

BUCS GENERAL REGULATIONS – SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2024-25 (VERSION 2)

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SUMMARY

This document highlights some of the changes to BUCS' General Regulations for the 2024-25 season that institutions/Playing Entities should be aware of.

It is not a record of all changes, as it does not contain details of any minor editorial changes, such as wording changes which do not affect the purpose of the regulations, or changes to numbering where regulations have been reordered.

Updated versions of this document will be published should there be further updates to regulations following its initial publication. Additions for Version 2 are highlighted in green.



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Number	Previous Regulation	New Regulation	Reason
Appendix	Please also note that each League Results	Please also note that each League Results	To cover situations where the league
2a/2b	Submission Deadline is 23:59 of the day after the	Submission Deadline is 23:59 of the first working	deadline may be followed by a weekend day
	respective League Deadline listed below.	day after the respective League Deadline listed	or bank holiday, ensuring institutions still
		below.	have a working day to sort all results by.
REG 2.2	REG 2.2 Applying to become a Member The	REG 2.2 Applying to become a Member An	Updated to avoid duplication of information
	application process to become a new Member will	organisation interested in applying to become a	contained in the Articles of Association, to
	require a membership consultation with the BUCS	Member must contact the Company Secretary who	reflect that there is no formal 'consultation'
	Executive and the completion of a membership	will provide a copy of the required membership	required, and to remove contradiction with
	application form. Once all requirements of	application form for submission.	the Articles regarding a Member being able
	membership are met, the new Member will be		to be "provisionally approved". The Articles
	voted in by an existing Member vote at the next		do not permit for a Member to be
	AGM. A representative from the new member must		"provisionally approved". An institution can
	attend the applicable AGM at which the application		become an Associate, but the Articles state
	is being voted on by members. Where an		that all applications to be an Associate have
	application is made mid-season, the new Member		to be approved by existing Members, just
	may be provisionally approved by BUCS Board		like applications to be a Member.
	pending a formal vote at the next AGM.		
REG 5.1-REG	REG 5.1 Each BUCS member institution/Playing	REG 5.1 Each BUCS member institution/Playing	Previous REG 5.1 and sub-regulations have
5.3	Entity and its clubs shall be responsible for	Entity shall be responsible for ensuring that its	been restructured and reworded for ease of
(FORMERLY	ensuring that its student-athletes, officials and all	student-athletes, officials, employees,	reading and more clarity on the
REG 5.1)	persons purporting to be its supporters or	representatives and anyone purporting to be its	responsibility of institutions/Playing Entities
	followers conduct themselves in an orderly fashion	supporters or followers conduct themselves in an	and what they may face a charge for.
	whilst attending or taking part in BUCS	orderly fashion whilst attending or taking part in any	
	competitions. They shall also be responsible for	BUCS Competition, BUCS Competition Event(s) and	References to "clubs" removed as BUCS
	ensuring that its student-athletes, officials and all	BUCS Organised Activity. For the purpose of this	does not have any direct/formal relationship
	persons purporting to be its representatives do not	regulation, BUCS Organised Activity includes but is	with clubs and charges are always raised
	conduct themselves in a way, or print/have	not limited to any conferences, events, meetings and	against the institution/Playing Entity.
	published any material, which will bring the	residentials organised by BUCS.	
	company into disrepute, including on social media	REG 5.1.1 Examples of conduct for which BUCS	New REG 5.1 has been expanded to cover
	platforms.	would deem an institution/Playing Entity in breach	"BUCS Organised Activity" to provide clarity
	REG 5.1.1 Failure to adhere to this regulation may	of REG 5.1 include, but are not limited to:	that the same expectations on conduct apply
	render the institution/Playing Entity and its club(s)	Violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or	for events delivered by BUCS outside of our
	liable to a charge of misconduct for failing to fulfil	provocative, conduct or language	league/knockout and events programmes.
	its said responsibilities and an additional charge of	Disregarding requests/instructions of	This means that BUCS may take action for misconduct at such activities. The
	bringing BUCS into disrepute. Examples for which BUCS would deem an institution and its clubs liable	Tournament Directors or appointed officials	
			information relating to who individuals who
	to a charge of misconduct and/or bringing BUCS		would be considered to be the responsibility



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into disrepute are:	• Encroachment on the playing area by spectators	for the member has been updated to provide
 Violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or 	or unauthorised persons, save for reasons of	clarity that this would include employees
provocative, conduct or language;	safety	and other representatives such as
 Disregarding requests/instructions of 	 Throwing missiles, bottles or other potentially 	volunteers (which previously could have
Tournament Directors or appointed officials;	harmful or dangerous objects at, onto or	been considered under 'officials').
 Encroachment on the playing area by spectators 	adjacent to the playing area	
or unauthorised persons, save for reasons of	• Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a	Wording regarding consumption of alcohol
safety;	BUCS competition while in possession of	or drugs by competitors updated to remove
- Throwing missiles, bottles or other potentially	recreational drugs	potential interpretation that "further
harmful or dangerous objects at, onto or adjacent	• Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a	disciplinary action" may be taken against the
to the playing area;	BUCS competition while in possession of a flare,	individual, as charges under REG 5.1 can
- Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a	smoke bomb or firework	only be raised against the institution/Playing
BUCS competition while in possession of	Consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs (in	Entity.
recreational drugs;	addition to substances covered under REG 4.5)	
- Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a	by competitors. Competitors at any BUCS event	New REG 5.2 has changed from "will bring"
BUCS competition while in possession of a flare,	or fixture found to be consuming such	BUCS into disrepute to "brings, or has the
smoke bomb or firework.	substances will be automatically disqualified.	potential to bring" as it cannot be certain
REG 5.1.2 The consumption of alcohol or	REG 5.1.2 It shall be a defence to a charge in relation	that something "will" bring but can be
recreational drugs (in addition to substances	to REG 5.1 if an institution/Playing Entity can show	evidenced that it has brought, or can be
covered under REG 4.5) by competitors will not be	that the conduct in question was solely that of a	reasonably considered by an independently
tolerated. Competitors at any BUCS event or	supporter (or anyone purporting to be its supporter	chaired BUCS Judiciary Panel, that it could
fixture found to be consuming such substances will	or follower) who is not a current member (whether a	bring, BUCS into disrepute.
be automatically disqualified and may face further	student, employee, representative or other member)	
disciplinary action under this regulation.	of the member institution/Playing Entity and that it	
REG 5.1.3 Where the conduct in question is solely	had no reasonable means of controlling or advising	
that of a supporter or follower who is not a current	on the conduct of the supporter or follower	
member (whether player, coach, official, student or	REG 5.2 Each BUCS member institution/Playing	
other member) of the member institution/Playing	Entity shall be responsible for ensuring that its	
Entity, that responsibility shall be absolved if the	student-athletes, officials, and all persons purporting	
member institution/Playing Entity can	to be its representatives do not conduct themselves	
demonstrate to the satisfaction of the BUCS	in a way, or print/have published any material, which	
Executive and, if relevant, the BUCS Disciplinary	brings, or has the potential to bring, BUCS into	
Panel, that it had no reasonable means of	disrepute, including on social media platforms.	
controlling or advising on the conduct of the	REG 5.3 Failure to adhere to the provisions of REG	
supporter or follower.	5.1 and/or REG 5.2 may render the	
	institution/Playing Entity liable to a charge of	
	misconduct for failing to fulfil its said responsibilities.	



REG 6.3	REG 6.3 Trophy presentation policy All trophies	REG 6.3 Trophy presentation policy	Updated to cover events where it might not
	awarded for BUCS competitions and at the annual	REG 6.3.1 All perpetual trophies awarded for BUCS	be considered that there is a "BUCS
	BUCS Awards remain the property of BUCS.	competitions and at the annual BUCS Awards remain	representative" present, such as and event
	Unless specifically indicated, all trophies must be	the property of BUCS.	being delivered by a Third Party or
	returned to a BUCS representative immediately	REG 6.3.2 Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all	Conference Finals being hosted by an
	following the conclusion of any presentation (with	perpetual trophies must be returned to a BUCS	institution.
	allowance for photographs).	representative (or a representative of the host	
	REG 6.3.1 Any institution found to have vacated a	organisation where a BUCS representative is not	Clarity added that this regulation only
	venue with a BUCS trophy in their possession,	present) immediately following the conclusion of any	applies to perpetual trophies (those used
	without permission, will be issued an automatic	presentation (with allowance for photographs).	repeatedly) and not trophies that may be
	fine of ± 300 and may face further disciplinary	REG 6.3.3 Any institution found to have vacated a	given as a one-off.
	action. Furthermore, should the trophy not be	venue with a perpetual trophy in their possession,	-
	returned, or is damaged, the institution responsible	without permission, will incur a fine of £300 if the	Fine sanction no longer automatic and
	shall incur the cost of repair/replacement.	trophy is not returned within 10 workings days of its	instead connected to whether the institution
	Institutions are to be advised that many of the	return being requested in writing by BUCS. The	returns the trophy in a reasonable time
	historical trophies currently in use have a value in	institution shall be responsible for any costs incurred	frame.
	excess of £4000.	in the return of said trophy, including appropriate	
	REG 6.3.2 Institutions contravening REG 6.3 will	insurance cover. Furthermore, should the trophy not	General improvements made to regulation
	also be responsible for any costs incurred in the	be returned, or is damaged, the institution	wording and structure for ease of
	return of said trophies, including appropriate	responsible shall incur the cost of	understanding.
	insurance cover.	repair/replacement. Institutions are advised that	
		some of the historical trophies currently in use have	
		a value in excess of £4000.	
REG 8.3.3.1	REG 8.3 Leagues	REG 8.3 Leagues	Since this regulation was introduced five
			years ago, the BUCS Executive have refined
	REG 8.3.3 New teams All new teams will be placed	REG 8.3.3 New teams All new teams will be placed in	the process and created more detailed
	in the lowest tier.	the lowest tier.	information on the criteria which has been
			made available in the appendices of the
	REG 8.3.3.1 Although, as per REG 8.3.3, new teams	REG 8.3.3.1 Although, as per REG 8.3.3, new teams	regulations for the past two years, along
	should expect to be entered in to the lowest tier of	should expect to be entered into the lowest tier of	with deadlines set to fit more appropriately
	the competition structure, as an organisation BUCS	the competition structure, as an organisation BUCS	with the timelines for team entries and the
	acknowledges the potential safety issues when	acknowledges the potential safety issues when	creation of the provisional leagues for the
	severe performance imbalances occur and cause	severe performance imbalances occur and cause	following season.
	potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore	potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore,	
	new teams within recognised 'collision sports'	new teams within recognised 'collision sports'	
	(American Football, Rugby League and Rugby	(American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union)	
	Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation	can apply to BUCS for special dispensation to enter	
	to enter the competition structure at a higher tier	the competition structure at a higher tier league	
	league (excluding any National league) by	(excluding any National league). The set of criteria	
	submitting a written case evidencing the reasons	upon which an application should be made, and the	



