



Withdrawals and Deposits Policy

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1. WITHDRAWALS

Other than for a reason accepted by the PAHF as a force majeure situation, when a National Association/Federation (hereinafter referred to as NA) enters its Senior, Junior and/or Youth National Team in a competition controlled or approved by the PAHF, and then that team withdraws from the competition, the following sanctions shall be imposed:

(The NA does not have control over the clubs other than ratifying them as a representative).

- (i) If the withdrawal is notified to PAHF less than 12 weeks before the start date of the event:
 - A. For the first withdrawal the NA shall pay to PAHF a penalty of a minimum of US\$1,000 plus any reasonable quantified financial losses incurred by the host NA. Notification by the host NA of such losses or costs shall be accompanied by a certificate of verification from the NA's Auditors and may be amended at the discretion of PAHF based on submission made by the parties. Until such sums are received by PAHF the NA shall be ineligible to participate in any international competition (men and women) at any level.
 - B. For the second such withdrawal within a period of 4 years, the NA shall pay the same penalties as in A. above. The PAHF Board may also, in its discretion, impose on the NA a ban in respect of future international competition or may suspend the NA. Any ban shall be for whatever period the Board shall decide and when imposed shall apply to all international competition (men and women) at any level.
 - C. In determining a second withdrawal the PAHF shall treat any withdrawals during the 2 years prior to the adoption of this regulation as a first offence.
 - D. Sanctioned placed on any NA shall not only punish the athletes, but also apply to the appointment of Judges and Umpires. Appointment of Tournament Directors, Umpire's Managers, Medical Officers and Media Officers are exempt from these sanctions.

2. DEPOSITS

In an attempt to minimise the problems created for host organisations by late withdrawals, the Board has also resolved to introduce a deposit system for all level events.

A deposit of US\$500 per team is required from all invited NA's. This deposit must be paid twenty (24) weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. The PAHF will be responsible for providing an invoice to the participating teams for this amount.

A failure by any NA to pay the deposit will be treated as not interested, and an invitation will be extended to the next NA listed on the reserve list where applicable.