



2020 Hamilton Fringe Festival

UPDATED PARTICIPANT WITHDRAWAL POLICY (March 20, 2020)

In light of these unprecedented times and the impact of these global events on all sectors and levels of stakeholders, the Hamilton Fringe is amending the participant withdrawal policy for 2020:

- Effective as of March 20, 2020, any company that withdraws from the festival between now and April 30, 2020 are eligible to receive 100% of their participant fee back.
- If a touring company withdraws after April 30, 2020 due to cancellation of other festivals of their tour, they are eligible to receive 100% of their participant fee back. All other companies that decide to withdraw from the festival after April 30, 2020 are eligible to receive 50% of their participant fee back.
- Touring companies are defined by the Festival as the following categories: CAFF, International, National.

If for any reason the Hamilton Fringe must DEFER the scheduled dates for the 2020 festival, currently scheduled for July 15-26, 2020, to a later date in 2020:

- All companies still in the festival at that time will be informed of the new dates as soon as such a decision is made.
- If companies are unable to participate in deferred dates in 2020, they will be eligible receive 100% of their participant fee back.

If for any reason the Hamilton Fringe must CANCEL the scheduled dates for the 2020 festival, currently scheduled for July 15-26, 2020:

- If the 2020 festival is cancelled by the Hamilton Fringe, ALL companies still in the festival will be eligible to receive 100% of their participant fee back.

Further conditions if cancellation occurs:

- All companies still in the festival will receive an offer for a spot in the 2021 Festival (July 14-July 25, 2021) before the lottery applications open in November 2020. This is a first-right-of-refusal spot.
- All companies that were in the festival as of March 20, 2020 but withdrew after that date will receive an offer for a first-right-of-refusal spot in the 2021 festival, before lottery applications open in November 2020.
- If any company that is eligible for a first-right-of-refusal slot in the 2021 Festival chooses to accept it, they will be required to pay a new full participant fee for the slot at that time.