

GUIDELINES FOR WITHDRAWAL

Rules related to withdrawal from competition after the declaration date:

4.1 *Declarations*

Member schools will submit their intent to compete in SSNS regional/provincial competitions and to follow the process therein through the declaration process provided by SSNS. Declaring to compete in an SSNS sport is an agreement to fulfill all competitive commitments.

4.1.1 A school may declare multiple teams in the following sports(baseball, soccer, football, hockey, basketball, slo-pitch, rugby, volleyball) as per rule 3.4 . Schools that do not intend to compete in team sports at the Provincial level must declare their intentions during SSNS declaration process.

4.2 *Withdrawal*

Any member school that withdraws teams or individuals from competition after completing the declaration process may be subject to penalty up to a one year suspension from Regional and Provincial competition in that sport.

6.7 *Member School Commitments*

Member schools shall honour all commitments. Once a school agrees to compete with another school or to attend an SSNS sanctioned event hosted by a non-member, that school is obligated to fulfill its commitment. Failure to do so may, following investigation, result in disciplinary action by SSNS.

Guidelines for implementation of Withdrawal Review

The Athletic Director will contact the Regional Director when a member school must drop out of SSNS competition. The Regional Director will investigate the circumstances of the withdrawal. Some factors that will be considered:

- If the withdrawal does not adversely affect the league situation
- The withdrawal was prior to the play off process having begun
- School history of fulfilling commitments

After review, Regional Director will recommend any discipline to SSNS Director for final decision. SSNS may impose up to four years of probation or one year of suspension from Regional/Provincial eligibility.

NOTE: ONCE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IS COMPLETE, WITHDRAWAL WILL RESULT IN A ONE YEAR SUSPENSION FROM REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL ELIGIBILITY IN THAT SPORT.

As per Rule 11, any appeals will be directed to the SSNS Director.