



Far West Regional League Rule 5.03 states:

**5.03 Forfeited Matches—Premier Division**

*A Premier Division team that forfeits a game by failing to appear shall 1) be subject to a fine assessed against its club and collected before any team from that club can be admitted to a subsequent FWRL season, 2) become ineligible for a Wild Card slot in the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Far West Regionals, and 3) be demoted to the First Division, for the next fall/spring season of participation. The amount of the fine shall be determined each season by the FWRL Trustees.*

The Far West Regional League Committee has set the fine for the current season at \$1000. The fine will be collected before the team or any team from their club is approved for any season subsequent to the current season. If there is no First Division, teams that have forfeited will have to compete for one full season in the FWRL before they are eligible for a FWR wild card.

A second forfeit in the current season will result in the forfeiture of all games, including games already played, and no further participation will be permitted for that season.

In addition, teams that withdraw from the league prior to the publication of schedules will have their entry fee retained. Teams that withdraw after schedules are published but before any games are played will be deemed to have forfeited and the forfeiture rules will be applied, except that the fine will be \$525 and the entry fee will be retained.

Some state associations have enacted harsher penalties than the above. For example, in Cal South, teams will lose their National Cup or State Open President's Cup eligibility for forfeiting FWRL games. Please be sure that you understand all possible implications of withdrawing from the FWRL.