

Withdrawals and Deposits

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1. WITHDRAWALS

In all situations where a National Association (hereinafter referred to as NA) enters a senior and/or a junior team in a competition controlled or approved by the FIH and the NA then withdraws the team(s) from the competition for any reason other than a force majeure as determined by the FIH Competition Committee, the following sanctions shall apply:

- (i) For a world level competition, if the notification of the withdrawal to the FIH is received less than 12 weeks before the start date of the event; or
- (ii) For all other competitions, if the notification of the withdrawal to the FIH is received less than 8 weeks before the start of the event

A. In the instance of a first withdrawal, the NA shall:

- i. Lose World Ranking points equivalent to the points which would have been awarded to the last placed team in the competition from which the NA withdrew; and pay to the FIH a penalty of up to CHF 15,000 as determined by the FIH Competitions Committee; and
- ii. Pay any reasonable quantifiable financial losses incurred by the host NA. Proof of such losses by the host NA shall be accompanied by a certificate of verification from the auditor of the host NA and such losses may be amended by the FIH Competitions Committee after hearing submissions from the parties.

Until the FIH receives payment of the penalty and approved losses, the NA may not be eligible to participate in or host any international competition (men and/or women) at any level.

The Competitions Committee has the sole discretion to determine the payment schedule for any financial penalty imposed and shall also have the discretion to suspend the payment of any financial penalty for a period of up to 4 years.

Penalty: Loss of World Ranking Points + Up to CHF 15,000 + Financial losses incurred by the host NA

B. In the instance of a second withdrawal within a period of four (4) years, the NA shall:

Lose World Ranking points equivalent to the points which would have been awarded to the first placed team in the competition from which the NA withdrew; and pay up to double the penalties as described in A(i) above.

The Competitions Committee may also, in its discretion, impose a ban on the NA with respect to future international competition at any level (men or women) or it may suspend the NA.

Penalty: Loss of World Ranking Points + Up to CHF 30,000 + Financial losses incurred by the host NA + Possible ban from future international competition and/or suspension of NA.

In determining a second withdrawal the FIH shall treat any withdrawals from January 2006 as a first offence.

When considering the sanctions to be applied, the length of notice given to withdrawal from a tournament shall be a material consideration.

2. WITHDRAWAL FROM HOSTING

The hosting of all FIH and most continental Events is covered by contracts between the FIH / CFs and the host National Association. Although the contracts include for damages for a breach of contract by withdrawing from hosting, the FIH Competitions Committee may in its absolute discretion also impose the following additional penalties:

- a) The loss of World Ranking Points
- b) A fine of up to CHF15,000
- c) Reimbursement of any financial losses incurred by the awarding Federation in reallocating tournament.

3. DEPOSITS

In an attempt to minimise the problems created for host organisations by late withdrawals, the Executive Board has also introduced a deposit system for FIH Global Events (i.e. World Cup, World League, Champions Trophy, Champions Challenges, Indoor World Cup and Junior World Cup).

In cases in which a deposit is required, the deposit is based on the payment to the organisers of 25% of the accommodation costs. This deposit must be paid twelve (12) weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. The host organiser will be responsible for providing an invoice to the participating teams for this amount. A failure by any team to pay the deposit will be treated as a withdrawal by that team (see above) and the defaulting team will be ineligible to compete and will be replaced by a reserve country.



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