

NZIFSA Finance Policy

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1. Policy Aims

This policy aims to establish the basic accounting and financial management procedures in order to safeguard NZIFSA funds, maintain consistency of reporting between years, and to help ensure financial transparency.

2. Summary

- The financial affairs of the NZIFSA are the responsibility of and controlled by the full NZIFSA Board on behalf of the stakeholders;
- Members shall have the opportunity to comment on the NZIFSA budget at the AGM; and
- The Treasurer shall only make payments as provided for in Policy Documents, the budget approved by the Board or by resolutions of the Board.

3. Control of the Financial Affairs of the NZIFSA

The NZIFSA Board maintains complete control of and responsibility for the financial affairs of the organisation. All expenditure must be approved by the NZIFSA Board either directly through a resolution of the Board, the Budget approved by the Board, or though explicitly approved expenditure outlined in a Policy Document adopted by the organisation.

The Treasurer must ensure that all payments have been explicitly authorised by the Board either through Policy or a resolution.

4. Financial Planning and Budgeting

The Treasurer shall prepare a budget, in consultation with the Operations Group and Development Group, for approval by the Board before the start of the new financial year. The budget is to be presented to members before the AGM and may be revised in response to input from voting members at the AGM.

5. Operation of the Bank Accounts

The opening and closing of bank accounts shall only be done through a resolution of the NZIFSA Board.

The Treasurer shall report the balances of all bank accounts in the Treasurer's report at every meeting. Copies of the latest bank statements shall also be provided.

The current account shall require only one signature, provided:

1. that the available balance in the current account be maintained below \$6,000 except where greater funds will be needed within the next 7 days;
2. that where Internet banking is used:
 - the daily limit on transactions shall be \$5,000 or less; and
 - security supplied by the bank via mobile phone must be used on all internet transactions.
3. that where payments are made to the Treasurer, a family member of the Treasurer, or a business in which a family member of the Treasurer are involved, that such payments are additionally approved in advance by the President in writing or email to the Treasurer;
4. that any payment or payments over \$5,000 to any one party in any one calendar month be approved in advance by the President (or the Vice-President if they payments involve the President or a party related to the President) in writing or by email to the Treasurer; and
5. that where approval is required in 3 and 4 above, the President receive a copy (including by email) of the invoices/receipts to be paid;

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The President, CEO and Treasurer may have credit cards for the payment of, but not limited to, airfares, accommodation and goods or services providers that the NZIFSA does not have an account with. All payments by credit card must have prior approval for payment given by resolution of the Board, the Budget approved by the Board, or though explicitly approved expenditure outlined in a Policy Document adopted by the organisation, or be included on list of standing authority for payment items.

All other accounts, including term deposits shall require two signatures to operate.

6. Term Deposits

The Board may at any time move funds of the organisation into one or more Term Deposits by a resolution of the Board, however a term deposit must be rolled over except as follows:

1. term deposits may be broken at maturity or at any time prior as needed through a resolution by the Board; and,
2. any interest earned from any term deposit may be rolled over or placed into a different account to be used to run the affairs of the organisation.

Only banks and building societies shall be used for term deposits.

7. Standing Authority for Payment

The Treasurer must ensure that all payments made are explicitly supported by a resolution of the Board or a Policy Document. This Policy authorises payment of the following unless prices have increased more than 20% over the previous year:

1. Any reimbursable expense as defined in the Travel and Reimbursement Policy;
2. Post office boxes maintained by the NZIFSA;
3. Postage, freight and packaging for activities approved by Policy or a resolution of the Board;
4. Transport of the IJS equipment to an NZIFSA event;
5. Continuing insurance premiums for policies approved by the organisation;
6. Purchases of life member badges, test medals and competition medals in reasonable quantities in the existing design(s) approved by the Board;
7. Photocopy and office stationery and supplies for activities approved by the NZIFSA;
8. Expenses that are a part of a budget approved by a resolution of the Board, provided the expense does not cause the budgeted amount for any particular item/account to be exceeded by more than 10%;
9. Payment of NZOC and ISU affiliation fees;
10. Payment of website, hosting and on-line accounting software subscriptions;
11. Gifts for visiting experts up to \$100 (including, but not limited to, coaches, judges, officials) where customary and who provide assistance to us without charging for their time;
12. Replacement parts for the IJS hardware not exceeding \$400.00 per annum;
13. Blank digital media for distribution of resources (where we own the copyright or have permission to make copies);
14. Document storage.

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See also other Policy Documents for additional standing authorities. Other payments require approval by a resolution of the Board.

8. Terms

Payments to suppliers of goods or services shall be made by the 20th of the month following the month the invoice was received.

Reimbursements shall be made by the 20th of the month following the month in which the expenses form and all supporting documents were received. However, in the case where a bank account number is supplied, reimbursements shall be made through internet banking within 15 days of the receipt of the expenses form and supporting documents.

Members, including TC registered skaters, coaches, clubs and sub-associations, shall make payment to the NZIFSA by the 20th of the month following the month an invoice from the NZIFSA was received. Where payment is 90 days overdue, and where at least one statement has been sent via email, and it has been at least 30 days since a statement was sent to the physical address, the member shall be deemed to be “not in good standing with the NZIFSA”.

9. Use of Accounting Software

The accounts of the NZIFSA shall be recorded using Board approved accounting software to facilitate the integration of the accounts into other information systems used by the NZIFSA, to maintain consistency and compliance with Constitutional requirements, and to ensure compliance with legal and tax obligations. The subscription for this will be paid automatic payment from NZIFSA.

All supplier invoices to be paid will be entered into the accounting software and a pdf of the invoice with an approved stamp / signature or email or minute granting approval shall be uploaded for reference.

10. Recording of Income and Expenditure

In order to maintain consistent reporting, all income and expenditure related to a competition or other event shall be reported as income and expenditure in the financial year the competition or event takes place, except where related to a previously closed financial year.

The “C” Contribution grant from the ISU shall be reported as income in the year for which it is provided. As this can be received in December for the following year, this income may have to be deferred.

Sport New Zealand development grants shall be reported as income for the period it relates to, income received for the next year may be deferred.

11. Publication of Accounts

In order to ensure complete financial transparency, the Treasurer shall provide, in addition to the statement of financial position and the statement of income and expenditure, and statement of income and expenditure compared against budget at each Board meeting, a bank register or ledger showing all payments received and all payments made, to or from whom, the purpose, and the amount. The board will note in the minutes that the accounts have been accepted and the transactions reviewed and approved

The audited Annual Accounts shall be made available to all members.

12. Other Responsibilities of the Treasurer

See also the NZIFSA Constitution and the job description for the Treasurer in the NZIFSA Governance Policy and Job Descriptions.

13. Reimbursements outside Policy

No reimbursements or expenditure may be made outside this policy without specific approval of the Board.