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	why the request should be considered. Upon	associated deadlines, are listed in Appendices 15a-	
	request, the set of criteria upon which the written	15d.	
	request should be based will be provided by BUCS.		
	All requests must be received prior to the annual		
	league entry deadline each year.		
REG 8.3.7	REG 8.3.7 Calculating final league positions	REG 8.3.7 Calculating final league positions	Updated in line with changes to sport
	REG 8.3.7.1 Final league positions will be primarily	REG 8.3.7.1 Final league positions will be primarily	specific regulations which enabled the
	based on league points accumulated. However,	based on league points accumulated. However,	removal of several sport specific steps and
	should there be any ties on points within a league,	should there be any ties on points within a league,	clarity added as to what the relevant
	they shall be split by the following sequential	they shall be split by the following sequential system	data/metrics that are used for each sport
	system (unless sport specific regulations state	(except for American Football, Baseball, Cricket,	covered by this regulation are, which a
	differently):	Dodgeball, Netball, Softball, Squash, Table Tennis,	number of these not covered under the old
	REG 8.3.7.2 A team tied on points who has	Tennis, Volleyball and Wheelchair Basketball which	regulation wording.
	conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall	shall follow sport specific regulations):	0 0
	automatically be placed below any other tied teams	REG 8.3.7.2 A team tied on points who has conceded	
	who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a	at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically	
	tie still exists, then REG 8.3.7.3 or REG 8.3.7.4 shall	be placed below any other tied teams who have	
	be followed as applicable.	conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still	
	REG 8.3.7.3 Tie between two teams	exists, then REG 8.3.7.3 or REG 8.3.7.4 shall be	
	REG 8.3.7.3.1 The result between the teams will be	followed as applicable.	
	the determining factor in placing one team above	REG 8.3.7.3 Tie between two teams	
	the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home'	REG 8.3.7.3.1 The result between the teams will be	
	and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two (or	the determining factor in placing one team above the	
	more) matches will determine the higher placed	other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and	
	team.	'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two (or more)	
	REG 8.3.7.3.2 Where the result between the two	matches will determine the higher placed team. If	
	teams does not determine a winner, if the tie on	this does not determine the higher placed team;	
	points has been effected by any walkovers	REG 8.3.7.3.2 Goal/Match/Point/Rubber/Run/Total	
	conceded to them or any void fixtures, all the	Point (dependent on the sport) data shall be used as	
	relevant results against the team(s) which	per REG 8.3.7.3.3 - REG 8.3.7.3.4. If the tie on league	
	conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved	points has been effected by any walkovers conceded	
	in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the	to them or any void fixtures, all the relevant results	
	teams tied on points and the team(s) conceding the	against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s)	
	walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from	or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the	
	the results table and the recalculated	results between the teams tied on league points and	
	goal/set/point/rubber (dependent on the sport)	the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void	
	difference shall be used to determine the higher	match(es)) will be removed from the results table	
	placed team as follows:	and the recalculated	
	REG 8.3.7.3.2.1 Goal/Set/Point/Rubber difference	Goal/Match/Point/Rubber/Run/Total Point	
	as applicable to each sport (Games in Golf).	Difference (dependent on the sport) data shall be	



REG 8.3.7.3.2	2.2 The higher number of	used.	
Goals/Sets/Points/R	ubbers scored (Games in Golf).	REG 8.3.7.3.3 The team with the higher Goal	
REG 8.3.7.3.2.3 In th	e sports of Badminton, Squash,	(Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Water	
Table Tennis and Te	ennis, where the higher placed	Polo)/Match (Golf)/Point (Basketball, Fencing, Rugby	
team cannot be dete	rmined by REG 8.3.7.3.1 - REG	League, Rugby Union)/Rubber (Badminton)/Total	
8.3.7.3.2.2 above, 1	then the team with the higher	Point (Gaelic Football) difference shall be the higher	
'Games' difference	e (not Rubbers/Matches) or	placed team. If a tie still exists;	
equivalent shall be c	leemed the higher placed team.	REG 8.3.7.3.4 The team with the higher number of	
As per sport specif	ic regulations for Badminton,	Goals (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate,	
Squash, Table Tenr	is and Tennis, institutions will	Water Polo)/Matches (Golf)/Points (Basketball,	
be responsible fo	r supplying full records of all	Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubbers	
matches in these s	ports on official scorecards, if	(Badminton))/Total Points (Gaelic Football) for shall	
requested b	y the BUCS Executive.	be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists;	
REG 8.3.7.3.2.4 In	the sport of Volleyball, where	REG 8.3.7.3.5 If the higher placed team cannot be	
the higher placed t	eam cannot be determined by	determined from the system above, then this shall be	
REG 8.3.7.3.1 – RE	G 8.3.7.3.2.2 above, then the	determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS	
team with the high	er 'Points' difference shall be	Executive.	
deemed the higher p	laced team. If this still does not	REG 8.3.7.4 Tie between three or more teams	
determine the high	er placed team, then the team	REG 8.3.7.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied	
with the higher 'Poi	nts' scored shall be deemed the	on points, a table shall be formed to calculate their	
	eam. As per sport specific	final league positions using the results between the	
regulations for V	olleyball, institutions will be	relevant teams as per REG 8.3.7.4.2 – REG 8.3.7.4.4.	
responsible for supp	lying full records of all matches	REG 8.3.7.4.2 The teams tied will be ranked based on	
on official score she	eets, if requested by the BUCS	league points accumulated (the higher the better). If	
	Executive.	a tie still exists;	
REG 8.3.7.3.2.5 If th	e higher placed team cannot be	REG 8.3.7.4.3 The teams tied will be ranked based on	
determined from th	e system above, then this shall	Goal (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate,	
be determined by	he toss of a coin by the BUCS	Water Polo)/Match (Golf)/Point (Basketball,	
	Executive.	Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubber	
	etween three or more teams	(Badminton)/Total Point (Gaelic Football) difference	
REG 8.3.7.4.1 When	e three or more teams are tied	(the higher the better). If a tie still exists;	
on points, a table sl	nall be formed to calculate the	REG 8.3.7.4.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on	
	from the results between the	Goals (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate,	
	levant teams.	Water Polo)/Matches (Golf)/Points (Basketball,	
REG 8.3.7.4.2 Goal/	Set/Point/Rubber difference as	Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubbers	
applicable to each s	port (Games in Golf) in the mini	(Badminton)/Total Points (Gaelic Football) for (the	
	league.	higher the better). If a tie still exists;	
	3 The higher number of	REG 8.3.7.4.5 If a tie cannot be broken using the	
	Rubbers scored (Games in Golf)	system above, then the final league positions of any	
in t	ne mini league.		



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REG 8.3.7.4.4 In the sports of Badminton, Squash,	teams still tied shall be determined by the toss of a		
Table Tennis and Tennis, where the higher placed	coin by the BUCS Executive.		
team cannot be determined by REG 8.3.4.7.1 – REG			
8.3.7.4.3 above, then the team with the higher			
'Games' difference (not Rubbers/Matches) or			
equivalent in the mini league shall be deemed the			
higher placed team. As per sport specific			
regulations for Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis			
and Tennis, institutions will be responsible for			
supplying full records of all matches in these sports			
on official scorecards, if requested by the BUCS			
Executive.			
REG 8.3.7.4.5 In the sport of Volleyball, where the			
higher placed team cannot be determined by REG			
8.3.4.7.1 – REG 8.3.7.4.3 above, then the team with			
the higher 'Points' difference shall be deemed the			
higher placed team. If this still does not determine			
the higher placed team, then the team with the			
higher 'Points' scored shall be deemed the higher			
placed team. As per sport specific regulations for			
Volleyball, institutions will be responsible for			
supplying full records of all matches on official			
score sheets, if requested by the BUCS Executive.			
REG 8.3.7.4.6 If the higher placed team cannot be			
determined from the system above, then this shall			
be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS			
Executive.			



