



New Zealand Exchange Program

2026 Application Guidelines

The Polo Training Foundation was founded to teach the game of polo to young players by promoting youth clinics, interscholastic and intercollegiate competition, good sportsmanship and good will through friendly competition.

Churchill once proclaimed that “a polo handicap is a passport to the world.” The PTF Exchange Program was designed to utilize that handicap and thus continue the polo education of the Junior Players while also creating new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Players selected to participate will be notified on or before October 1, 2026

The New Zealand Exchange Trip will be roughly November 20 - 29, 2026

Application Guidelines

- Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 years during the time of the exchange.
- Applicants must have participated in a PTF Program during the 2025 and/or 2026 year.
- The Online Application must be filed out and a letter from the applicant uploaded. The Letter should explain why the player believes they should be selected for the trip.

Airfare

All costs of travel and airfare are the responsibility of the player and/or Parent. Ground transportation will be provided for the players by the PTF and/or the New Zealand Polo Association upon arrival in New Zealand, and throughout the trip.

Accommodation

The New Zealand Polo Association will organize housing of the PTF Players while in New Zealand. This helps enhance the experience and create a stronger bond between the exchange players and the host families.

Playing, Practice and Horses

All Games and practices will be organized and covered by the NZPA and the PTF. The NZPA will provide and organize appropriate horses for the PTF Players.

Chaperone (s)

A PTF Chaperone will be in New Zealand, as the players' representative throughout the trip. Any parent(s) that would like to come along are more than welcome, but accommodation and transportation will not necessarily be provided.