



World Events: Withdrawal of Participating Teams Policy

The FIL is an international sports federation whose mission is to provide governance and integrity for all forms of lacrosse and to provide responsive and effective leadership to support the sport's development throughout the world. It is not an organization that should be used to promote individual members political demands and cultural or religious beliefs.

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

In the circumstances where a Member has entered a team in a world event and proceeded beyond the point of paying the participation fee (due by 31st December of the year preceding the event), the following penalties will apply to the team's National Governing Body (the member of FIL) if the team subsequently withdraws from the event or fails to arrive to participate:

- a) If a Member withdraws from an event 150 -121 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of up to \$20,000 shall be imposed.
- b) If a Member withdraws from an event, 120 -91 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of up to \$25,000 shall be imposed.
- c) If a Member withdraws from an event 90 -61 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of up to \$30,000 shall be imposed.
- d) If a Member withdraws from an event 60 -31 days prior to event commencement (opening game) a fine of up to \$35,000 shall be imposed.
- e) If a Member withdraws from an event 30 days or less from the day of event commencement (opening game) a fine of up to \$40,000 shall be imposed.
- f) If a Member does not arrive to participate in an event, and no prior notification, a fine of up to \$45,000 will be imposed.

The Member Country team will be disqualified from entering the next FIL world event unless that event is within six months of the event of no participation, then the disqualification would be for the following event.



The member would be considered to be “not in good standing”

Please note that the fines are not cumulative

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

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 FIL 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 FIL Board compensation will be sought from the NGB of the withdrawing team. The FIL Board shall have the authority to evaluate these costs and assign 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.

Agreed at the FIL General Assembly 3rd July 2016