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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:

If the **withdrawal is notified** to PAHF **more than 16 weeks before the start** date of the event:

- The full amount of the deposit will be reimbursed to the NA, minus the eventual incurred banking transfer charges.

If the **withdrawal is notified** to PAHF **less than 16 weeks before the start** date of the event:

- For the first withdrawal the NA shall pay to PAHF a penalty of **US\$2,500** in addition to 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.
- For the second such withdrawal within a period of 4 years, the NA shall pay a **penalty of USD\$5,000 in addition to any reasonable quantified financial losses incurred by the host NA**. In addition, 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 imposed for whatever period as decided by the Board of Directors, and shall apply to all international competition (men and women) at any level.

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.

Sanctions placed on any NA shall also apply to the appointment of Judges and Umpires at the discretion of the Appointments Committee of PAHF. The appointment of Tournament Directors, Umpire's Managers, Medical Officers and Media Officers is exempt from these sanctions.

Should an NA withdraws its team or teams within the stipulated period as outlined above, this deposit becomes non-refundable and the Withdrawal Policy will come into effect. Where applicable, the NA will be required to pay the difference in cost assigned.

2. DEPOSITS

In its attempt to discourage and also minimize the problems created for host National Associations/Federations (hereinafter referred to as NA) by the late withdrawals of National Associations/Federations from tournaments, the Executive Board has resolved to introduce a deposit system for all level events.

All National Associations must pay the required Tournament Entry Fee. The **Entry Fee is composed by a non-refundable inscription fee** as outlined in the Tournament Regulations **and also a deposit, which will be reimbursed only if there is no damage to the living quarters of the team and all other debts incurred are settled.** Additional amounts if necessary will be invoiced to the NA and must be settled within 90 days of receipt of the invoice from the PAHF Treasurer.

NA will therefore be required to pay a deposit of USD\$2,500 per team. This deposit must be paid twenty (24) weeks before the commencement of the tournament. The PAHF will invoice the participating teams for this amount.

Failure by any NA to pay this deposit will be treated as an indication of the NA unwillingness to participate in the event, and an invitation will be extended to the next NA listed on the reserve list where applicable.

Should an NA withdraws its team or teams within the stipulated period as outlined above, this deposit becomes non-refundable and the Withdrawal Policy will come into effect.

*Approved by the Board
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