



WITHDRAWAL PENALTY POLICY

There has been a tendency for some players to withdraw late from an event and, as a result, this causes the organisers, in turn, to have to pay cancellation fees to service providers. As a result, this policy has been developed to discourage this occurrence.

- 1. Application of this Policy:** this policy applies to all sanctioned PTT events as well as the Paralympic Games (noting that the Paralympic Games are under the jurisdiction of the International Paralympic Committee). This policy will come into effect on 1 January 2012 in conjunction with the rating system.
- 2. Process:** the organiser, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, may implement the penalties outlined in this document, informing the player of the penalty in writing and confirming it with his or her association. However, if the player wishes to appeal, he or she shall submit the appeal to the PTT coordinator outlining reasons why the penalty should not be imposed, such appeal to reach the PTT coordinator within 7 working days of the organiser confirming the implementation of the penalty. Members of the PTT Division, not involved in the original decision to implement the penalty, will consider the appeal after receiving information from the player, the TD, the organiser and the player's association if deemed necessary.
- 3. Withdrawal prior to a competition:** if a player is entered for a competition and withdraws:
 - 3.1 before the second entry deadline, the entry fee paid in the first entry will be forfeited.
 - 3.2 after the second entry deadline but before the draw, an additional 30% of the entry fee will be forfeited. If the player is able to prove serious circumstances beyond his or her control, the penalty may be implemented at the discretion of the organiser in consultation with the TD, depending on costs incurred.
- 4. Withdrawal during a competition:** if a player, in either the singles or team event, does not play the next match:
 - 4.1 at a certain stage of the competition, where he or she is still playing in the event, he or she will be fined up to €100,00 and/or suspended from participating in a PTT event for the next competition and the opponent will be awarded a walk-over.
 - 4.2 for political reasons (refer to the ITTF Handbook 4.1.7), he or she will be fined €500,00 and/or suspended from participating in a PTT event for 2 competitions and the opponent will be awarded a walk-over.
 - 4.3 because he or she has been disqualified for the remainder of the competition, he or she will be fined up to €500,00 and/or suspended from participating in a PTT event for 2 competitions and the opponent will be awarded a walk-over.
 - 4.4 because he or she leaves before the end of the competition, he or she will be fined up to €500,00 and/or suspended from participating in a PTT event for 2 competitions and the opponent will be awarded a walk-over.
 - 4.5 cannot play due to injury or illness confirmed by a medical classifier or doctor at the competition, no fine will be implemented but the entry fees will not be refunded.

In all instances in 4 above, there will be no refund for entry fees paid.

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