

FSGP/ASC 2021 COVID-19 REFUND/CREDIT POLICY

(as of November 21, 2020)

This is a special addendum to the ASC 2021 Regulations and our normal operations given the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation facing both the solar car teams and the organizers. In short, there will be no refunds; however, a credit of funds towards future IEF events is possible as explained below.

Event-Level Decisions

Should the FSGP/ASC 2021 events need to be postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation, entry fees paid to date for the events that are postponed or cancelled will be held as a credit of funds towards IEF events through 2022.

For those teams that applied their 2020 credit of funds towards 2021 entry fees, such funds will revert back to their credit of funds, which is available for use towards IEF events through 2022.

Government-Level Decisions

While the events themselves may be able to move forward, we recognize that certain governmental restrictions may prevent teams from certain geographic areas from participating. If there is a government-level issued restriction that would prevent a team from participating with their solar car (i.e., border closure, travel restriction, etc), then those impacted teams can withdraw and have their entry fees paid to date held as a credit of funds towards IEF events through 2022.

Requirements:

In this situation, the team must provide appropriate links/supporting materials explaining the restriction and showing that the effective dates of the restriction conflict with the events such that participation is not possible.

University/Team-Level Decisions

Ultimately the decision of whether or not to participate rests with the university fielding the team. We understand that there are multiple factors to be considered and there may be unique, localized, COVID-related circumstances that would prevent a given team from participating in the events.

Requirements:

For universities withdrawing due to a university COVID-related policy that prevents participation, the same person/office that completed the Team Participation Agreement must provide an official letter explaining why the university/team has decided not to participate. Appropriate links/supporting materials must be provided to document the relevant university policy, restriction, and/or limitation as it relates to the COVID situation.

Deadlines:

For appropriate COVID-related withdrawal letters received no later than the refund cut-off (May 15, 2021) listed in the regulations, the impacted team will have their entry fees paid to date held as a credit of funds towards IEF events through 2022. For COVID-related withdrawal letters received after the cut-off (May 15, 2021), a 50/50 split will be provided where half of the entry fees paid to date will be held as a credit of funds towards IEF events through 2022 and the other half will be treated as an unrestricted donation to IEF to help cover expenses that have already been incurred in preparing for these events.