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REG 8.3.8.6	REG 8.3 Leagues	REG 8.3 Leagues	Since this regulation was introduced five
			years ago, the BUCS Executive have refined
	REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation	REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation	the process and created more detailed
			information on the criteria which has been
	REG 8.3.8.6 As an organisation BUCS	REG 8.3.8.6 As an organisation BUCS acknowledges	made available in the appendices of the
	acknowledges the potential safety issues when	the potential safety issues when severe performance	regulations for the past two years, along
	severe performance imbalances occur and cause	imbalances occur and cause potential risks to the	with deadlines set to fit more appropriately
	potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore	safety of players. Therefore, existing teams within	with the timelines for team entries and the
	existing teams within recognised 'collision sports'	recognised 'collision sports' (American Football,	creation of the provisional leagues for the
	(American Football, Rugby League and Rugby	Rugby League and Rugby Union) can apply to BUCS	following season.
	Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation	for special dispensation to be promoted to a higher	
	to be promoted to a higher tier league (excluding	tier league (excluding any National league) in the	
	any National league) in the relevant competition	relevant competition structure for the following	
	structure for the following season by submitting a	season. The set of criteria upon which an application	
	written case evidencing the reasons why the	should be made, and the associated deadlines, are	
	request should be considered. Upon request, the	listed in Appendices 15a–15d.	
	set of criteria upon which the written request		
	should be based will be provided by BUCS. All		
	requests must be received prior to the annual		
	league entry deadline each year.		
REG 8.4.1	REG 8.4 Knockout competitions	REG 8.4 Knockout competitions	REG 8.4.1.2 created to provide a permanent
			reference to the ability for teams to opt out
	REG 8.4.1 Alongside the annual league	REG 8.4.1 Alongside the annual league programmes	of knockout competitions after this option
	programmes (and as part of the same entry for	(and as part of the same entry for each team), BUCS	was introduced for the start of the 2021-22
	each team), BUCS will offer knockout competitions,	will offer knockout competitions, where entry levels	season.
	where entry levels permit.	permit.	
	REG 8.4.1.1 Teams from BUCS member	REG 8.4.1.1 Teams from BUCS member institutions	
	institutions in Northern Ireland wishing to be	in Northern Ireland wishing to be considered for	
	considered for inclusion in a BUCS National	inclusion in a BUCS National Championship	
	Championship knockout competition must submit	knockout competition must submit a written request	
	a written request to the BUCS Executive at the	to the BUCS Executive at the time team entries are	
	time team entries are submitted for the following	submitted for the following season.	
	season.	REG 8.4.1.2 A Knockout Opt-Out Window will be	
		provided on an annual basis, during which teams	
		competing in leagues at Tier 1 and below may opt out	
		of participating in the knockout competition(s)	
		associated with their league, without penalty. Any	
		teams who do not opt out and subsequently do not	
		fulfil a scheduled knockout competition fixture will	



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		be liable to concede a voluntary walkover and	
		subject to sanctions as per REG 13.7.5.2.	
REG 8.4.3	REG 8.4 Knockout competitions	REG 8.4 Knockout competitions	The current wording of REG 8.4.3.1 and sub- regulations was introduced for the 2019-20
	REG 8.4.3 The qualification criteria for all knockout	REG 8.4.3 The qualification criteria for all knockout	(without any member consultation) in an
	competitions is contained in Appendix 10 ('BUCS	competitions is contained in Appendix 10 ('BUCS	attempt to provide more clarity, however it
	Promotion, Relegation and Knockout information').	Promotion, Relegation and Knockout information').	actually changed how the regulations
	REG 8.4.3.1 When there is the requirement to	REG 8.4.3.1 When there is the requirement to	applied.
	establish the next best first team or best	establish the next best first team or best performing	
	performing team across multiple leagues the	team across multiple leagues the following processes	The wording prior to 2019-20 was:
	following processes will be used:	will be used:	
	REG 8.4.3.1.1 Where the leagues involved are all	REG 8.4.3.1.1 Where the teams to be compared	REG 5.4.1.1.2 When establishing the next best
	the same size/the same number of fixtures were	were all scheduled the same number of league	first team or best performing team the following
	scheduled, league points attained will be compared.	fixtures, league points accumulated will be	process will be used:
	If this does not determine an individual team the	compared. However, should there be any ties on	- A mini league table consisting of the relevant
	appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport	points that need splitting, this shall be done as	teams' performance against the top 3 teams
	will be used.	follows:	(excluding the team in question) of each
	REG 8.4.3.1.2 Where the leagues involved are of	 A team tied on points who has conceded at least 	respective league will be created for
	differing sizes/differing numbers of fixtures were	one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed	comparison.
	scheduled, a mini league table consisting of the	below any other tied teams who have conceded	- If this does not produce a single team then the
	relevant teams' results against the top three teams	fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists;	teams that are 'performance tied' shall have the
	of their respective league will be created for	 The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the 	top 4 teams per league compared, then top 5
	comparison. If this does not produce a single team	sport as used for separating ties within a league	teams and so on until a clear 'best performer' is
	then the teams that are 'performance tied' shall	under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific	determined.
	have the top four teams per league compared, then	regulations shall be used. Where any team has more	REG 5.4.1.1.2.1 An exception to the application
	top five teams and so on until a clear 'best	walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures	of REG 5.4.1.1.2 will be if teams involved in
	performer' is determined.	than another team being compared to them, the	calculations to establish the best performer
	REG 8.4.3.1.3 The processes of REG 8.4.3.1.1 and	appropriate performance indicator(s) will be	from opposing leagues have completed the
	REG 8.4.3.1.2 shall also be used in relation to other	averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled	same number of league fixtures. The
	regulations where a best performing team requires	and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team.	performance from those league fixtures will
	establishing.	REG 8.4.3.1.2 Where the teams to be compared	supersede the need to create a mini league,
		were not all scheduled the same number of league	initially using league points attained. If this does
		fixtures, a mini league table consisting of the	not determine an individual team the
		relevant teams' results against the highest finishing	appropriate performance indicator to the sport
		three teams (excluding the team in question) of their	will be used.
		respective league will be created for comparison.	
		The first comparison will be leagues points. Should	The new wording of REG 8.3.4.1 and sub-
		there be any ties on league points that need splitting,	regulations more closely aligns with the
		this shall be done as follows:	wording from prior to 2019-20, but with
		 A team tied on points who has conceded at least 	some amendments to provide clarity as



		one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed	follows:
		below any other tied teams who have conceded	- Confirming what "appropriate
		fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists;	performance indicator(s)" for each sport are
		- The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the	- In REG 8.3.4.1.1, taking into consideration
		sport as used for separating ties within a league	the impact of walkovers (which could have
		under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific	previously been considered as "completed"
		regulations shall be used. Where any team has more	fixtures and void fixtures, treating these in a
		walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures	similar way as to when there are ties within a
		than another team being compared to them, the	league.
		appropriate performance indicator(s) will be	- In REG 8.3.4.1.2, considering the fact that
		averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled	some/one, rather than none/neither or
		and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team.	all/both of the teams being compared may
		- Should there still be any ties that need splitting, the	actually be one of the highest x finishing
		above process will be repeated using the results	teams, to ensure that teams are being
		against the highest finishing four teams (excluding	compared on as similar and fair as possible
		the team in question) and so on as required.	sets of data. Also taking into consideration
		REG 8.4.3.1.3 The processes of REG 8.4.3.1.1 and	the impact of walkovers and void fixtures,
		REG 8.4.3.1.2 shall also be used in relation to other	treating these in a similar way as to when
		regulations where a best performing team requires	there are ties within a league.
		establishing.	there are ties within a league.
REG 8.4.5.4.6	REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield	REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield	Updated to reflect that there has been a new
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	REG 8.4.5.4.6 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield	REG 8.4.5.4.6 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield Finals	specific detail out of the regulation wording
	Finals shall be hosted at the venue of the first	shall be hosted at the venue of the first named	to allow more flexibility in changing the
	named (home) team unless otherwise instructed by	(home) team unless otherwise instructed by the	process and/or deadline(s).
	the BUCS Executive or agreed by the respective	BUCS Executive or agreed by the respective	[·····································
	Conference in advance (see REG 8.4.5.4.6.1).	Conference in advance in accordance with REG	
	REG 8.4.5.4.6.1 Should a Conference wish to host	8.4.5.4.6.1.	
	all relevant Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield finals	REG 8.4.5.4.6.1 The process and associated	
	at a central venue that Conference must	deadline(s) for communicating to the BUCS	
	unanimously agree to do so. This agreement will be	Executive the decision of a Conference to host any	
	communicated to the BUCS Executive by the	finals as part of a centralised Conference Finals	
	respective Regional Chair(s) no later than 31	event shall be communicated by BUCS on an annual	
	October each year. Once agreement is obtained,	basis. Once a host has been confirmed, teams are	
	institutions are bound to attend the finals (if	bound to attend the finals (if qualifying) at the host's	
	qualifying) at the central venue unless otherwise	venue unless otherwise agreed with the host and any	
	specified by the Conference as an exception in	opposition.	
	advance of the scheduled finals.		
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REG 9.3.1	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	To clarify that institutions are not required
			to provide private/separate changing rooms
	REG 9.3.1 It is the responsibility of the host	REG 9.3.1 It is the responsibility of the host	for each team (unless this is specified in the
	institution to provide the correct conditions and	institution to provide the correct conditions and	relevant sport specific regulations or
	time availability for a match (as laid down in the	time availability for a match (as laid down in the	minimum operating standards) following a
	relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, or where	relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, or where	query that was raised and discussed at the
	there is no BUCS regulation, in the appropriate	there is no BUCS regulation, in the appropriate rules	National Competitions Group meeting on
	rules of the International/National Governing Body	of the International/National Governing Body of the	05/12/2023.
	of the sport concerned (as identified in the sport	sport concerned (as identified in the sport specific	
	specific regulations)) to take place. This includes	regulations)) to take place. This includes facilities	
	facilities (including appropriate changing rooms),	(including changing rooms, which can be shared	
	equipment, first aid cover and playing time. This is	unless otherwise stated in sport specific regulations	
	especially prevalent in matches where extra time	or minimum operating standards), equipment, first	
	may be required.	aid cover and playing time. This is especially	
		prevalent in matches where extra time may be	
		required.	
REG 9.3.1.1	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	To clarify that travel expenses (tolls,
(FORMERLY			congestion charges and parking fees) are not
REG 9.3.2)	REG 9.3.2 Access to facilities should be free of	REG 9.3.1.1 Access to facilities should be free of	considered to fall under facility costs.
	charge to student-athletes from opposition teams.	charge to opposition teams. Where charges exist,	
	Where charges exist, they are the responsibility of	they are the responsibility of the first named (home)	Moved to sit under REG 9.3.1 as it relates to
	the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity as	institution/Playing Entity as part of its hosting	this regulation and there is another REG
	part of its hosting obligations, unless stipulated in	obligations, unless stipulated in the sport specific	9.3.2.
	the sport specific regulations or agreed previously	regulations or agreed previously by the	
	by the institutions/Playing Entities involved.	institutions/Playing Entities involved. Note: This	
		does not include travel expenses (such as tolls,	
		congestion charges and parking fees) for which	
		institutions/Playing Entities shall be responsible for	
		covering their own costs incurred, unless otherwise	
		agreed by the institutions/Playing Entities involved.	



