

THE HARMONIZED SALES TAX (H.S.T.) AND NMC FEES 2010

On December 9th, 2009 the Ontario Legislature passed the Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) which blends the current G.S.T. and P.S.T. into one comprehensive tax. The H.S.T. will affect all goods and services, including camp fees, as it is phased in later this year. Until now all camp fees have been subject to the 5% GST and a modified 3% PST for a total of 8% tax which has been built into the all inclusive fee. The HST will combine the 5% GST with the full 8% PST for a total tax of 13% (5% more than previously charged on your camp fee).

The HST will take effect on July 1st, 2010 however there is a phase in period for goods and services performed after July 1st but paid for before July 1st. The phase in period begins May 1st. Therefore, for any service (i.e. camp) provided after July 1st but paid for on or before April 30th, the HST does not apply and the previous (i.e. current) tax structure does. If the service (i.e. camp) is offered after July 1st and paid for May 1st or later, the HST does apply.

To hopefully simplify this situation as it relates to your NMC camp fees for the 2010 season, the following schedule is being adopted:

Registration Date:	HST Implications:
Until March 1st <i>*Early Enrollment Deadline*</i>	All campers enrolled by the March 1 st will save \$50.00 off the camp fee and will <u>not</u> be subject to the HST. The payment schedule will remain the same (\$350.00 deposit with application and balance due June 1 st), and we will pay the HST.
March 2nd - April 30th	All campers will be charged the full camp fee, without discount, but will <u>not</u> be subject to the HST. The payment schedule will remain the same (\$350.00 deposit with application and balance due June 1 st), and we will pay the HST.
May 1st - May 31st	All campers will pay the full camp fee and will be subject to the HST. The payment schedule will remain the same (\$350.00 deposit with application and balance due June 1 st). The HST will be an additional 5% tax added to the camp fee.
June 1st onwards	All campers will pay the full camp fee and will be subject to the HST. Full payment including the HST (an additional 5% tax) will be due with the application.

Any camper attending camp on a partial scholarship will be subject to the above schedule and will or will not be charged the HST based on when they enroll and the amount of the scholarship.

Any questions regarding this information can be addressed to our camp office at office@nationalmusiccamp.com or call us at 416- 482-2475 or 1-800-701-3132. We thank you for your understanding of this somewhat complicated implementation of the HST (which is out of our control), and hope you take advantage of the early enrollment opportunities and savings that are being offered. We wish you a happy, healthy, safe and successful 2010 and look forward to seeing you at NMC in August!

Sincerely,

Bruce, Pete, Mike, Larry and Harold
The NMC Director Team