

REG 13 RESULTS AND FORFEITURES (WALKOVERS)

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Please note: REG 13 applies to the Team Championships conducted as part of the National, Premier and Conference League/Knockout programme.

REG 13.1 Results of fixtures can be entered on BUCS Play by a Captain or Institution Administrator of either team, but the Institution Administrator(s) of the first named (home) team for each fixture shall be responsible for approving the result.

REG 13.2 The results of all league and knockout competition matches must be entered, and approved, on BUCS Play no later than 12:00 on the first working day following the fixture.

REG 13.2.1 Where an institution/Playing Entity has not approved a result for a knockout competition match in accordance with REG 13.2 they shall incur a £10 fine.

REG 13.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be in contravention of REG 13.2 may face disciplinary action.

REG 13.3 Whilst institutions/Playing Entities can only approve results of 'home' fixtures on BUCS Play, institutions/Playing Entities are responsible for ensuring that the results of all their matches ('home' and 'away') are correctly recorded on BUCS Play.

REG 13.4 Amending incorrect results

REG 13.4.1 Until a result has been approved, it can be corrected by a Captain or Institution Administrator of either team, except in the case of a league fixture where the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) has passed. When institutions/Playing Entities change amend a result in this way, they are encouraged to inform the opposition of this in writing in case there is a disagreement as to the correct result.

REG 13.4.2 An Institution Administrator of either team can request that an incorrectly approved result is amended, except in the case of a league fixture where the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) has passed. To do so an Institution Administrator must submit a result change request on BUCS Play. The BUCS Executive will confirm any amendment with both institutions/Playing Entities before changing a result and amendments will not be visible on BUCS Play until approved by the BUCS Executive.

REG 13.4.2.1 League fixtures For league matches other than those affected by the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) there is a 14 day period within which amendments may be requested free of charge. Amendments to league match results requested beyond the 14 day period will incur a £10 administrative charge.

REG 13.4.2.2 Knockout competition fixtures Amending incorrectly approved knockout competition match results (after the deadline of REG 13.2 has passed) will incur the following administrative charges (payable by the 'home' institution/Playing Entity unless otherwise indicated):

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| Incorrect score that DOES NOT alter the | £5 | | | |
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| team progressing to the following round: | | | | |
| Incorrect score that DOES alter the team progressing to the following round: | £25 if amendment requested more than 10 working days before the following round; | £50 if amendment requested within 6-10 working days before the following round; | £100 and liable for any fixture costs incurred by the next round opposition if amendment requested within 5 working days before the following round; | £250 EACH, liable for any fixture costs incurred by the next round opposition and, where applicable, forfeit of home hosting of next round fixture if NO AMENDMENT REQUESTED BY EITHER INSTITUTION INVOLVED in the fixture in question before the following round. |

REG 13.4.3 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be approving incorrect results may face administrative charges and/or disciplinary action.

REG 13.5 League results entry/amendment deadline

REG 13.5.1 Institutions/Playing Entities will not be permitted to enter, amend, approve, or request additions and/or amendments of results for league matches after the League Result Submission Deadline as outlined in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') has passed.

REG 13.5.2 After the League Result Submission Deadline has passed, any matches without a result on BUCS Play shall be listed as void, with no points awarded to either team.

REG 13.5.3 Correction of league placement as a result of incorrect or missing results will not be permitted after the League Result Submission Deadline has passed, except for where a result change request submitted before the deadline is approved by the BUCS Executive after the deadline or as a result of any disciplinary action in relation to a misconduct charge raised for a breach of REG 13.6.

REG 13.6 Falsification of results Institutions/Playing Entities must not falsify results. If the BUCS Executive deems that an Institution/Playing Entity has falsified a result on BUCS Play, for example entering and/or approving a result for a fixture which has not taken place, or deliberately entering and/or approving an incorrect result, they will be subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5.

REG 13.6.1 Any matches without a result on BUCS Play shall be listed as void, with no points awarded to either team.

