

Junior Australian Maccabiah Team - FAQ's

What does the cost include

Costs includes all flights to and from Israel, travel insurance, accommodation, meals, tours, transport, parties, marching uniform, team uniform as a delegate of the Australian Maccabiah Team. Basically everything you do with the team in Israel.

What is excluded

All travel, accommodation, land arrangements separate from the Australian Maccabiah Team, playing strip, training kit and personal costs (laundry, snacks, gifts, mobile phones, internet). All costs in Australia.

Will there be any other costs

Teams will need to cover their own cost for playing kits and training kits as mentioned above. There will also be a levy to cover the cost of the coach and sport specific equipment, for example, training balls, cones, bibs, water bottles, etc. These costs can be fund raised along with the initial athletes cost.

What are the fundraising options

The two main fund raising vehicles :

- (1) advertising in the team handbook **and**
- (2) donation through the Australian Sports Foundation.

There are several other methods to fund raise, such as, movie nights, car washes, BBQ's, raffles, selling chocolate boxes, etc.

How much spending money do I need

Shekels to cover gifts, laundry and snacks up to a maximum \$500AUD. It is recommended to bring a minimal amount of cash. A travel card can be obtained from a bank and loaded with several foreign currencies. The card can also be topped up via internet banking from Australia.

Security

The health, welfare and safety of your child is our primary concern. Israel runs a massive security operation, and the Australian Delegation has a Safety and Security Manager who will advise on all security matters. Junior athletes are not permitted to wander about freely. When out of the hotel area or sports venues, juniors require permission and are to be accompanied by or be in the vicinity of a member of Team Management.

A security briefing covering all safety and security protocols will be provided prior to departure and in Israel.

Sick or injured

It is essential that Caremonkey medical profiles are complete and accurate.

The junior team will have a dedicated Australian doctor and physios. The Australian Maccabiah Team has access to hospitals in Israel as required. All medical expenses in Israel are covered by travel insurance.

If an athlete is seriously ill or seriously injured, parents will be notified (as soon as possible/practical) by Team Management and/or medical staff. If hospitalisation is required, athletes will be accompanied by Team Management. Other athletes/parents are not to make contact/email/post on social media, Facebook etc. until parents are notified by Team Management.

Passports

Athletes and management/coaches names on Caremonkey must match names as in passports.

Passports must be valid for 6 months after return date.

If a visa is required it is the responsibility of the athlete to obtain the appropriate visa.

Athletes on Israeli passports need to obtain advise re military service through the Israeli Embassy in Canberra

Team flights

All juniors are expected to travel as part of the Australian delegation on the official team flights. If you wish to travel separate to the team, written approval is required from the General Manager.

Requests are to be sent to your Team Manager on the prescribed form, who will pass on for approval. A credit will be made to your account (amount to be determined).

If permission is granted the following restrictions apply:

- All juniors are to be accompanied by an adult (over 18 years old) until handed to the care of the Australian Team at the team hotel
- use of public transport is prohibited
- no go zones apply (as per security brief)
- flight details to be supplied to team management. Bookings through Goldman Travel.
- Travel restrictions also apply if you are arriving late, leaving early, travelling to/from weekend "leave".
- Management will not be responsible for arranging/providing transport.
- Juniors travelling with the team will be assigned an adult chaperone whilst in flight and transit.

How can my parents contact me

All team members are required to have a mobile phone. Sim cards and contracts from an Israeli provider will be arranged by the team (at athlete's cost).

Accommodation

During the pre-camp all team members will stay in the same hotel in the Haifa area. During the games the Australian juniors will all stay in the same hotel in the Haifa area. The accommodation is allocated by the Maccabiah Organising Committee.

Can I stay in the same hotel as my child: Parents are not permitted to stay at the same hotel as athletes. Parents/guardians are not permitted on accommodation floors when picking up or returning athletes

Can I come visit my child at the team hotel: Parents are welcome at the team hotel only when collecting or returning athletes from a free weekend.

Rooming

Rooming list to be decided by the team manager. No requests please.

Clothing/Packing lists

Will be provided closer to departure. Athletes will spend most of the time in their Australian team attire. Additional casual clothes should be kept to a minimum.

Laundry

Athletes are responsible for their personal laundry. Team laundry will depend on individual team arrangements and subject to accommodation facilities.

What if I want some additional food

3 meals will be provided each day. If additional fruit or snacks are required, athletes will be able to purchase from shops in the area.

When can I see my child/parents

After games, there will be time to see your child. Parents will have access to attend all competitions.

Can I take my child for the day/dinner/lunch: Athletes will have team commitments and are not able to come and go as they wish.

Free weekends: Juniors are able to join their family or friends for Shabbat of Friday 7th and 14th July 2017 with prior approval. Athletes to be met at the team hotel following team commitments and may return on either the Friday night or Saturday evening. Public transport is not permitted and are no -go areas apply. Further information, times and documentation will need to be completed.

What happens when the competition is finished

If eliminated from the competition, athletes are encouraged to support other Australian teams. Tours are also available- and must be undertaken as a team.

What if I want to leave once my event is finished

Athletes are permitted to leave once their commitments are complete. Athletes will be discharged from the care of the team, and may not re-join at a later time for e.g. closing ceremony and touring. Prior written approval required.

We have an emergency at home

Please do not contact your child directly or post on social media, Facebook etc. Your first contact is your Team Manager. Other friends and parents please be sensitive and allow Team Management to deal with the emergency prior to advising their own children.

My parents will be in Israel and want to attend the opening/closing ceremony

A supporter package will be available - details to be advised. The closing ceremony is a closed event.

My child wants to get a souvenir such as a BB gun, knife, bullet, laser pointer as a gift

Don't even think about it! These items will be confiscated by Team Management and disposed of. Money spent on such items will not be refunded. These items are "prohibited items" in Australia and attempting to bring them into Australia may result in fines and or arrest.

Bullying, Drugs, Alcohol and smoking

We have a zero tolerance policy and any breach will be dealt with in accordance with the Team Membership Agreement.