

NSA VIRGINIA ENTRY AND WEATHER REFUND POLICY

We in NSA Virginia would like to take this opportunity to convey to all teams some new policies that we have been forced to implement beginning with the Spring 2012 season. The past two years have seen more and more teams "shopping for tournaments". We understand most of the rationale behind this but also need to be sensitive to the impact this has on other teams and tournaments as a whole. When teams sign up for tournaments on a given date, in more than one association it gives a false pretense to other teams as to who is playing and how many teams. Also, cutoff dates are established in part, to not only know who is playing but also this is the point where fields, umpires etc are not committed to that date and fees paid that are not refundable. Therefore the following policies are being implemented within NSA.

- 1- If a team registers for an NSA tournament and also is registered for another association tournament the team will be dropped from the NSA sign up. Exception; upon confirmation from the team that they are committed to NSA that weekend and we have received payment, we then can inform other teams that the particular team is definitely in our tournament.
- 2- Any team dropping before the cutoff date will be free to do so. If a team drops after the cutoff date, there will be a penalty of \$100 of the entry fee. If a team drops after times have been published the full tournament fee will be assessed. Exception: if another team can be found to fill the spot no penalty will be assessed UNLESS the reason to drop is to play in another tournament. THIS IS ALL BASED ON THE AGE GROUP MAKING WITH MORE THAN 4 TEAMS.
- 3- A team that drops under paragraph 2 above, will be suspended from NSA play until fees are paid, if the director has not received payment to date.
- 4- We want to stress that none of this is cut and dry. We understand there can be unique situations that will cause you to not be able to play after you have committed and we will continue to work with those teams that have a situation beyond their control that causes the team to drop.

RAIN.WEATHER POLICY—even though a tournament may not play due to a total rain out there are costs associated with setting up the event that must be paid. Directors do not intend to make up all the fees they are obligated for in a rain out but administrative fees are necessary to defray some costs.

- a. If a tournament is totally rained out either Friday or Saturday morning your entry fee will be refunded minus \$25.
- b. No refund if tournament has been completed and awards given out. Tournament is considered completed when at least 75% of the games are played, winners determined and awards presented. In a 4 game format if a team plays only 1 game prior to cancellation the refund will be 70% of the entry fee, 2 games played 45% and 3 games played 20%.

We believe that this policy is very fair as it compares to other associations policies on this subject such as ASA, USSSA etc.

Thank you for playing NSA
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