



Press Release 08: Changed rules for penalty points and penalties

Unfortunately we have, despite the introduction of rules for late cancellations in tour stops, the introductions of penalty points and the introduction of suspensions and fines, faced a still growing number of late cancellations in the 2006 tour season.

The ETBF Presidium has a constantly focus on late cancellations and will over the coming years from time to time adjust the rules with the clear purpose to get the cancellation business brought to an end. At the same moment we are appealing to the group of players cancelling late, to understand that their behaviour is seriously damaging the tour. Those players never cancelling late, and that is fortunately a big group of players, do not have to fear any sanctions or penalties.

As of the first stop in 2007, the following changes for the deadline of cancelling will apply:

Cancellation Type A

Valid for 2006

Type A means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 14 days or less before the first day of the tournament until the day just before the first day of the tournament.

Valid for 2007

Type A means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 30 days before the first day of the tournament until 8 days before the first day of the tournament.

Cancellation Type B

Valid for 2006

Type B means that the organizer is notified by the player during the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.

Valid for 2007

Type B means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 7 days before the first day of the tournament until and including the last qualification day of the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.

Cancellation Type C

Valid for both 2006 and 2007

Type C is defined as a "No Show", which means that a player fails to appear without having notified the organizer or if the player notifies the organizer after the start of the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.



As of the first stop in 2007 the following changes for penalties will apply:

Penalty Number = 1 (4 penalty points)

Valid for 2006

If the penalty number is 1, the player will be suspended during 60 days from EBT stops, counting from the day the suspension letter is issued.

Valid for 2007

If the penalty number is 1, the player will be suspended from participation in 4 EBT stops.

Penalty Number = 2 (8 penalty points)

Valid for 2006

If the penalty number is 2, the player will be suspended during 90 days from EBT stops, counting from the day the suspension letter is issued. In addition the player will, through his federation, pay a penalty fee of € 300.

Valid for 2007

If the penalty number is 2, the player will be suspended from participation in 6 EBT stops and in addition the player will, through his federation, pay a penalty fee of € 300 to ETBF.

Penalty Number is higher than 2 (12 penalty points or higher)

Valid for 2006

For each time the penalty number is higher than 2, the suspension period will be 30 days higher than the suspension period of the previous penalty number. In addition the penalty fee will be € 300 higher than the penalty fee of the previous penalty number.

Valid for 2007

For each time the penalty number is higher than 2, the number of EBT stops, the player will be suspended from, is 2 higher than the number of stops of the previous penalty number. In addition the penalty fee to be paid to ETBF will be € 300 higher than the penalty fee of the previous penalty number.

Spots ordered are personal

It should be obvious that spots ordered are personal, that they can not be cancelled by others and that they can not be given to others, but apparently it has been understood and also administrated different at some tournaments from time to time. The following rules are therefore introduced.

A player cannot, regardless the moment of cancellation, cancel on behalf of another player, i.e. a player must cancel in person.

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A player cannot give pre-booked spots to another player. A player not coming is a player cancelling. The other player must be considered as a new player and that player will be placed at the bottom of the priority list in the squads where he signs up. The only exception from this rule will be in cases, where an organizer has accepted a group booking from a national team.

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