REG 9.3.5	REG 9.3.5 Start times No league or knockout	REG 9.3.5 Start times	Regulation restructured for ease of reading.
	match may start before 13:00 on a weekday	REG 9.3.5.1 Premier Tier leagues and National	
	(except for Cricket, Golf and Tennis; for those	Championship and National Vase knockout	Hosts of centralised Conference Finals given
	exceptions please see the relevant sport specific	competitions No match may be scheduled to start	the same right as BUCS in the regulations to
	regulations) or 10:00 on a weekend, or after 20:00	before 11:00 or after 20:00 without the written	determine as they see fit the start times of
	without the written consent of both	consent of both institutions/Playing Entities.	any finals they are hosting to support with
	institutions/Playing Entities. The BUCS Executive	REG 9.3.5.2 All other leagues and knockout	logistics and planning of these events, which
	reserves the right to determine as they see fit the	competitions No match may be scheduled to start	in practice is already happening.
	times for any Finals hosted by BUCS. Please note	before 13:00 on a weekday (except for Cricket, Golf	
	REG 9.3.5.1 for Premier Tier, National	and Tennis; for those exceptions, please see the	
	Championship and National Vase start times.	relevant sport specific regulations) or 10:00 on a	
	REG 9.3.5.1 Premier Tier, National Championship	weekend, or after 20:00 without the written consent	
	and National Vase start times No Premier Tier,	of both institutions/Playing Entities.	
	Championship or Vase fixture may start before	REG 9.3.5.3 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.5.1 and REG	
	11:00 or after 20:00 without the written consent of	9.3.5.2, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to	
	both institutions/Playing Entities.	determine as they see fit the start times for any	
	REG 9.3.5.2 The time stated on BUCS Play will be	Finals hosted by BUCS and the host of any	
	the match time, unless specified otherwise in the	centralised Conference Finals event shall have the	
	sport specific regulations.	right to determine as they see fit (but no earlier than	
		10:00 and no later than 20:00) the start times for any	
		Finals hosted at said event.	
		REG 9.3.5.4 The time stated on BUCS Play will be the	
		match time, unless specified otherwise in the sport	
		specific regulations.	



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REG 9.3.6.4	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	REG 9.3 Venues and timings	Updated so that where a team has a bye in
			the first round of a knockout competition
	REG 9.3.6.4 In the case of knockout competition	REG 9.3.6.4 In the case of knockout competition	that is drawn pre-season, and therefore they
	fixtures released/confirmed at the conclusion of a	fixtures released/confirmed at the conclusion of a	know they are required to host well in
	league, or after the first knockout round matches	league, or those for which the first named (home)	advance, they will be required to have a
	have taken place, the venue and start time should	team is not confirmed until a previous round match	venue and start time on BUCS play 14 days
	be on BUCS Play at least 48 hours (outside of	has a result, the venue and start time should be on	in advance (in accordance with \overrightarrow{REG} 9.3.6)
	weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture	BUCS Play at least 48 hours (outside of weekends	rather than just 48 hours before.
	(regardless of the level of the competition).	and bank holidays) before the fixture (regardless of	
		the level of the competition).	In cases where REG 9.3.6.4 does apply, it is
			hoped that venues and start times will be
			uploaded as far in advance of the fixture as
			possible to assist travelling teams with
			making arrangements, particularly where
			keeping transport costs down is a big
			priority for many, with IAs of travelling
			teams encouraged to reach out as early as
			possible to IAs of home teams to raise any
			particular challenges/request as early as
			possible confirmation where applicable.
			For 2024-25, the first fixture week in which
			such a fixture this change will affect is
			schedule to take place is the week
			commencing Monday 6 November.



REG 9.4	REG 9.4 Playing colours Each institution/Playing Entity is responsible for informing its opposition of the colours of its playing kit as part of the notification of fixture process of REG 9.5. Should	REG 9.4 Playing colours Each institution/Playing Entity is responsible for informing its opposition of the colours of its playing kit as part of the confirmation of fixture process of REG 9.5. Should there has a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of	Updated to provide clarity that for BUCS hosted fixtures, the BUCS Executive will determine if there is a clash of colours, considering factors such as potential impact
	there be a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to change its kit. For BUCS hosted fixtures (for example a final taking place at BUCS Big Wednesday), the first named team will be asked to change kit by the BUCS Executive in the event of a colour clash. REG 9.4.1 Any amendments to kit colours following their initial confirmation MUST be agreed in writing by both institutions/Playing Entities.	there be a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to change its kit. For BUCS hosted fixtures (for example a final taking place at BUCS Big Wednesday), teams will be required to provide the BUCS Executive with images of the kit they intend to wear at least 48 hours in advance of the fixture, following which if the BUCS Executive deem there to be a clash of colours, the first named team will be instructed to change its kit. REG 9.4.1 Any amendments to kit colours following their initial confirmation must be agreed in writing by both institutions/Playing Entities, and in the case of BUCS hosted fixtures, also by the BUCS Executive.	on live streaming and spectator experience, as well as on competitors and match officials, and instruct teams if they must change their kit accordingly. Requirement added for images of kit to be shared with BUCS Executive in advance to aid this process.
REG 11.1	REG 11.1 Team selection REG 11.1.1 All individuals in a team must be from	REG 11.1 Team selection REG 11.1 Team selection REG 11.1.1 All individuals in a team must be from the	Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point -
	the same Playing Entity and meet the individual	same Playing Entity and meet the individual	Team Selection" paper and subsequent
	eligibility requirements of REG 4.	eligibility requirements of REG 4.	discussion at Competitions Group
	REG 11.1.2 In order to be selected in a team, all	REG 11.1.2 Where a Playing Entity has more than	(23/07/24).
	individuals must be registered on BUCS Play as a	one team in a Championships (for example Men's	To any other time and time (DEC 111 and
	participant.	Football) it would be expected that when making	Team selection regulations (REG 11.1 and
	REG 11.1.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (for example Men's	team selections that their first team would always be the strongest team available to represent them,	sub-regulations) have been discussed at National Competitions Group several times
	Football) it would be expected that the first team	followed by the second team and so on, and that they	in recent years and during the window for
	would always be the strongest team available to	are selecting teams on each day any of them has a	members to submit proposed regulation
	represent that Playing Entity, followed by the	fixture as if all their teams in the Championships are	changes to BUCS during the 2023-24
	second team and so on, with consideration to	playing on that same day, at the same time, and in a	season, institutions from across the
	establishment of 'normality'*, and teams must be	match of equal importance, even if they are not.	membership gave feedback on these
	selected as if all teams are playing on a given day, at	Playing entities need to have reasonable flexibility in	regulations, with various changes proposed.
	the same time, and in a match of equal importance.	managing their team selections, and what may be	For the July 2023 meeting of National
	For example, if the first team does not have a	considered a fair team selection is subjective and	Competitions Group meeting, a paper was
	match but the second team do, players who would	challenging to regulate, so the following restrictions	shared on team selection and team sheets.
	normally* represent the first team are NOT eligible	shall be enforced to help support the principle of fair	As part of this paper, the BUCS Executive
	to be selected for the second team.	team selection:	attempted to provide clarity on the
	*Normally is defined by an individual establishing	REG 11.1.2.1 Individuals may not be fielded	application of the current regulations, how



'normality' by being selected for a majority (more than 50%) of a particular team's total league fixtures. In the rare case that an individual has been selected for multiple higher ranked teams, then the totals of these will be combined and counted against the lowest of these teams' total league fixtures to identify if they are eligible to represent any lower ranked team. 'Normality'/majority is established through league fixtures only, however this regulation still applies to knockout competition fixtures unless specifically stated otherwise. **REG 11.1.3.1** Where a Playing Entity has more than one fixture scheduled across its teams in a Championships on a given day, priority must be given to the highest ranked team and then in descending order through their teams should the Playing Entity be unable to fulfil all scheduled fixtures. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or in certain circumstances, be voided. For example, an institution/Playing Entity may NOT concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field a lower ranked team on the same day. **REG 11.1.3.1.1** For possible exceptions to REG 11.1.3.1 due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to ٠ REG 11.1.8. REG 11.1.3.1.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that REG 11.1.3.1 would be suspended in some instances, for example on health and safety grounds. Application to suspend REG 11.1.3.1 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures. **REG 11.1.3.2** Where an institution/Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a team below one which they have established 'normality' for: In the case of a league match: If a breach of • REG 11.1.3 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in

(including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams in the same sport on the same day.
 REG 11.1.2.1.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded an individual for multiple teams in the same sport on the same day, the following shall apply:

- In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition.
- In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the following round, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture.
- The first fixture an individual is fielded for is not affected as at this point REG 11.1.2.1 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected.
- A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 to the BUCS Executive should do so via email to discipline@bucs.org.uk and will be expected to ensure that there is validity to any claims before they make their report. Reports deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information may result in disciplinary action.

REG 11.1.2.2 Normality An individual establishes normality for a particular team by being selected for a majority (more than 50%) of that team's total league fixtures scheduled for the season and is then 'normality' is established, and what establishing 'normality' for a particular team then means for an individual.

As well as proposed changes to the regulations being made, there has also continued to be concerns raised that the existing regulation are not easy to understand, particularly for studentathletes. The BUCS Executive have therefore revisited the wording of the regulations to make them clearer and easier to understand, this includes providing more clarity regarding selections for knockout competitions and playoffs and how 'normality' affects these, including the regulation specific to "Knockout round robins" being removed as the only ones that formally exist now are at the end of the league season (such as the Ultimate Outdoor National Finals), not those such as the old 'Final 8s' elements of some knockout competitions which the regulation was written for at the time when after these there would potentially still have been other league or knockout competition fixtures for lower teams in these sports.

Requirement for an individual to be registered on BUCS Play as a participant removed from REG 11.1 as is covered by Team Sheet regulations under which it will not be possible for them to be listed unless they have registered. With this removed, if an individual has not registered, a match could go ahead with hard copy team sheets being completed and then when the team sheet information is transferred to BUCS Play, they will be registered at this point.



