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THOUGHTS ON...

# I QUIT!

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## THE RATIONALE BEHIND EPIC UNITED'S CANCELLATION POLICIES (OR LACK THEREOF)

*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.*

- I. I am considering quitting
  - a. To an unbelievable surprise to everyone involved in youth sports, Quitting is becoming more and more common. As a parent, myself, I am constantly shocked by parents willingness to send a horrible message to their kids, which is, “if it gets hard” or “you don’t get exactly what you want...” then “quit”
  - b. Our Stance: You/your daughter made a commitment to her team, her club, and to each other. Quitting is not an option and is never a good choice. Some of the most valuable things about athletics are the things it teaches us and quitting on your team, becomes quitting at college when you get older, which becomes quitting at your job and possibly even yourself or your friends and family. It’s the same message that is being taught by allowing a player to quit.
- II. I QUIT!, Now What
  - a. When you agree to play, you buy a spot on a team and that spot costs the same regardless of how much or how little you use it. Our practice facilities do not get cheaper because you quit. Our tournaments do not cost less because you quit. The coach on the team does not get paid less because you quit. Also, most players choose whether or not they are playing club at the same time, so when the tryout process is over, there is no chance to replace your daughter on her team.
- III. Financially, what are my options
  - a. Officially, our policy is to fully enforce the contract that you sign when you sign up, though here are some general guidelines.
  - b. Players who quit within 3 days of registering and during the tryout acceptance process who are choosing not to play club ball anywhere may result in only a loss of deposit
  - c. Players who quit before initial team placements are made may only result in loss of the base fee (not the team fee)

- d. Players who quit after initial team placements are made will result in a loss of the base fee and the team fee for that placement.
- e. Players who quit due to a season-ending injury and who supply a doctor's note restricting participation should continue making payments. After they supply a 2<sup>nd</sup> doctor's note releasing restrictions, they are often given a prorated credit for the following year. Minor injuries such as ankle sprains or injuries that cause a player only to miss a month or less are not given credits. Each scenario is a case by case basis.
- f. Players who quit for any reason do not get refunds for any uniform expenses, hotel expenses, or registration expenses (USAV or AAU). These costs do not go to us; therefore, we cannot refund them.