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TITLE: Player Dues

RECITATIONS

Consistent with Colorado law, Chatfield Girls Lacrosse collects membership dues (called Player Dues) from its Members to fund the expenses of the corporation’s operation. These dues are collected as the corporation’s chosen approach to fundraising, instead of requiring Player and Member participation in time-intensive corporation-organized fundraising activities. Chatfield Girls Lacrosse recognizes that not all Members may be financially able to pay the corporation’s Player Dues, and that unforeseen events such as injuries and family relocations may compel a refund of Player Dues. Chatfield Girls Lacrosse also observes that sometimes Player Dues obligations are simply ignored by Members who *are* financially able to pay and who have *not* suffered any unforeseen events.

PURPOSE

Therefore the purpose of this policy is to define the corporation’s position and procedures relating to Player Dues, including the conditions under which Player Dues will and will not be refunded, the conditions under which “Scholarships” will be given (i.e. Player Dues obligations will be waived), and the corporation’s response to non-payment of Player Dues.

SCOPE / PERSONNEL

This policy applies to all Members of Chatfield Girls Lacrosse, as defined in its Bylaws, and applies to the Board of Directors for consistent enforcement.

DEFINITIONS

- Fiscal Year* – a fiscal year of Chatfield Girls Lacrosse’s operation, as defined in its Bylaws.
- Member* - a member of Chatfield Girls Lacrosse as defined in its Bylaws (i.e. a parent or guardian of a Player).
- Player* - a player on the roster of the Chatfield Senior High School girls lacrosse program in a Season.
- Player Dues* - the dues for membership in Chatfield Girls Lacrosse for the Members associated with a Player for the Fiscal Year containing a Season.
- Program* – the girls lacrosse program at Chatfield Senior High School.
- Season* – the high school girls lacrosse season as set by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).
- Scholarship* - a grant in the amount of the current Fiscal Year’s Player Dues, made by Chatfield Girls Lacrosse to the Members associated with a Player.

POLICY STATEMENT

Amount

The Board of Directors of Chatfield Girls Lacrosse, in each Fiscal Year of its operation, shall set the amount in dollars of Player Dues for the Season in that Fiscal Year, as part of its budgeting process. For example, historically player dues have been set at \$150.00.

Obligation

The Members associated with a given Player shall be jointly obligated to pay Player Dues to Chatfield Girls Lacrosse for each Player they have in the Program in one Season (some families may have more than one Player in the Program in a Season). Player Dues shall be paid no later than two weeks after the first day of the Season in a given Fiscal Year.

Scholarships

Only if a Player receives Free and Reduced Price School Meals from Jeffco Public Schools will Chatfield Girls Lacrosse award a Scholarship to that Player (i.e. waive the obligation for Player Dues to be paid by the Members associated with that Player). Otherwise the Members associated with the Player shall be obligated to pay Player Dues.

Refunds

Refunds of Player Dues, once paid, shall only be given in the following events:

1. A Player leaves the Program because she and her family relocate outside Jefferson County, Colorado, before 50% of the regular-season games scheduled for that Player’s team have been played; or
2. A Player suffers a season-ending injury before 50% of the regular-season games scheduled for that Player’s team have been played.

In no other circumstance will Player Dues be refunded once paid. For example Chatfield Girls Lacrosse will not refund Player Dues if a Player quits the Program at any time during the Season because she doesn’t like lacrosse or her team or her teammates or her team’s results or her coach or her playing time. The budgeting process for Chatfield Girls Lacrosse depends critically on an assumed amount of income from Player Dues, so refunding Player Dues for frivolous reasons would risk the financial health of the corporation.

Nonpayment

If the Members associated with a Player fail to pay Player Dues by the deadline established in this policy, then they shall be subject to the corporation’s policy on Member indebtedness to the corporation.

REVIEWED BY

Board of Directors

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