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Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts –	no longer eligible to be selected for a lower ranked	Appendix 6 ('BUCS Team Selection Guide')
Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which	team in any league, knockout competition or playoff	still exists as a guidance tool containing
there was a breach, the fixture shall be	fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in	example scenarios, but has been updated in
conceded as a walkover win to the opposition.	cases where other regulations provide an exemption.	line with these regualtion changes.
• In the case of a knockout competition match: If	In the rare case that an individual has not established	
a breach of REG 11.1.3 has been identified	majority for a particular team based on selections for	
before the following round, the fixture shall be	this team alone, but has been selected for multiple	
conceded as a walkover win to the opposition.	higher ranked teams, then the totals of these will be	
If, due to the proximity to the following round	combined and counted against the lowest of these	
of the breach being identified, the team	teams' total league fixtures scheduled for the season.	
awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil	If this would result in them establishing normality for	
the following round fixture, this shall be	this team, then they are no longer eligible to	
recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the	represent any lower ranked team in any league,	
opposition, unless both teams agree to	knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the	
reschedule the fixture.	remainder of that season.	
• NOTE: An institution/Playing Entity wishing to	REG 11.1.2.2.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to	
report a breach of REG 11.1.3 to the BUCS	have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an	
Executive should do so via email to	individual for a team below one which they have	
discipline@bucs.org.uk and will be expected to	established 'normality' for:	
ensure that there is validity to any claims	• In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG	
before they make their report. Reports	11.1.2.2 has been identified before the relevant	
deemed to be frivolous or not containing	league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2	
adequate information may result in disciplinary	('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and	
action against the institution/Playing Entity.	Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a	
REG 11.1.4 Individuals may not be fielded	breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a	
(including as an unused substitute) for multiple	walkover win to the opposition.	
teams in the same sport on the same day. Where an	• In the case of a knockout competition match: If a	
institution/Playing Entity is found to have fielded	breach of REG 11.1.2.2 has been identified	
an individual for multiple teams in the same sport	before the following round, the fixture shall be	
on the same day, the following shall apply:	conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If,	
• In the case of a league match: If a breach of	due to the proximity to the following round of	
REG 11.1.4 has been identified before the	the breach being identified, the team awarded	
relevant league deadline date as identified in	the walkover win is not able to fulfil the	
Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts –	following round fixture, this shall be recorded as	
Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which	an involuntary walkover win to the opposition,	
there was a breach, the fixture shall be	unless both teams agree to reschedule the	
conceded as a walkover win to the opposition.	fixture.	
• In the case of a knockout competition match: If	• A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of	
a breach of REG 11.1.4 has been identified	REG 11.1.2.2 to the BUCS Executive should do	
 before the following round, the fixture shall be	so via email to discipline@bucs.org.uk and will be	



conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture.

• Note: The first fixture an individual is fielded for is not affected as at this point REG 11.1.4 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected.

REG 11.1.5 Knockout competition team selection Standard team selection regulations apply (REG 11.1.1 – REG 11.1.4) with the below additional restrictions specifically for knockout competitions: REG 11.1.5.1 Knockout round robins Teams may use an extended squad, including individuals from lower tiered teams at tournament style knockout competitions. However, once an individual is selected (listed on a team sheet) for more than 49% of tournament fixtures they are 'cup-tied' and may not move back down to their 'normal' team. For example, if the knockout round robin consists of four games, an individual may only be selected (listed on a team sheet) for one game outside of

their 'normal' team. **REG 11.1.5.2 Medical exemptions** Medical exemptions (REG 11.1.7) are not permitted for knockout competition fixtures. **REG 11.1.6 Playoff team selection** Standard team selection regulations apply (REG 11.1.1 – REG

11.1.4) with the below additional restrictions specifically for playoff fixtures: **REG 11.1.6.1 Medical exemptions** Medical exemptions (REG 11.1.7) are not permitted for playoff fixtures.

REG 11.1.7 Medical exemptions Individuals returning from injury who have established majority for a team may be authorised to be

expected to ensure that there is validity to any claims before they make their report. Reports deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information may result in disciplinary action.

REG 11.1.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one fixture scheduled across its teams in a Championships on a given day, priority must be given to the highest ranked team and then in descending order through their teams should the Playing Entity

be unable to fulfil all scheduled fixtures. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or in certain

circumstances, be voided. For example, a Playing Entity may NOT concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field a lower ranked team on the same day.

REG 11.1.3.1 For possible exceptions to REG 11.1.3 due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to REG 11.1.5. **REG 11.1.3.2** Involuntary walkovers may be granted

if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that REG 11.1.3 would be suspended in some instances, for example on health and safety grounds. Application to suspend REG 11.1.3 must be made to the BUCS Executive in

advance of affected fixtures. REG 11.1.4 Medical exemptions

REG 11.1.4.1 Individuals returning from injury who have established normality for a team may be authorised to be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a lower ranked team by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) for league fixtures only.
REG 11.1.4.2 A medical exemption form, completed and verified by an Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative prior to the fixture, must be presented at the league fixture in question when team sheets are being verified and must be retained and available upon request until the official BUCS season close each year. The date of the BUCS Season close will be the first day of BUCS Conference each



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selected (listed on a team sheet) for a lower ranked	year. For a copy of a medical exemption form, please			
team by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) for	see Appendix 4 ('BUCS Medical Exemption Pro			
league fixtures only. A medical exemption form,	Forma').			
completed and verified by an Athletic Union (or	REG 11.1.4.3 Exemptions only apply to one league			
equivalent) representative prior to the fixture,	fixture in a lower ranked team while returning to			
must be presented at the league fixture in question	fitness.			
when team sheets are being verified and 'M.E.'	REG 11.1.4.4 An individual may only be granted a			
marked against the name(s) of the applicable	medical exemption if they are returning following a			
individual(s) on the team sheet to indicate their	period of absence from competition, they cannot			
status. For a copy of a medical exemption form,	take part in successive fixtures. I.e. they must have			
please see Appendix 4 ('BUCS Medical Exemption	been unable to take part in a fixture due to injury			
Pro Forma').	prior to the medical exemption being required.			
REG 11.1.7.1 Exemptions only apply to one league	REG 11.1.4.5 Medical exemptions may only be			
fixture in a lower ranked team while returning to	applied if the return from injury is being overseen by			
fitness.	an acceptable medical professional.			
REG 11.1.7.2 An individual may only be granted a	REG 11.1.4.6 Playing Entities are advised that BUCS			
medical exemption if they are returning following a	may request a formal letter from said medical			
period of absence from competition, they cannot	professional(s) to verify the validity of the			
take part in successive fixtures. I.e. they must have	exemption. In doing so no confidential details will be			
been unable to take part in a fixture due to injury	required. Named medical professionals must			
prior to the medical exemption being required.	therefore be prepared to confirm validity of the			
REG 11.1.7.3 Medical exemptions may only be	exemption.			
applied if the return from injury is being overseen	REG 11.1.4.7 The named individual must be			
by an acceptable medical professional.	prepared to permit the treating medical professional			
REG 11.1.7.3.1 Institutions/Playing Entities are	identified on the medical exemption form to verify			
advised that BUCS may request a formal letter	that they are:			
from said medical professional(s) to verify the	 Treating the individual, and; 			
validity of the exemption. In doing so no	• It is upon their medical advice the individual is			
confidential details will be required. Named	acting.			
medical professionals must therefore be prepared	REG 11.1.4.8 Where an individual requires an			
to confirm validity of the exemption.	extended period to return to fitness, within a season,			
REG 11.1.7.3.2 The named individual must be	their Athletic Union (or equivalent) can apply to the			
prepared to permit the treating medical	BUCS Executive for clearance. Such an application			
professional identified on the medical exemption	must be made before the individual in question			
form to verify that they are;	participates in any further fixtures. An extended			
 Treating the individual, and; 	period is anything beyond one fixture.			
• It is upon their medical advice the individual is	REG 11.1.4.9 Medical exemptions are not permitted			
acting.	for knockout competition or playoff fixtures.			
REG 11.1.7.4 Multiple medical exemptions Where	REG 11.1.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams			
an individual requires an extended period to return	will be denoted by their specific group being named			



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to fitness, within a season, their Athletic Union (or	in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to		
equivalent) can apply to the BUCS Executive for	apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7.		
clearance. Such an application must be made	Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the		
before the individual in question participates in any	standard BUCS Team Selection regulations within		
further fixtures. An extended period is anything	the BUCS Team Championships		
beyond one fixture.	(Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to		
REG 11.1.8 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams	identify separate groupings of student-athletes such		
will be denoted by their specific group being named	as 'Medics' and as a result have separate groupings		
in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to	to which the Team Selection regulations shall apply.		
apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7.	The below is an illustration of how team		
Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the	selection/student-athlete movement operates when		
standard BUCS Team Selection regulations within	a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.		
the BUCS Team Championships			
(Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity			
to identify separate groupings of student-athletes			
such as 'Medics' and as a result have separate			
groupings to which the Team Selection regulations			
shall apply. The below is an illustration of how team			
selection/student-athlete movement operates			
when a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.			



