

# Tauranga Water Polo Club:

## Age Group Club Membership & Fees Policy



Current as at January 2025

### INTRODUCTION

Tauranga Water Polo Club (TWP) relies on member fees to cover pool hire, coaching, insurance, and to contribute to general club operating costs. Each year, the TWP Committee sets these fees which are ratified at an Annual, or Special, General Meeting after which they are communicated to members through the club website. Tauranga Water Polo Club (TWP) relies on member fees to cover major costs, including pool hire, coaching, insurance, and general club operations. Major club expenses include:

- **Club Overheads:** Essential operational costs, such as administration and insurance.
- **Pool Hire:** Costs associated with securing pool lane bookings.
- **Coaching:** Compensation for coaches' time and expertise.
- **League/Tournament Costs:** Associated team expenses (e.g. entry fees, travel, accommodation etc).

### TRANSITION TO THE USER PAYS MODEL (2025)

Starting in 2025, TWP will transition from the fixed Age Group Subscription Fee to a User Pays model. This change aims to improve the club's financial sustainability and better align fees with the specific activities members choose to participate in.

The User Pays model ensures that costs are directly tied to individual participation, promoting fairness and efficiency. It allows the club to allocate resources strategically, ensuring that those using pool time and coaching services contribute to these expenses, while helping us manage limited resources effectively.

### TWP FEE STRUCTURE

There are 5 groups of fees payable by members of the TWP Club.

<b>TWP Club Registration Fee</b>	All members pay an annual fee to support general club operating expenses.
<b>Age Group Fee</b>	Members are assigned to their age group (based on birth date) and charged an Age Group Fee. If a member trains or plays for more than one Age Group, they will be invoiced the Age Group Fee again for each additional Age Group.
<b>Squad/Team Training Fee</b>	The Squad/Team Training Fee covers pool hire, coaching, and a contribution to club operating expenses. Members selected for tournament teams must commit to term fees to train. Additional sessions may be offered if capacity allows.
<b>League/Tournament Fee</b>	Members pay league/ tournament costs separately, in addition to other TWP fees. League/tournament fees cover coaching, team expenses (e.g., travel, accommodation), and a contribution to club operating costs. An advance fee or deposit will be required to be paid to help pay for team entry, travel and accommodation deposits.
<b>Other Activity Fee</b>	Clinics, additional tournaments, and special events are invoiced separately. These fees cover pool hire, coaching, any other associated costs and include a contribution toward essential club operating expenses.

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP TYPES & FEES SUMMARY

Membership Options	SENIOR CLUB MEMBER (U18, U21, Seniors, Masters)		JUNIOR CLUB MEMBER (U12, U14, U16)
	Option 1) Full Senior Membership	Option 2) Restricted Senior Membership	Full Junior Membership
<b>Suitable for:</b>	Local senior members who train in Tauranga with TWP teams/squads:	Senior players loaned to TWP from other clubs for a TWP tournament team, who do not train in Tauranga with the tournament team	All junior members
<b>TWP Club Registration Fee:</b> (see Notes 1 & 2)	\$150 (payable at registration)	\$50 (payable at registration).	\$150 (payable at registration)
<b>Age Group Fee</b> (see Note 3)	\$50 (payable at registration)	\$50 (payable at registration)	\$50 (payable at registration)
<b>Squad/Team Training Fee</b> (see Note 3)	As advised prior to the term – impacted by pool time and squad size.	Not applicable unless the member decides to attend trainings.	As advised prior to the term – impacted by pool time and squad size.
<b>League/Tournament Fee</b> (see Page 3)	Players pay their share of tournament costs, invoiced separately.	Players pay their share of tournament costs, invoiced separately.	Players pay their share of tournament costs, invoiced separately.

### Notes:

1. Any member with outstanding fees from the previous season will be restricted from registering for the new season until all of these fees have been paid in full.
2. Online registrations open for all players in January each year via the club's website – <https://taurangawaterpolo.co.nz/register>
3. If a member trains or plays for more than one Age Group, they will be invoiced for each Age Group Fee and additional squad/training costs for each additional Age Group.
4. NZWP Registration: All members must register with New Zealand Water Polo (NZWP) separately and pay the NZWP registration fee.
5. Unregistered Members: Members who are not registered with TWP cannot train or be considered for team selection.

### MEMBER REGISTRATIONS

- Online Registrations open for all players in January each year via the club's website – <https://taurangawaterpolo.co.nz/register>
- New members to the club are invited to participate in two training sessions prior to registration without charge. On the 3rd session, the player must register as a member of TWP and will be invoiced accordingly.

### FEE PAYMENTS:

- All payments are due by the due date of the invoice.

### **Non-payment of fees:**

If fees are not paid, in addition to any rights of suspension in the club's constitution:

- **Training & Selection Restrictions:** The club reserves the right to prevent a member from training or being selected for tournament teams.
- **Debt Collection:** The club may pursue debt collection for unpaid fees, and on-charge any costs incurred in doing so to that member.
- **NZWP Policy:** Club transfers will not be signed or approved until all fees are paid.

### **Over payment of fees/credit balances:**

- Club members with credit balances will be refunded by request.

### **Fee queries:**

- Payment plans can be set up with the Club Administrator at the sole discretion of the TWP Committee, following the payment plan guidelines set by the committee;
- All queries on fees can be emailed to the club Administrator (accounts@taurangawaterpolo.co.nz)

## **LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT FEES**

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Tournament fees cover all costs related to tournament participation, including team entry fees, travel, accommodation, meals, and other necessary expenses for players, coaches, and managers. A tournament budget will be available on request, and members will be notified of the estimated costs before the event to help families plan accordingly. All members selected to participate in a tournament share responsibility for the associated costs. These costs will be invoiced separately by TWP and are payable in addition to all other TWP fees.

Tournament fees are typically made up of the following components:

- 1. Team Entry Fees:** The fee paid to the tournament organizers for the team's participation.
- 2. Travel, Accommodation, and Meal Costs:** Covers transportation to and from the tournament, travel between accommodation and venues, accommodation for players, and meals provided during the event. Also includes travel, accommodation, and meal costs for coaches and managers who accompany the team. These expenses are paid by the players.
- 3. Coaching Fee:** A fee paid to coaches to recognize the time they dedicate during the tournament, with the cost covered by the players.

### **Advance Fee:**

- An advance fee is billed to each member following their acceptance into a tournament team. This fee is used by the club to make non-refundable commitments, such as deposits for travel, accommodation, and team entries.

### **Withdrawal Policy:**

- Teams are named, and a 48-hour cooling-off period is advised. During this time, a member can withdraw from the team without any penalty or fees.
- If a player withdraws after the cooling-off period the following applies:
  - Tournament Fees are non-refundable if the member withdraws after the cooling-off period unless the committee decides otherwise.
  - In case of a player needing to withdraw due to injury or sickness, this will come to the committee a decision on what fees will be refunded.

### **Final Tournament Payment:**

- Following the tournament, a final reconciliation will be conducted. If the total costs are less than the advance payment, a credit will be applied to the member's account. If additional payment is required, a final tournament invoice will be issued.