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## **National Selection Tournaments - Open Regional Tournaments Freeze Deadline Information**

**FREEZE DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, November 13, 2014**

### **What is the Freeze Deadline?**

The Freeze Deadline is the deadline by which a player that is on the alternate list of the higher level tournament and the accepted player list of the lower level tournament has to commit to being on one list. The Freeze Date for all concurrent national tournaments shall be 11:59 a.m. ET 16 days before the start date of the concurrent tournament scheduled to start first, or such other time as is published on the tournament website. For example, if the earlier of two concurrent national tournaments is scheduled to begin on the 17th of the month, the Freeze Deadline shall be 11:59 am ET on the 1st of the month.

### **Prior to Freeze Deadline**

Prior to the Freeze Deadline, a player may appear as both an alternate for the higher level concurrent tournament and as an accepted player at a lower level concurrent tournament. Prior to the Freeze Deadline, any such player that is offered and accepts a place on the acceptance list of the higher level tournament shall be permitted to withdraw from the lower level tournament without penalty and play in the higher level tournament.

### **After the Freeze Deadline**

After the Freeze Deadline, a player may ONLY appear as EITHER an alternate for the higher level tournament OR as an accepted player at the lower level tournament. A player not yet selected for any tournament may continue to appear on the alternate lists of multiple concurrent tournaments.

### **Player Obligation by the Freeze Deadline**

A player that appears on the acceptance list of the lower level tournament and a higher level tournament alternate list that desires to remain on the alternate list for the higher level tournament must withdraw from the lower level tournament by the Freeze Deadline. Such a player shall be required to send an email to the Tournament Directors of both tournaments by the Freeze Deadline stating this preference and the player shall be refunded their entry fee by the lower level tournament.

Any player that fails to email their preference to withdraw from a lower level tournament and remain as an alternate for the higher level tournament shall not be permitted after the Freeze Deadline to withdraw from the lower level tournament and accept a spot in the higher level tournament draw. Any violation of this policy will result in the levying of 4 suspension points for withdrawing from a tournament to play in another.