REG 11.2	REG 11.2 Team sheets For all fixtures, teams are	REG 11.2 Team sheets	Order and wording of regulations changed
	required to complete and have the opposition	REG 11.2.1 For all fixtures, teams are required to	to make them easier to follow and
	verify (approve or dispute) a team sheet prior to	complete and have the opposition verify (approve or	understand.
	the match starting. Team sheets should be	dispute) a team sheet prior to the match starting.	
	completed and verified on BUCS Play, however	REG 11.2.2 Team sheets should be completed and	Squad size checks removed in response to
	should it not be possible for this process to be	verified on BUCS Play in accordance with REG	challenges raised by members with these
	completed on BUCS Play prior to the fixture	11.2.3-11.2.9. However, should it not be possible for	checks not having a direct relation to the
	starting, for example there is no Wi-Fi or mobile	this process to be completed on BUCS Play prior to	fixture schedule of individual teams, due to
	phone reception at the venue, then the teams	the match starting, for example there is no Wi-Fi or	improved compliance from the 2022-23
	should follow the process of REG 11.2.7. All teams	mobile phone reception at the venue, then the teams	season to the 2023-24 season and to enable
	are advised to carry with them at least two hard	should follow the process of REG 11.2.10. All teams	BUCS Executive to move staff resource to
	copies of the BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma	are advised to carry with them at least two hard	other areas such as team sheet spot checks.
	(Appendix 7) so that they are adequately prepared	copies of the BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma	
	for any such scenario. However, as standard, the	(Appendix 7) so that they are adequately prepared	
	following steps should be followed for correct	for any such scenario.	
	completion and verification of team sheets on	REG 11.2.3 The overriding principle should always	
	BUCS Play prior to the fixture starting:	be to complete fixtures. If issues are identified that a	
	REG 11.2.1 The overriding principle should always	team may wish to appeal against (REG 15), they	
	be to complete fixtures. If issues are identified that	should 'dispute' their opposition's team sheet as	
	a team may wish to appeal against (REG 15), they	detailed in these regulations and complete a Playing	
	should 'dispute' their opposition's team sheet as	Under Protest Form as outlined in REG 12.	
	detailed in these regulations and complete a	REG 11.2.4 Each team is responsible for ensuring	
	Playing Under Protest Form as outlined in REG 12.	that all individuals they wish to represent them are	
	REG 11.2.2 Each team is responsible for ensuring	selected for the fixture and listed on the match team	
	that all individuals they wish to represent them are	sheet on BUCS Play.	
	selected for the fixture and listed on the match	REG 11.2.5 To enable verification that the	
	team sheet on BUCS Play.	individuals representing the team are those listed on	
	REG 11.2.3 To enable verification that the	the team sheet, all individuals are required to	
	individuals representing the team are those listed	provide photographic identification. Such	
	on the team sheet, all individuals are required to	identification will ideally take the form of a valid	
	provide photographic identification. Such	student card for their institution.	
	identification will ideally take the form of a valid	REG 11.2.6 The two teams should review the list of	
	student card for their institution.	names on their opposition's match team sheet and	
	REG 11.2.3.1 If a copy of a photographic	cross-reference these with the individual	
	identification is provided there must be	photographic identification provided by each	
	confirmation that the original identification has	member of the team, whilst also checking that the	
	been seen by the individual's Athletic Union (or	individuals present match the IDs they have	
	equivalent) and that this copy is a valid and true	provided.	
	representation of the original. This copy must	REG 11.2.7 If either captain finds that any individuals	
	capture the following information regarding the	on the opposition team are unable to provide	



			and College
Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative that	identification, or otherwise has any concerns over		
has verified the identification: Position, name	their eligibility, they should complete a Playing		
(printed), signature, and date of verification.	Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing any		
REG 11.2.4 The two teams should review the list of	grievances and 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS		
names on their opposition's match team sheet and	Play as per REG 11.2.9. Where individuals are unable		
cross-reference these with the individual	to provide identification, time and date stamped		
photographic identification provided by each	photographs should be taken on the day of any		
member of the team, whilst also checking that the	individual(s) in question. Any individual refusing to		
individuals present match the IDs they have	have their photograph taken should be noted on the		
provided.	Playing Under Protest Form. Verification should		
REG 11.2.4.1 If either captain finds that any	then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate		
individuals on the opposition team are unable to	Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).		
provide identification, they should complete a	REG 11.2.7.1 Photographs taken in accordance with		
Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing this	REG 11.2.7 must be used only for the purpose of		
grievance and 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS	verifying eligibility and any misuse of these		
Play. Time and date stamped photographs should	photographs could lead to disciplinary action.		
be taken on the day of the individuals in question in	REG 11.2.8 It is advised, to avoid the need for		
order to enable post-fixture verification with the	verification post-fixture, that teams should take to		
appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent)	all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of		
representative(s). Any individual refusing to have	individual photographic identification, that has been		
their photograph taken should be noted on the	verified by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as		
Playing Under Protest Form. These photographs	showing only individuals who meet the eligibility		
must be used only for the purpose of verifying	requirements of both their institution/Playing Entity		
eligibility. Misuse of these photographs could lead	and REG 4. This list must capture the following		
to disciplinary action.	information regarding the Athletic Union (or		
REG 11.2.5 It is advised, to avoid the need for	equivalent) representative that has verified the		
verification post-fixture, that teams should take to	identification: Position, name (printed), signature,		
all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of	and date of verification. Responsibility shall sit with		
individual photographic identification, that has	the Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this		
been verified by their Athletic Union (or	list remains valid and correct as the season		
equivalent) as showing only individuals who meet	progresses, making any amendments as required.		
the eligibility requirements of both their	REG 11.2.9 Once a captain has checked the		
institution/Playing Entity and BUCS (REG 4). This	opposition's team sheet and followed the above		
list must capture the following information	steps, they must either 'approve' or 'dispute' the		
regarding the Athletic Union (or equivalent)	team sheet on BUCS Play. Any captain disputing a		
representative that has verified the identification:	team sheet must correctly complete a Playing Under		
Position, name (printed), signature, and date of	Protest Form (REG 12) to detail why they team sheet	l	
verification. Responsibility shall sit with the	has been disputed.	l	
Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this	REG 11.2.10 Should it not be possible for Team	l	
list remains valid and correct as the season	sheets should be completed and verified on BUCS	l l	



progresses, making any amendments as required.	Play, for example there is no Wi-Fi or mobile phone
REG 11.2.5.1 If either captain has concerns over	reception at the venue, then the following steps
the eligibility of individuals on the opposition team,	should be followed for correct completion and
they should complete a Playing Under Protest	verification of hard copy team sheets prior to the
Form (REG 12) detailing this grievance and	match starting. All teams are advised to carry with
'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play. Verification	them at least two hard copies of the BUCS Team
should then be sought post-fixture with the	Sheet Pro Forma (Appendix 7) so that they are
appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent)	adequately prepared for any such scenario. If a team
representative(s).	does not have a BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma with
REG 11.2.6 Opposition verification Once a captain	them, any equivalent paperwork used/produced
has checked the opposition's team sheet and	must meet the requirements of REG 11.2.10.3.
followed the above steps, they must either	REG 11.2.10.1 The overriding principle should
'approve' or 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play.	always be to complete fixtures. If issues are
Any captain disputing a team sheet must correctly	identified that a team may wish to appeal against
complete a Playing Under Protest Form to detail	(REG 15), they should 'dispute' their opposition's
why they team sheet has been disputed.	team sheet as detailed in these regulations and
REG 11.2.7 Team sheets should be completed and	complete a Playing Under Protest Form as outlined
verified on BUCS Play, however should it not be	in REG 12.
possible for this process to be completed on BUCS	REG 11.2.10.2 There must be in some form a
Play prior to the fixture starting, for example there	minimum of two copies of the team sheet, one for the
is no Wi-Fi or mobile phone reception at the venue,	home team to retain and one for the away team to
then the following steps should be followed for	retain (note REG 11.2.10.8). Each team is responsible
correct completion and verification of hard copy	for the correct completion and retention of their
team sheets. All teams are advised to carry with	own copy.
them at least two hard copies of the BUCS Team	REG 11.2.10.3 Team sheets must be completed and
Sheet Pro Forma (Appendix 7) so that they are	verified before the match starts, including being
adequately prepared for any such scenario.	signed by both captains (and recording the time of
REG 11.2.7.1 The overriding principle should	signing). The following essential information must be
always be to complete fixtures. If issues are	captured on each team sheet:
identified that a team may wish to appeal against	• Fixture information (Sport, league/knockout
(REG 15), they should 'dispute' their opposition's	competition name, date and time of fixture,
team sheet as detailed in these regulations and	venue, home team name, away team name)
complete a Playing Under Protest Form as outlined	Names of team members (Each team is
in REG 12.	responsible for ensuring that all individuals they
REG 11.2.7.2 There must be in some form a	wish to represent them are listed on the team
minimum of two copies of the team sheet, one for	sheet)
the home team to retain and one for the away team	• An indication for each individual that their ID
to retain (note REG 11.2.7.8). Each team is	has been seen and verified by the opposition
responsible for the correct completion and	captain (note the following point)
retention of their own copy.	



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	REG 11.2.7.3 Both team lists must be completed	 An indication of any specific players to be 	
	and verified before the fixture starts, including	queried further	
	being signed by both captains (and recording the	 Any individuals with a medical exemption 	
	time of signing). The following essential	authorised by their Athletic Union (or	
	information must be captured on each team sheet:	equivalent) as per REG 11.1.4	
	 Fixture information (Sport, league/knockout 	Failure to capture the minimum information	
	competition name, date and time of fixture, venue,	required may invalidate any appeal in this	
	home team name, away team name)	regard.	
	 Names of team members (Each team is 	REG 11.2.10.4 To enable verification that the	
	responsible for ensuring that all individuals they	individuals representing the team are those listed on	
	wish to represent them are listed on the team	the team sheet, all individuals are required to	
	sheet)	provide photographic identification. Such	
	- An indication for each individual that their ID has	identification will ideally take the form of a valid	
	been seen and verified by the opposition captain	student card for their institution.	
	(note the following point)	REG 11.2.10.5 The two teams should review the list	
	- An indication of any specific players to be queried	of names of their opposition's team members on the	
	further	team sheet and cross-reference these with the	
	 Any individuals with a medical exemption 	individual photographic identification provided by	
	authorised by their Athletic Union (or equivalent)	each member of the team, whilst also checking that	
	as per REG 11.1.6	the individuals present match the IDs they have	
l	Failure to capture the minimum information	provided.	
	required may invalidate any appeal in this regard.	REG 11.2.10.6 If either captain finds that any	
	REG 11.2.7.4 To enable verification that the	individuals on the opposition team are unable to	
	individuals representing the team are those listed	provide identification, or otherwise has any concerns	
	on the team sheet, all individuals are required to	over their eligibility, they should complete a Playing	
	provide photographic identification. Such	Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing any	
	identification will ideally take the form of a valid	grievances as well as noting on the team sheet the	
	student card for their institution.	individual(s) unable to be verified. Where individuals	
	REG 11.2.7.4.1 If a copy of a photographic	are unable to provide identification, time and date	
	identification is provided there must be	stamped photographs should be taken on the day of	
	confirmation that the original identification has	any individual(s) in question. Any individual refusing	
	been seen by the individual's Athletic Union (or	to have their photograph taken should be noted on	
	equivalent) and that this copy is a valid and true	the Playing Under Protest Form. Verification should	
	representation of the original. This copy must	then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate	
	capture the following information regarding the	Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).	
	Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative that	REG 11.2.10.6.1 Photographs taken in accordance	
	has verified the identification: Position, name	with REG 11.2.10.6 must be used only for the	
	(printed), signature, and date of verification.	purpose of verifying eligibility and any misuse of	
	REG 11.2.7.5 The two teams should review the list	these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.	
	of names on their opposition's match team sheet	REG 11.2.10.7 It is advised, to avoid the need for	



