

NZOA Policies and Procedures - Industry Sponsorship	
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NZ Orthopaedic Association

Guidelines for Industry Sponsorship

1. All dealings between members of the NZOA and the Orthopaedic Industry must be proper and able to withstand public scrutiny.
2. Sponsorship can be in the form of providing for education and training. Both should be conducted in venues appropriate to the programme. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses can be met as can modest hospitality in the form of meals. Any hospitality should be subordinate in time and focus to the educational purpose of the meeting. If the meeting has achieved CPD accreditation sponsored members must cover the cost of meeting registration.
3. Industry may support the NZOA in a corporate way. This is likely to take the form of support packages that may include payments to be put towards cost for a guest speaker at the ASM or CME meeting, providing registration material, research funds, scholarships, venue equipment and supplies or the like. No specific support for a defined purpose is allowed, Support monies provided must be utilized solely at the discretion of the meeting organizer.
4. Any remuneration for services rendered (such as research and development or faculty at “sponsored” meetings) should not exceed that which is commensurate with the services supplied and must be publicly noted in a "conflict of interest" statement in all meeting materials..
5. Presentations by industry representatives may include hospitality for member(s) as long as the level of hospitality and expenditure is clearly *secondary* to the educational purpose of the meeting.
6. Gifts and Donations:
 - Cash gifts or gifts in kind to individuals or their families must not be *offered or accepted*
 - No gifts / donations should be accepted with the explicit or implicit requirement to use products or services provided by the giver.
 - Gifts including brand name reminder items must be of token value (approximately maximum value, NZ\$150.00)
 - Donations can only be made to organizations (e.g. Associations, Hospitals, Departments and Health Practices) not individuals.

7. Individual NZOA members should not make a direct approach to Orthopaedic companies for individual sponsorship, subsidies or other forms of financial assistance.

8. Sponsored social events such as dinners, tickets to sports and theatre, golf days etc are acceptable where an associated educational element is the key and dominant purpose of the meeting..

9. The choice of a meeting venue must be made by the meeting organizer without influence from any third parties including suppliers. The practice of choosing a resort or exotic location is strongly discouraged. Modest and justifiable locations should normally be within New Zealand.

It is recognised that MTANZ guidelines for interactions with health professionals have been developed and most Multi-national companies are working within these guidelines. In addition, legislation within Australia and New Zealand is also being developed that may impact on these guidelines in the future.

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