHA.
- All accommodation and transport costs for the officials (Manager, Coach, and Umpire) are included in the player costs.

7. Travel and Accommodation

- NHA Staff will book accommodation and arrange deposits and payments if required for all tournaments.
- NHA Staff will liaise with the Team Management re transport requirements and arrange bookings and payment if required.

8. Parent and Carer Support and Conduct

ONLY the Coach and Manager are allowed in the Dugout.

There have previously been issues with parents and carers not supporting the team in an appropriate manner. Supporter conduct is as important as that of the players. Please do not swear or use abusive language.

Please do not call instructions from the side lines. Whilst you may think you are being helpful it can be confusing to the players, especially when it is contrary to the Coach's instructions. This can be detrimental to the team performance.