and cross-reference these with the individual	verification post-fixture, that teams should take to	
photographic identification provided by each	all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of	
member of the team, whilst also checking that the	individual photographic identification, that has been	
individuals present match the IDs they have	verified by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as	
provided.	showing only individuals who meet the eligibility	
REG 11.2.7.5.1 If either captain finds that any	requirements of both their institution/Playing Entity	
individuals on the opposition team are unable to	and REG 4. This list must capture the following	
provide identification, they should complete a	information regarding the Athletic Union (or	
Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing this	equivalent) representative that has verified the	
grievance as well as noting on the team sheet the	identification: Position, name (printed), signature,	
individual(s) unable to be verified. Time and date	and date of verification. Responsibility shall sit with	
stamped photographs should be taken on the day	the Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this	
of the individuals in question in order to enable	list remains valid and correct as the season	
post-fixture verification with the appropriate	progresses, making any amendments as required.	
Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).	REG 11.2.10.8 Once a captain has checked the	
Any individual refusing to have their photograph	opposition's team sheet and followed the above	
taken should be noted on the Playing Under	steps, they must sign the team sheet (and record the	
Protest Form. These photographs must be used	time of signing). Any captain querying any individuals	
only for the purpose of verifying eligibility. Misuse	on a team sheet must correctly complete a Playing	
of these photographs could lead to disciplinary	Under Protest Form (REG 12) to detail why they are	
action.	being queried.	
REG 11.2.7.6 It is advised, to avoid the need for	REG 11.2.10.9 Upload to BUCS Play and retention	
verification post-fixture, that teams should take to	Following the fixture, each team should return their	
all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of	copy of the team sheet to their Athletic Union (or	
individual photographic identification, that has	equivalent) who will then be responsible for	
been verified by their Athletic Union (or	transferring this information to BUCS Play and	
equivalent) as showing only individuals who meet	either 'approving' or 'disputing' the team sheet	
the eligibility requirements of both their	depending on whether any issues were raised. A scan	
institution/Playing Entity and BUCS (REG 4). This	or photograph of the team sheet can also be	
list must capture the following information	uploaded to evidence the original hard copy. All hard	
regarding the Athletic Union (or equivalent)	copy team sheets must be retained and available	
representative that has verified the identification:	upon request until the official BUCS season close	
Position, name (printed), signature, and date of	each year. The date of the BUCS season close will be	
verification. Responsibility shall sit with the	the first day of BUCS Conference each year.	
Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this	REG 11.2.10.10 Data protection All	
list remains valid and correct as the season	institutions/Playing Entities should be adhering to	
progresses, making any amendments as required.	the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).	
REG 11.2.7.6.1 If either captain has concerns over	Hard copy team sheets should be retained for your	
the eligibility of individuals on the opposition team,	institution/Playing Entity's records (note REG	
they should complete a Playing Under Protest	11.2.10.9), and if required submitted to opposition	



Form (REG 12) detailing this grievance as well as noting on the team sheet the individual(s) unable to be verified. Verification should then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).

REG 11.2.7.7 Opposition verification Once a captain has checked the opposition's team sheet and followed the above steps, they must sign the team sheet (and record the time of signing). Any captain querying any individuals on a team sheet must correctly complete a Playing Under Protest Form to detail why they are being queried.

REG 11.2.7.8 Upload to BUCS Play and retention

Following the fixture, each team should return their copy of the team sheet to their Athletic Union (or equivalent) who will then be responsible for transferring this information to BUCS Play and either 'approving' or 'disputing' the team sheet depending on whether any issues were raised. A scan or photograph of the team sheet can also be uploaded to evidence the original hard copy. All hard copy team sheets must be retained and available upon request until the official BUCS season close each year. The date of the BUCS season close will be the first day of BUCS

Conference each year.

REG 11.2.7.9 Data protection All

institutions/Playing Entities should be adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Hard copy team sheets should be retained for your institution/Playing Entity's records (note REG 11.2.7.8), and if required submitted to opposition Athletic Unions (or equivalent) or BUCS for verification and must be kept securely in line with current data protection regulations. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet will only be used for the specific purpose of individual eligibility and team selection verification and used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy. **REG 11.2.7.10 Alternative team sheets** If a team Athletic Unions (or equivalent) or BUCS for verification and must be kept securely in line with current data protection regulations. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet

will only be used for the specific purpose of individual eligibility and team selection verification

and used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy. **REG 11.2.11** A team not completing the steps of REG 11.2.1–REG 11.2.9/REG 11.2.10 adequately cannot appeal in this regard. The Playing Under Protest and appeal regulations apply – as soon as a grievance is noted before or during a fixture a Playing Under Protest Form must be completed immediately. Only

when adequate steps have been taken and a grievance comes to light post-fixture is an appeal

valid without a Playing Under Protest Form. **REG 11.2.12** Should team sheets be required postfixture to resolve a dispute and an Athletic Union (or equivalent) be unable to provide adequate records to meet the request, they shall automatically lose any correlating appeal and may face further disciplinary action.

REG 11.2.13 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in Appendix 11 ('BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines') and in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows: REG 11.2.13.1 Spot Checks The BUCS Executive will undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season. A team will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found

during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:

• 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS.



does not have a BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma with them, any equivalent paperwork used/produced must meet the requirements of REG 11.2.7.3. REG 11.2.8 A team not completing the steps of REG 11.2.7 adequately cannot appeal in this regard. The Playing Under Protest and appeal regulations apply – as soon as a grievance is noted before or during a fixture a Playing Under Protest Form must be completed immediately. Only when adequate steps have been taken and a grievance comes to light post-fixture is an appeal valid without a Playing Under Protest Form. REG 11.2.9 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in Appendix 11 ('BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines') and in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows: REG 11.2.9.1 Squad Size Checks On the dates listed in Appendix 18 ('BUCS Squad Size Check Dates'), the BUCS Executive will run an export from BUCS Play to assess the current numbers of participants registered to each team's squad. If the number of participants in a team's squad is less than the minimum number of participants required to start the fixture as per the Sport Specific Regulations, then the team will receive a one-point	 3 missing/incomplete team sheets - a one-point deduction in their league competition. 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets - a three-point deduction in their league competition. Any missing/incomplete knockout competition team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for knockout competition matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this. REG 11.2.13.2 Issues raised through appeals/by other institutions If the BUCS Executive become aware of missing/incomplete team sheets, either through a BUCS Match Appeals Process or via a report from another institution, then sanctions will be applied. Any issues to be raised must be lodged with the BUCS Executive prior to the respective league results submission deadline for a team, unless being raised as part of a match appeal which is in progress or for which an appeal submission or response deadline extension has been granted. If any breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team: 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheets - a one-point deduction in their league competition. 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets - a three-point deduction in their league competition. 	
REG 11.2.9.1 Squad Size Checks On the dates listed in Appendix 18 ('BUCS Squad Size Check	breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:	
participants registered to each team's squad. If the number of participants in a team's squad is less	• 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one-point deduction in their league competition.	
	point deduction in their league competition. Any missing/incomplete knockout competition team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for	
undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season (after the dates of the squad size checks - SEE REG 11.2.9.1). A team	knockout competition matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this.	
will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:	REG 11.2.13.3 End of Season Review The BUCS Executive will undertake a review of team sheet compliance on a team-by-team basis. Institutions with teams found to have completed less than 60% of their league team sheets throughout the season.	



• 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written	will incur a £100 fine per team, capped at a maximum	
warning from BUCS.	of £500. As part of this check, the BUCS Executive	
 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one- 	will not retrospectively apply any sanctions which	
point deduction in their league competition.	would have been imposed for missing/incomplete	
 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets – a three- 	team sheets if found during the season.	
point deduction in their league competition.	REG 11.2.13.4 For the purposes of REG 11.2.13.1-	
Any missing/incomplete knockout competition	REG 11.2.13.3, an "incomplete team sheet" shall be	
team sheets will not count towards the above	one which has named on it less than the minimum	
sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team	number of participants required to start the fixture	
sheets for knockout competition matches could	as per the Sport Specific Regulations. However,	
still face consequences such as not being able to	teams should be following REG 11.2.1-REG	
appeal or losing appeals because of this.	11.2.9/REG 11.2.10 and listing all individuals	
REG 11.2.9.3 Issues raised through appeals/by	selected for a fixture and may lose appeals or face	
other institutions If the BUCS Executive become	other disciplinary action for not having done so.	
aware of missing/incomplete team sheets, either		
through a BUCS Match Appeals Process or via a		
report from another institution, then sanctions will		
be applied. Any issues to be raised must be lodged		
with the BUCS Executive prior to the respective		
league results submission deadline for a team,		
unless being raised as part of a match appeal which		
is in progress or for which an appeal submission or		
response deadline extension has been granted. If		
any breaches are found during spot checks, then		
the following sanctions will be applied to the team:		
 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written 		
warning from BUCS.		
 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one- 		
point deduction in their league competition.		
 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets – a three- 		
point deduction in their league competition.		
Any missing/incomplete knockout competition		
team sheets will not count towards the above		
sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team		
sheets for knockout competition matches could		
still face consequences such as not being able to		
appeal or losing appeals because of this.		
REG 11.2.9.4 End of Season Review The BUCS		
Executive will undertake a review of team sheet		



