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Athlete Withdrawal Policy

OBJECTIVES:

To detail responsibilities when an athlete withdraws from an international team for valid reasons. Valid reasons could include medical, financial or personal circumstances and are assessed independently by Sports Committees.

PROCESS

Withdrawal from an international team is not an easy decision and athletes doing so should be supported in their decision, especially when they are forced to do so through medical reasons. Athletes face many issues; refund of money, sense of letting the team down and the disappointment of an opportunity lost. The following process should be followed:

- Athlete advises Team Manager of decision to withdraw
- Team Manager consults with Sports Committee Chairperson
- Sports Committee Chairperson advises Board of withdrawal and any replacement
- Team Manager liaises with Travel agent regarding fare refund
- Team Manager liaises with Treasurer regarding refunding of any money paid
- President writes to athlete
- Team Manager advises Publicity Officer of withdrawal

Cost of Withdrawal

It is likely that an athlete withdrawing from an international team will suffer a monetary loss due to cancellation of air tickets/accommodation. NZFRS will not charge any fee in administering an athlete's withdrawal for valid reasons.

Other

An athlete withdrawing from an international team for a valid reason shall return any uniforms.

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