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THOUGHTS ON...

# HOW DO I MAKE CHANGES TO MY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE?

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EPIC'S PHILOSOPHY ON ALLOWING  
PARENTS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN ALTERING  
THEIR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

*The "Thoughts on" series is a series of papers designed to supply Epic family members (and potential Epic family members) with our thoughts on various topics. There are exceptions to many rules, so if Epic is "for" or "against" a topic, that does not mean that it's members cannot or must participate or that there is not an exception for a specific player. These are general guidelines and are a reflection of the opinions of the Epic Administration in most scenarios. Generally speaking Epic United refers to the entire Epic family (Epic, Altitude, and Diamond Elite)*

- I. Know your default position
  - a. Epic will have a planned schedule for every team. This schedule is generally what we think is best for the team balancing travel, cost, competition, rest, and other factors. This is your default position and changes are made only if:
    - i. Parents have a near consensus (not just a popular vote)
    - ii. Coach approves
    - iii. Epic administration approves
    - iv. Additional amounts are paid if necessary
    - v. All is done by the change deadline
- II. Making a change to your schedule
  - a. Process
    - i. Early team meeting discussing options with the coach & other team members.
    - ii. Coach will give parents a 'silent objection' period and will use a documentation process (usually email) to confirm parents are in for the change.
    - iii. Assuming the coach approves, and the team is in consensus, then coach brings idea to administration.
    - iv. Administration approves and books event. At this point parents will be responsible for paying the additional amounts even if they later drop out.
    - v. Parents pay for changes if changes involve additional cost
  - b. Deadlines
    - i. For a change to occur, it must reach step iv (above) by the deadline. Even if it is before the deadline, sometimes tournaments fill up more quickly than usual.
    - ii. For changes involving USAV nationals, the deadline is Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

- iii. For changes involving AAU nationals or the Windy City Qualifier, the deadline is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- iv. For changes involving Asics nationals or JVA Fusion Fest, the deadline is Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Other season extensions, including changing an April-ending 18s team into a longer team has a deadline of Mar 1<sup>st</sup>
- v. For changes involving other qualifiers, power leagues or other high-profile tournaments, the deadline is likely prior to the formation of the team.
- vi. For changes involving adding a 1-day or 2-day event, the deadline is Feb 1<sup>st</sup> or 1 month prior to the event, whichever occurs 1<sup>st</sup>. For cancelling a 2-day, the deadline is Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.
- vii. For changes involving the Chicago Regional Qualifier, the deadline depends on when the post the information, but it's usually late in the year.

III. Exception:

- a. The Diggz Summer Slam (first week of June) is an exception. Generally speaking, the recommended tournament schedule is recommended for a reason and changes that involved cancelling events, especially home events will not get approved. Summer Slam is an exception as it is designed because there are very few affordable tournaments to bridge the gap between Memorial Day and Nationals. This is added as a warm-up for nationals, but teams are usually welcome to replace it with any higher cost event.