REG 13.6.2 Correction of league placement as a result of incorrect or missing results will not be permitted post the result submission deadline, as outlined in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines').

REG 13.7 Forfeited matches (Walkovers) A forfeited match will be deemed to have been caused by voluntary or involuntary circumstances. A voluntary walkover is deemed to have occurred when it is believed that reasonable actions undertaken by the team, club or Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the

offending institution/Playing Entity would have prevented the forfeit. An involuntary walkover is deemed to have occurred when it is considered (whether by the BUCS Executive or the BUCS Disciplinary Panel) that a team has forfeited on a fixture through reasons beyond the reasonable control of that team, club or Athletic Union (or equivalent). In the first instance all walkovers will be deemed voluntary.

REG 13.7.1 To claim a walkover a recognised Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative of the institution/Playing Entity must send via email to the opposition institution/Playing Entity a correctly completed BUCS Walkover Claim Form (Appendix 9) detailing the reason(s) and regulation(s) under which the walkover is being claimed before the walkover is entered on BUCS Play. An institution/Playing Entity conceding a walkover must notify the opposition of this in writing (email) before the walkover is entered on BUCS Play.

REG 13.7.2 An institution/Playing Entity has 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) following notification of a walkover being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.1 to appeal against a walkover claim (REG 15), or to apply to have the walkover deemed involuntary (REG 13.7.3).

REG 13.7.3 To request that a walkover be considered involuntary, an institution/Playing Entity must submit a [BUCS Involuntary Walkover Request Form](#) no later than 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) after notification of the walkover being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.2. Submissions shall include a copy of the email in which the walkover was conceded/claimed as well as any supporting evidence.

REG 13.7.3.1 Extension to the deadline An extension may be requested via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk (before the deadline has passed) if there are reasonable grounds, such as awaiting requested information from a third party.

REG 13.7.3.2 Institutions/Playing Entities submitting an Involuntary Walkover request are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are comprehensive and concise, and that there is validity to any claims, before they make their submission. Requests deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information to enable a fair ruling may be rejected.

REG 13.7.3.3 Decisions will be based purely on submissions within the permissible parameters and established precedence. Additional information will be requested by the BUCS Executive if deemed necessary and appropriate.

REG 13.7.3.4 A team deemed to have conceded an involuntary walkover will be deemed to have forfeited the match, however:

- In the case of a league fixture, they will not be deducted any league points (note REG 8.3.6.2 or any equivalent sport specific regulations) and it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1.
- In the case of a knockout competition fixture it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.2.
- In the case of a playoff fixture, they will not be deducted any league points (where applicable) and it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.3.

REG 13.7.4 Where a team has forfeited a league match it is imperative that a walkover is entered and awarded to the appropriate team on BUCS Play by the League Result Submission Deadline (REG 13.5).

REG 13.7.5 Sanctions for conceding walkovers

REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers

| | One walkover | Two walkovers | Three or more walkovers |
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| Premier Tier | <p>Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.</p> <p>If finish bottom of league table then ineligible to take part in any potential playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.</p> | <p>Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.</p> <p>Automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position.</p> <p>Not eligible to progress to knockout competition.</p> | <p>In addition to those listed to the left; loss of three* league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.</p> |
| Tier 1 | <p>Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.</p> | <p>Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.</p> <p>Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.</p> | <p>In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession.</p> <p>Not eligible for promotion.</p> |
| Tier 2 and below | <p>Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.</p> | <p>Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.</p> | <p>In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three* league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers, an automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession.</p> <p>Not eligible for promotion.</p> <p>Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.</p> |

* Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations.

REG 13.7.5.2 Knockout competition walkovers

| | One or more walkovers |
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| National Championship and National Vase | An automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition. |
| National Trophy | An automatic £500 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition. |

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| National Shield, Conference Cup, Conference Trophy and Conference Shield | An automatic £250 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition. |
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REG 13.7.5.3 Playoff walkovers

| | One walkover | Two walkovers |
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| Playoffs | An automatic £300 fine. | An additional £300 fine. |