



Spring Tournament Postponed - COVID-19 Announcement

The National Field Hockey League (NFHL) is committed to keeping our players, staff and spectators safe as we manage the global public health situation around the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The NFHL has been working with local officials from Virginia Beach in preparation for the 2020 NFHL Spring Tournament. On Sunday March 15th, Virginia Governor Northam announced that all gatherings of more than 100 people are banned in the state of Virginia. In compliance with the Virginia Department of Health guidelines, CDC and City of Virginia Beach recommendations, and for the safety of our players, spectators and staff, **the 2020 NFHL Spring Tournament has been cancelled.**

Teams who were confirmed to attend the 2020 NFHL Spring Tournament will be issued a \$500 credit to their account and have two options for rescheduling and applying this credit:

1. Attend the rescheduled Spring Tournament in the fall of 2020. The NFHL is working diligently to reschedule the Spring Tournament to an alternate date this fall. We are still working out the details, but the tournament would be held in either late August, September or October. Teams who were registered to participate in the 2020 Spring Tournament will be invited to play at this rescheduled event (same location in Virginia Beach) and will be able to have their 2020 Spring Tournament dues transferred to this event. Pool play games would count towards a team's fall record. More details will be sent this spring.
2. Attend the 2021 NFHL Spring Tournament and have dues credited towards this event. Teams who choose not to attend the rescheduled tournament in the fall, will be able to reserve a guaranteed spot in the 2021 NFHL Spring Tournament. A team's \$500 credit will be applied to the 2021 Spring Tournament dues.

All teams will be given a \$500 credit on their account - refunds cannot be issued. The \$500 credit must be used for one of these two options. Credits cannot be applied to fall dues or other tournaments not listed above.

A survey will be sent to teams this spring, requiring confirmation of whether the team chooses to:

1. Attend the rescheduled 2020 NFHL Spring Tournament in the fall of 2020, and have their dues credited to this tournament.
2. Reserve a guaranteed spot in the 2021 NFHL Spring Tournament, and have their dues credited to this tournament.

Please wait until this survey is sent, to confirm your team's decision.

Required Next Steps - All Teams

If you have not done so already, notify your Club Sports Department that the tournament has been cancelled. Please ensure that they are also aware of how dues will be credited to your account. Refunds cannot be issued.

For questions or concerns about the 2020 Spring Tournament, please contact info@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com.

1. Cancel your hotel reservations immediately. Please contact your hotel directly to cancel all rooms you have booked for the tournament. Teams are required to make these cancellations by Friday, March 20th. If you do not cancel by the hotel's deadline, you may be responsible for payment.
2. Cancel all travel arrangements. Please make sure to cancel all arrangements made for flights, buses, vans, etc.
3. Update your family and friends who planned to attend. Please notify all players that the tournament has been cancelled, and that they should contact any spectators who planned to attend, immediately. Spectators will need to cancel their hotel reservations and travel arrangements.
4. Update your players on t-shirts that were pre-ordered. All pre-ordered t-shirt sales will be reimbursed this week and an email will be sent directly to the purchaser. Please let your players and spectators know that they will be reimbursed shortly. Credits will be issued to the card used to purchase, and can take up to 10 days to appear.

We hope that everyone stays safe in this unpredictable time. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Below are some links for more information about COVID-19:

- Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>.
- Symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>.
- CDC Travel Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

Additional Information

We encourage you to share this email with your players and spectators, and to visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for more information.