

Appendix F, Club Option proposals

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Item 1:

1.02 Eligibility:

A. Club Option program:

1. Interested clubs and/or individuals shall submit a Club Option Application to the International Relations Committee Chair by January 31st to be considered for the current year.
2. Club Option Applications may also be submitted after the deadline and will be considered under the following circumstances:
 - a. No other club or individual has applied for the same event.
 - b. If multiple clubs have applied for the same event, the Club Option Applications received by the deadline will be considered a higher priority in the selection process.
 - c. **If the club option application is received between 28 to 7 days prior to the first day of the interested competition, subject to a late fee. No applications will be accepted or approved if received 7 days or less prior to the first day of the interested competition.**

Rationale: After receiving a club option application this year about 1 week prior to an event, it is recommended to have deadlines to submit an application. This proposal follows our current entry procedures in our Technical Rules. This also allows for late fees if an application is received after 28 days prior. It would be suggested that the late fees could be the same as our current late fees for USA Championships.

Item 2:

1.05 Failure to Comply:

A. Club Option program:

1. A \$1,000.00 fee will be paid to USAAS and the club placed in probationary status:
 - a. If the club declines to participate after accepting the competition. Approval by the International Relations Review Subcommittee will be required for extenuating circumstances such as illness or injury of competitors or coaches or if the conditions significantly change.
 - b. If the NCSI Background Check (parental consent required for minors under 18 years of age), confirmation of USAAS membership and SafeSport training reports

are not provided to the International Relations Committee Chair two weeks prior to attendance at the Club Option competition.

- c. If all deadlines listed in the approval confirmation have not been met, including the final written report which must be submitted within the 30 day period following the international competition.
 - d. The club will remain in probationary status until **all requirements are met and** the final written report is received by the International Relations Chair and the fee is paid to USAAS. Probationary status prohibits the club from participating in any USAAS sanctioned events **and/or international events.**
2. A \$1,000.00 fee will not be applied by USAAS:
 - a. If the club meets all submission deadlines as outlined in the approval confirmation, including submission of the final written report after the conclusion of the competition.
 - b. If accepted competition is canceled by Host Federation.
 - c. If area of accepted competition is declared unsafe by State Department or United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) Advisory.
 - d. If 50% or more of the approved Club Option athletes have been selected for a National Team and cannot attend the Club Option event.
 - e. If there are extenuating circumstances such as illness or injury of competitors or coaches or the conditions significantly change. These types of extenuating circumstances will require approval by the International Relations Review Subcommittee.
 3. U. S. Masters clubs entering International competitions with unlimited entries shall be placed on probationary status without fee for non-compliance with the Club Option program, **until all requirements are met and the final written report is received by the International Relations Chair.**

Rationale: It became clear this year that if a club does not meet the deadlines in the approval email that they would still be able to participate in an international event if on probation. The new wording prevents participation in both domestic and international events if placed on probation and until cleared. The addition of the words “until all requirements are met” ensures that the background checks and SafeSport information is still submitted. It also became clear that further definition of how a Masters Club can be released from a probationary status needed to be stated.