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**WEATHER, CANCELLATION, COVID and DROPPING OUT POLICY** (National Events are excluded from this policy, but will be similar). The following policy applies to events ran by UTAH USSSA (aka Jerry Cordova Ong), **South Jordan, other cities or event Directors are excluded from this policy as they have their own, but similar policies. You MUST contact these Directors directly as they own the tournament.**

### COVID 19 IMPACT

- If an event is cancelled due to COVID. An event CREDIT is issued 😊 minus a \$50 administration fee.
- If a player is impacted by COVID, a phone call to the event Director is required to discuss the situation.
- All CREDITS must be used **within 90 days** of drop date.

### WEATHER and or CANCELLATION

All events have associated costs such as field deposits, field rentals, awards, lodging, travel expenses, payroll, and insurance coverage that are expensed and have to be absorbed in some cases, regardless if the event runs or not. The entry fee amount paid minus a minimum of \$50-\$100 will be refunded for rain-outs/weather issues ONLY. The range is due to certain cities now contract out the field prep services which are a hard cost paid before the event starts.

We DO NOT like to cancel any event, but safety of players and coaches is priority. See the weather/cancellation steps:

1. If NO games are played, the team will be **refunded** their entry fees paid minus \$50-\$100 depending on hard cost expended (**SoJo city managed events and other Directors have their own policy**).
2. If weather/field conditions warrant changes during the event, the following decisions may be utilized:
  - a) Number of pool play games decreased.
  - b) Playing time per game may be decreased.
  - c) Bracket play may start without completing all scheduled pool games.
3. If number of games planned cannot be met, then the following actions in the table below will be utilized.
  - a) Games are considered complete after 45 minutes has elapsed.
  - b) Ranking points, qualification berth, paid berth and awards will be issued, and teams ranked, except when only 2 or less games are played and we have not moved into bracket play. No awards will be issued if only pool play games occurred, this may change depending on number of games played. Points and paid berths will be awarded per table guidelines.
  - c) Credit amounts must be applied towards future events ran by Jerry Cordova-Ong. **SoJo city and other Directors managed events have their own policy.**

# of games played	Credit amount of entry fee	Points and Rankings issued	Awards, Berths issued	Paid Berths issued to Championship teams
Zero	Entry fees paid minus \$50-\$100	No	No	No
1 or more	50%	Yes	No	No
2 or more	25%	Yes	Yes If in bracket play	No
After 3 +	0%	Yes	Yes if in bracket play	Yes (No refund/credit %) if in bracket play.

### DROPPING FROM EVENTS - THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING

This is a tough situation for all teams. Your team must do the best they can to avoid dropping out of an event, they must ask for help in finding guest players. The following policies will apply IF YOU DROP from an event inside of **21 days** from event start date.

1. If a team drops inside of **21 days** of the event start date, but before the Pool schedule is published and they can find a replacement team within 7 days of dropping out. They will receive 100% (less \$50 admin fee) of event fee as a **CREDIT**. If they cannot find a replacement team, then the team will forfeit 50% of the total event fee and it will be help as a **CREDIT** for a future event. If the team drops within **21 days** of the event start date and has not paid in full yet, they will be billed the entry fee balance less any applicable credits. **The balance must be paid before they can participate in ANY USSSA event across the country. Even if they have paid in full for a future event.**
2. If a team drops from an event after the POOL PLAY schedule has been released/published. **NO refund OR credit will be issued.** The entire (100%) event fee (Entry/Other, etc) is forfeited. **NOTE a schedule can be released as early as 3 weeks out or as little 2 days out depending on circumstances.**
3. **ALL CREDITS MUST be used within 90 days of issue/drop date. 150 days for Sept/Oct/Nov events.**