

COVID-19 Financial Hardship Refund Policy Effective for the 2020–2021 Season Only

Member Association Player Agreements/Contracts shall be required to include a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Refund Policy. Parents/Guardians of players signing agreements may petition the association for relief under the following guidelines:

- Under this policy, hardships must be related to the COVID-19 pandemic, where a family's financial status changed after signing the Player Agreement/Contract.
- Member Associations are allowed to charge for the following:
 - Durable goods that cannot be repurposed (i.e. team uniforms, etc.)
 - Ice fees, coaching fees, and expenses prorated to what has actually been used by the player, up to the date the association received a written request.
- Participants/families exercising this option will not be permitted to roster with another PVAHA member association or with an association in the other three Affiliates of the Southeastern District — CAHA, SAHA, SAHOF, at the same, or higher, competitive level for the 2020–2021 season.
- Participants/families may exercise this relief option on, or prior to, October 31, 2020.

Failure to adhere to the policy guidelines above may result in disciplinary action, due to violation of the following rules:

- PVAHA Bylaws – 8.2 Membership

Please note: The following statements from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, may be used in guidance to help determine applicable COVID-19 Financial Hardships:

- Family experiences adverse financial consequences due to being furloughed, laid off, or having work hours reduced due to SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19;

and/or

- Family experiences adverse financial consequences due to closing or reducing hours of a business that is owned or operated due to SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

If a player is released by a member association due to COVID-19 Financial Hardship, the player information should be sent to the PVAHA president at pvahapresident@gmail.com