



APLU Events: Withdrawal of Participating Teams Policy

The Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU) is an international sports federation whose mission is to provide governance and integrity for all forms of lacrosse in the Asia and Oceania region and is a Continental Federation of the World Lacrosse (WL). As part of its mandate the APLU manages competitions in the region and including qualification events for WL World Championships.

The National Governing Body (NGB) of an APLU Member is the body responsible for the actions of all of its teams entered in APLU events.

In running tournaments, due to the logistics of travel in the region, the potential small number of teams and the need to sign contracts for services well in advance of the tournament it is imperative that host countries not be out of pocket if teams withdraw. This policy is similar to the equivalent World Lacrosse policy but has an additional schedule for withdrawal up to 180 days. The rationale here is that many contracts are signed 6 months in advance and with lower numbers of participating teams it is not always possible to recover costs.

Registration

To enable host country to plan the event there will be a payment date for registration fee to APLU and subsequent payment date for the participation fee to the Host

The participation fee raised by the Host will be sufficient to cover the base costs such as management fees, facility (which may include accommodation deposits required, although these will normally be separate) plus any other contracts and shall be paid on the date specified by the Host.

If a team fails to pay these fees by the date stipulated by the APLU and the Host, then the team will be deemed to have withdrawn from the event. If this is within 180 days prior to the start of the event, then the team's NGB will be subject to the possible fines as detailed in the Withdrawal section of this policy.

The registration fee and participation fee are non-refundable.

All subsequent payments to the Host including, but not limited to, accommodation, meals, airport transfer, additional facility booking, must be paid by the agreed due dates. Failure to meet these commitments could result in additional fines. All money must be paid before the event commencement (opening game day) for the team to compete in the event.

Withdrawal

In the circumstances where a Member has entered a team in an APLU event and proceeded beyond the point of paying the registration fee (due by date specified by the APLU for the tournament), the following fine schedule will apply to the team's National Governing Body (the Member of APLU) if the team subsequently withdraws from the event or fails to arrive to participate:



- a) If a Member withdraws from an event 151-180 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$10,000 shall be imposed.
- b) If a Member withdraws from an event, 121-150 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$15,000 shall be imposed.
- c) If a Member withdraws from an event, 91-120 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$25,000 shall be imposed.
- d) If a Member withdraws from an event 61-90 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$30,000 shall be imposed.
- e) If a Member withdraws from an event 31-60 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$35,000 shall be imposed.
- f) If a Member withdraws from an event 30 days or less from the day of event commencement (opening game) a fine of \$40,000 shall be imposed.
- g) If a Member does not arrive to participate in an event, and no prior notification, a fine of \$45,000 will be imposed.

The APLU Board may disqualify the NGB from entering any future team(s) to APLU events for a period up to 3 years excluding any event that is scheduled within six months of the event of no participation.

The Member would (if disqualified) be considered to be “Not in good standing”.

Please note that the fines are in USD and not cumulative.

Any such fine must be paid, or a payment plan agreed, before that Member may compete in any future APLU events.

Payment will be expected within 30 days of invoice issue.

Recognizing that there could be extraordinary circumstances, beyond the control of the team or its National Governing Body (Member), that may necessitate withdrawal or non-attendance, the APLU Board shall have the authority to adjust / waive the penalties.

If the non-attendance or withdrawal results in a host organization incurring additional costs as a direct result of this action and this can be demonstrated as such to the APLU Board, additional compensation will be sought from the NGB of the withdrawing team. The APLU Board shall have the authority to evaluate these costs and assign such compensation if necessary.

Any Member withdrawing from any event or not participating, as above, will be expected to meet any contractual arrangements related to the event.

Approved by APLU Board of Directors

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