



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SPORTS ASSOCIATION POLICIES

REFUND POLICY

Sometimes issues arise and your athlete can no longer participate in the season as originally planned. Our refund policy is based on when and why a refund request is made.

Primary Seasons (ex. Spring & Fall for Loudoun NFL FLAG)

If a request to cancel an athlete's registration is made prior to our draft week, a full refund will be issued minus the cost of the transaction fees paid by NVA Sports.

Starting the Monday of our Draft Week through Week 1 of our regular season, cancellation/refund requests will require a note from a doctor stating the individual will be missing a majority of the season. Families will be issued a full refund minus the cost of the transaction fees paid by the league and the cost of any equipment ordered for the athlete (uniform, flags, etc.).

No refunds will be issued after our Week 1 games for any reason.

Refunds are not issued due to lack of availability due to event conflicts (practices or games).

Camps/Clinics/Events

Refunds will be processed (minus the cost of the transaction fees paid by NVA Sports) for cancellations made prior to the close of business (4:00pm) on the Friday before the week the camp/clinic/event is to be held.

Madden Tournament Series (or any future esports events)

Refunds will be processed (minus the cost of the transaction fees paid by NVA Sports) for cancellations made prior to the close of business on the Friday before the event. Refunds will not be given for participants who do not show up to the event or are late and their game has been forfeited.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Specific Coach Requests

While we absolutely LOVE to hear that our coaches are doing a wonderful job, we do not honor requests to be with specific coaches. Our goal and priority is to start each season with fair and balanced teams that grow throughout the course of the season and this is done through our player assessments and draft. Pre-built teams are not permitted in the 14u age group and younger.

Buddy Requests

NVA Sports is not accepting carpool or buddy requests in the divisions that form teams via a player assessment and draft.

Practice Day Availability Requests

If the league is informed of any practice day conflicts prior to teams being formed they will make note of the conflict for the coaches to see while forming teams. Requests of more than two days cannot be honored. A coach may select any player during the draft so long as that player does not have conflicts on both of the coaches' assigned practice days (ie. a player could attend at least one day of practice each week).

Age Division Change Requests

Families may request for their athlete to play up a division if they believe their athlete is not only capable of handling the higher competition but is having their development held back by competing against athletes their own age. Athletes may not be more than a year younger than the next age group up (ie. a 12 year old could play up into 14u but an 11 year old could not). This request must be approved by the League Operator. The League Operator's decision will be based on the athlete's most recent player assessment data, the opinion of the athlete's most recent coaches, and other data obtained by the League Operator.

Athletes may not play down a division.

TEAM CHANGE REQUESTS

In order for a player to switch teams all of the following must be met:

Another player in the same region and age group must request to switch teams

The practice schedule for the two teams must work for both of the players.
The two athletes must be of similar skill level.

This must be done prior to our Scrimmage weekend.

In addition to the above criteria having to be met, the players switching teams will be charged for the additional uniform (jersey + shorts) that will need to be ordered.

GEAR EXCHANGE

Jerseys

Customized jerseys (lettering) and jerseys that have been removed from their original packaging may not be exchanged.

Jerseys that are not customized and are still in their original sealed packaging may be exchanged. A fee will be charged to cover the shipping of the new jersey.

Shorts

Shorts may be exchanged for a different size if the shorts are still in their original sealed packaging. A fee will be charged to cover the shipping of the new pair of shorts.

Socks/Sleeves/Gloves/Headbands/Mouth Guards

These items cannot be exchanged for a different size.

VOLUNTEER COACH SELECTION & COACH PAIRING

Northern Virginia Sports Association (NVA Sports) is grateful to all of the individuals who volunteer to coach with us throughout the year.

This is a volunteer position and coaches are selected based on their previous experience (within the league and outside of it), feedback received from parents, coaches, and staff, and need in that division. All coaches must pass a background check in order to be a coach of a team.

Coach Pairing Request

All coach pairing requests are subject to the approval of the League Operator. If the pairing of the two coaches is deemed an unfair pairing (based on the athletic ability of their athletes), the request will be denied. This verdict will not be made until after the player assessments

but before the league draft.

Pairings of three or more individuals will not be considered.

WAITLIST POLICY

As we approach the start of each season, a registration limit may be placed on a division based on the current number of volunteer coaches for that age group and/or the status of field space in that region. Once a division is waitlisted the system will continue to accept registrations for the waiting list*. *It is important to note that our divisions may waitlist during the registration period.*

There are a few ways an athlete may be able to move from the waiting list to the league's participation list:

A spot in the league opens up prior to the draft** (due to a player dropping). In this case the spot will be offered to families in the order they registered for the waiting list. Depending on the proximity of the draft, the time to respond may decrease.

If there is a need for a head coach in that specific age division, and a family member of the athlete on the waiting list is able to be a head coach, that player will be let into the league's official participation list (regardless of where they were on the waitlist).

If there are enough players on the waiting list to add an entire team's worth of players to the participation list, there is an individual willing to head coach a team, and there is field space and time to do this prior to the league draft, then the spots will be offered to those families.

*The waitlist is free to sign up for, families will only be charged if a spot is offered to their athlete.

**After the draft there is no guarantee players on the waiting list will be contacted if a spot becomes available.

PRO BOWL SELECTION PROCESS (LOUDOUN NFL FLAG)

Loudoun NFL FLAG holds a Pro Bowl game at the end of every season with the Ida Lee NFL FLAG league. Teams consist of 10 players, two players from each region of the League: Sterling, Ashburn, Leesburg, Brambleton, and South Riding.

Players are selected based on their rankings at our preseason Player Assessment for that season. The top two ranked players will be offered a spot.

Only players who attended the current season's pre-season assessment will be offered a spot (previous assessment numbers will not count).

If a player declines the spot or does not respond within the detailed timeframe, the offer will be extended to the next player on the list.