



Player Fee Policy

Player fees are a vital part of the income received by the Armidale Youth Orchestra. Fees contribute to the orchestra in many important ways, including recruitment and payment of professional conductors, music purchase and hire, instrument and equipment purchase, tutoring at the annual Sawtell Music Camp, audition fees and general NECOM administration costs. Other payments may be required for one-off tour or day-trip levies.

The following policies are designed to ensure equity amongst players and to provide certainty of fee income to allow for effective planning and operations.

1. Annual fees must be paid in full by the third rehearsal in the playing year.
2. Players who pay in full by Monday of the third week in January in the playing year, or within 2 weeks of the player offer are eligible to receive a 10% discount for early payment.
3. Players who have not paid in full or have a payment plan by the end of February will be ineligible to play until the matter is resolved.
4. Players commencing after 1st July will pay 50% of the annual membership fee
5. Players unable to pay fees for financial hardship reasons can present a case to the AYO for consideration of payment plan options
6. Fees are non-refundable
7. Payment can be made by internet banking transfer (preferred method), cash or cheque. Receipts will be issued once your payment has been cleared.