

## Withdrawals and Deposits

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### **1. WITHDRAWALS**

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

- (i) in the case of a world level event, if the withdrawal is notified to FIH less than 12 weeks before the start date of the event; or
  - (ii) in all other cases, if the withdrawal is notified to the FIH less than 8 weeks before the start of the event
- A. For the first withdrawal the NA shall pay to FIH a penalty of €2000 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 FIH based on submission made by the parties. Until such sums are received by FIH the NA shall be ineligible to participate in or host 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 FIH Executive 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 Executive 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 FIH shall treat any withdrawals during the 3 years prior to the adoption of this regulation as a first offence.

### **2. DEPOSITS**

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

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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