



Meeting Travel Contribution Policy

Purpose: To encourage and support club delegates from throughout Northland to attend and be involved with Squash Northland Regional Meetings.

Background:

Since the restructure of SN regional management in 2009 it was decided that a financial contribution be paid by Squash Northland to the delegates of affiliated clubs who attend regional meetings in Whangarei. Prior to the restructure, attendance and participation by many SN affiliated clubs had fallen, with many monthly management meetings struggling to reach quorums. It was decided to form a smaller executive management committee who would meet monthly and that the wider SN Regional Management Committee would reduce meetings to three times per year; AGM in December, Planning Meeting in February/March and a Mid-Year Review Meeting in July/August.

As Whangarei is the most central location for the district, it was decided that in general, regional meetings would be held there and that club delegates travelling from outside the greater Whangarei district be provided with some financial assistance to attend. It should be noted that this assistance was always intended to be a contribution toward travel costs and was not intended to fully cover costs.

The original rates of travel assistance, applied from 2009 were Kaitaia \$50, Kerikeri, Wellsford, Maungaturoto \$25, Dargaville and Southern \$20. Only one payment per club regardless of the number of delegates attending.

At the 2012 AGM, it was decided that the travel assistance payments also be applied to the SN Executive Management Committee meetings for elected members on the same basis. It was also agreed that a review be conducted and that a Meeting Travel Contribution policy be formed for approval at the next SN Regional Management Committee meeting. Also at the 2012 AGM a remit proposed that per km rates be applied at half the IRD self-employed travel rates, less the first 30km of travel. It was felt that a standard rate for each club would be easier to administer and budget for. It was considered reasonable that this policy would not apply to clubs within 40km of Whangarei City and that the same rates and conditions would apply to both the Regional and Executive Management Committee meetings. The benefits of a simple, fair and easily understood travel contribution policy will be of value to Squash Northland and its members both now and in the future. The travel assistance rates have been calculated based on kilometres travelled as follows: 41-65km - \$25, 65-90km - \$35, 91-120km - \$45, 121-150km - \$55, over 151km - \$70.

Squash Northland Travel Assistance Rates

<u>Club</u>	<u>Km's</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Kaitaia	154	\$70
Kerikeri	84	\$35
Wellsford	81	\$35
Southern	70	\$35
Maungaturoto	61	\$25
Dargaville	57	\$25

One payment only will be made per meeting, per club represented, regardless of the number of delegates in attendance. Payment will be made directly into bank accounts given to the Secretary the week after the meeting.

NB: It is noted that club delegates may choose not to claim this payment

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