



Victoria's Premier Regional Hockey Club

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Club Participation Levy Policy

Purpose of club participation levy

There are many tasks associated with the running of our club and at present, there are too few volunteers, leaving too few people carrying too much load.

The levy provides a financial incentive to members and parents to become more involved with the Club and the myriad of activities necessary to make it run smoothly.

A number of factors are driving our needs to increase your participation:

- Objective to keep playing costs as low as possible for our members in an environment of increasing cost push i.e. Association fees from Hockey Albury Wodonga, Hockey Victoria, and Hockey Australia, increasing uniform and equipment costs.
- Remain as an attractive destination Club for parents and players.
- Foster a culture of which we are proud to belong to.
- Increasingly difficulty in obtaining and maintaining a "right" level of commercial sponsorship.
- Our strategy to develop Club facilities.
- Aim to continue improving services and offerings to our members.

Amount of participation levy and time of payment

The amount of the participation levy will be determined prior to the start of each winter season. For 2019, the levy will be \$100 per adult player and \$50 per junior player, it will be added to players registration fees.

For families of two or more players, the levy will be a maximum of \$150.

Registration fees for junior players, including the volunteer levy, need to be paid at the time of registration, or alternatively by payment plan. Full amount must be paid prior to the commencement of week 4 of the winter competition.

Registration fees for Senior players, including the participation levy, can either be paid at the time of registration, in full prior to the commencement of week 4 of the winter competition, or by the regular player 22 week subscription plan – first instalment must be paid prior 15/3/2019 to access the program.

All new players to the Club must pay a minimum of \$100 prior to the commencement of the first round of the winter competition.

Minimum hours of participation:

The minimum total of participation time will be determined prior to the start of each winter season. For the 2019 season, members or parents of juniors must complete a minimum of three hours of unpaid participation per registered player.

For families of two or more players, the required hours of unpaid participation will be based on three hours for the first player, and one hour for every other family member
e.g. If a family has four players registered, their required hours of unpaid participation is 3 (first player) +1 (for the second player) +1 (for the third player) +1 (for the fourth player) = 6 hours in total.

Life Members are exempt from the participation levy.

Administering the levy

A participation register will be maintained in the canteen. Each volunteer should record the job in the register and have a Committee member witness/validate the record.

Participation Qualifying Roles

The following positions within the club are deemed to fully meet the participation levy requirements and as such are NOT required to utilise the volunteer register:

- ✓ Club Committee Member
- ✓ Canteen Co-ordinator
- ✓ Club Umpire Co-ordinator
- ✓ Senior and Junior Coaches – except if remuneration is involved
- ✓ Team Managers (Junior or Senior)
- ✓ Uniform coordinators
- ✓ Hookin2Hockey Co-ordinator
- ✓ Equipment Co-ordinators
- ✓ Media co-ordinator (e.g. Facebook, Web site)
- ✓ Major event co-ordinators (e.g. Trivia Night, Senior Club Function)

Shift based qualifying roles require three shifts for a minimum of an hour per shift – served separately or concurrently. The following are the identified roles to date, with additional roles to be added as identified and approved by the committee:

- ✓ Canteen shift
- ✓ Working bee
- ✓ BBQ shift (e.g. Fundraising, Club events, training nights)
- ✓ Events based volunteers (e.g. Trivia Night, Senior Club Function)
- ✓ Hookin2Hockey helpers
- ✓ Selling of raffle tickets

When must I apply for the refund?

You must complete and return the participation refund application within four weeks of the end of the season to which it relates. Late forms will not be processed, and the refund will be forfeited.

Please note that due to the administrative complexity, partial refunds will not apply.

When and how will the levy be refunded?

All participation levies will be returned at the end of the full season by EFT to the nominated members' accounts.