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	compliance on a team-by-team basis. Institutions		
	with teams found to have completed less than 60%		
	of their league team sheets throughout the season,		
	will incur a £100 fine per team, capped at a		
	maximum of £500. As part of this check, the BUCS		
	Executive will not retrospectively apply any		
	sanctions which would have been imposed for		
	missing/incomplete team sheets if found during the		
	season.		
	REG 11.2.9.5 For the purposes of REG 11.2.9.2-		
	REG 11.2.9.4, an "incomplete team sheet" shall be		
	one which has named on it less than the minimum		
	number of participants required to start the fixture		
	as per the Sport Specific Regulations. However,		
	teams should be following REG 11.2 and listing all		
	individuals selected for a fixture and may lose		
	appeals or face other disciplinary action for not		
	having done so.		
	REG 11.2.10 Should team sheets be required post-		
	fixture to resolve a dispute and an Athletic Union		
	(or equivalent) be unable to provide adequate		
	records to meet the request, they shall		
	automatically lose any correlating appeal and may		
	face further disciplinary action.		
REG 12.3	REG 12 Playing Under Protest	REG 12 Playing Under Protest	Wording added recommending that captains
			initial the end of each statement - which is
	REG 12.3 The following essential information must	REG 12.3 The following essential information must	already something noted on the Playing
	be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form:	be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form:	Under Protest Pro Forma - to encourage this
	 Fixture information (Name of 	• Fixture information (Name of institution/Playing	practice which helps avoid situations such as
	institution/Playing Entity 'Playing Under	Entity 'Playing Under Protest', Sport,	accusations of things being added to form
	Protest', Sport, league/knockout competition	league/knockout competition name, date and	after it has been signed.
	name, date and time of fixture, venue, home	time of fixture, venue, home team name, away	
	team name, away team name)	team name)	
	• The specific grievance(s) and, where known,	• The specific grievance(s) and, where known, the	
	the correlating regulation(s) alleged to have	correlating regulation(s) alleged to have been	
	been contravened	contravened (The end of each statement from	
	• Name and signature of the captain of the team	each captain should be initialled by both captains	
	raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of	to note its conclusion)	
	signing		



		and Colleges Sport
Any opposition response to the grievance(s)	• Name and signature of the captain of the team	
(Optional)	raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of	
Name and signature of the opposition captain,	signing	
as well as the time of signing (They cannot	 Any opposition response to the grievance(s) 	
refuse to sign the form, note REG 12.3.2)	(Optional)	
REG 12.3.1 A Playing Under Protest Form that	Name and signature of the opposition captain, as	
does not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will	well as the time of signing (They cannot refuse to	
be rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and	sign the form, note REG 12.3.3)	
therefore insufficient to support any subsequent	REG 12.3.1 It is recommended that the end of each	
match appeal.	statement from each captain is initialled by both	
REG 12.3.2 If an opposition captain refuses to sign	captains to note its conclusion.	
a Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to	REG 12.3.2 A Playing Under Protest Form that does	
submit the Playing Under Protest Form should	not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will be	
inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the	rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and therefore	
refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or	insufficient to support any subsequent match appeal.	
equivalent) should then inform both the opposition	REG 12.3.3 If an opposition captain refuses to sign a	
Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS	Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to	
Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this.	submit the Playing Under Protest Form should	
Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be	inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the	
reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been	refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or	
logged appropriately at the time.	equivalent) should then inform both the opposition	
REG 12.3.2.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge	Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS	
of misconduct being raised against the	Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this.	
institution/Playing Entity and appropriate	Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be	
disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.	reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been logged	
	appropriately at the time.	
	REG 12.3.3.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge of	
	misconduct being raised against the	
	institution/Playing Entity and appropriate	
	disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.	



REG 13.1-REG	REG 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers)	REG 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers)	Updated following a review of feedback
13.6			received regarding the "Discussion Point -
	REG 13.1 Results of fixtures can be entered on	REG 13.1 Results of fixtures can be entered on BUCS	Result Entry, Approval and Amendment
	BUCS Play by a 'Captain' or 'Institution	Play by a Captain or Institution Administrator of	(REG 13)" paper and subsequent discussion
	Administrator' of either team, but the 'Institution	either team, but the Institution Administrator(s) of	at Competitions Group (23/07/24).
	Administrator(s)' of the first named (home) team	the first named (home) team for each fixture shall be	
	for each fixture shall be responsible for approving	responsible for approving the result.	Result change requests now permitted to be
	the result.	REG 13.2 The results of all league and knockout	made by 'home' and 'away' Institution
	REG 13.2 The results of all league and knockout	competition matches must be entered, and	Administrators.
	competition matches must be entered, and	approved, on BUCS Play no later than 12:00 on the	
	approved, on BUCS Play no later than 12:00 on the	first working day following the fixture.	Regulations reordered and reworded so as
	first working day following the fixture.	REG 13.2.1 Where an institution/Playing Entity has	to be easier to follow and to provide more
	REG 13.2.1 Where an institution/Playing Entity has	not approved a result for a knockout competition	clarity on current deadlines and processes.
	not approved a result for a knockout competition	match in accordance with REG 13.2 they shall incur a	
	match in accordance with REG 13.2 they shall incur	£10 fine.	Clarity added as to what 'disciplinary action'
	a £10 fine.	REG 13.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently	can be taken for falsification of results.
	REG 13.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities	found to be in contravention of REG 13.2 may face	
	persistently found to be in contravention of REG	disciplinary action.	
	13.2 may face disciplinary action.	REG 13.3 Whilst institutions/Playing Entities can	
	REG 13.3 Whilst institutions/Playing Entities can	only approve results of 'home' fixtures on BUCS Play,	
	only approve results of 'home' fixtures on BUCS	institutions/Playing Entities are responsible for	
	Play, institutions/Playing Entities are responsible	ensuring that the results of all their matches ('home'	
	for ensuring that the results of all their matches	and 'away') are correctly recorded on BUCS Play.	
	('home' and 'away') are correctly recorded on BUCS	REG 13.4 Amending incorrect results	
	Play.	REG 13.4.1 Until a result has been approved, it can	
	REG 13.3.1 If an institution/Playing Entity believes	be corrected by a Captain or Institution	
	the result of an 'away' match has been recorded	Administrator of either team, except in the case of a	
	incorrectly, or has been omitted, they should	league fixture where the results entry/amendment	
	contact the 'home' institution/Playing Entity in the	deadline (REG 13.5) has passed. When	
	first instance and the BUCS Executive thereafter if	institutions/Playing Entities change amend a result	
	the 'home' institution/Playing Entity has failed to	in this way, they are encouraged to inform the	
	respond or action their request. Contact with the	opposition of this in writing in case there is a	
	BUCS Executive MUST be made BEFORE the	disagreement as to the correct result.	
	results submission deadline, as outlined in	REG 13.4.2 An Institution Administrator of either	
	Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates	team can request that an incorrectly approved result	
	and Deadlines').	is amended, except in the case of a league fixture	
	REG 13.3.1.1 If, within the five working days	where the results entry/amendment deadline (REG	
	preceding the results submission deadline, the	13.5) has passed. To do so an Institution	
	'away' institution/Playing Entity is required to	Administrator must submit a result change request	
	request action by the BUCS Executive due to a lack	on BUCS Play. The BUCS Executive will confirm any	



of action from the 'home' institution/Playing Entity	amendment with both institutions/Playing Entities	
(and a breach of REG 13.2), the 'home'	before changing a result and amendments will not be	
institution/Playing Entity will incur a £100 fine per	visible on BUCS Play until approved by the BUCS	
fixture.	Executive.	
REG 13.4 Falsification of results	REG 13.4.2.1 League fixtures For league matches	
Institutions/Playing Entities must not falsify	other than those affected by the results	
results. For example, where a match has not taken	entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) there is a 14	
place, a result should not be recorded on BUCS	day period within which amendments may be	
Play. In such a scenario, the fixture should be	requested free of charge. Amendments to league	
rearranged, left to go void, or a walkover should be	match results requested beyond the 14 day period	
claimed/conceded and then recorded on BUCS	will incur a £10 administrative charge.	
Play. An institution/Playing Entity proven to have	REG 13.4.2.2 Knockout competition fixtures	
falsified a result on BUCS Play shall face	Amending incorrectly approved knockout	
disciplinary action.	competition match results (after the deadline of REG	
REG 13.5 Process for amending incorrectly	13.2 has passed) will incur the following	
approved results In order to amend any incorrectly	administrative charges (payable by the 'home'	
approved 'home' fixture results, an Institution	institution/Playing Entity unless otherwise	
Administrator must submit a result change request	indicated):	
on BUCS Play. Amendments will not be visible until	Incorrect score that DOES NOT alter the team	
approved by the BUCS Executive.	progressing to the following round: ± 5	
REG 13.5.1 League fixtures For league matches	Incorrect score that DOES alter the team	
other than those affected by the result entry	progressing to the following round: £25 if	
deadline (REG 13.6) there is a two week period	amendment requested more than 10 working days	
within which amendments may be requested free	before the following round; £50 if amendment	
of charge. Amendments to league match results	requested within 6-10 working days before the	
requested beyond the two week period will incur a	following round; £100 and liable for any fixture costs	
£10 administrative charge.	incurred by the next round opposition if amendment	
REG 13.5.2 Knockout competition fixtures	requested within 5 working days before the	
Amending incorrectly approved knockout	following round; £250 EACH, liable for any fixture	
competition match results (after the deadline of	costs incurred by the next round opposition and,	
REG 13.2 has passed) will incur the following	where applicable, forfeit of home hosting of next	
administrative charges (payable by the 'home'	round fixture if NO AMENDMENT REQUESTED BY	
institution/Playing Entity unless otherwise	EITHER INSTITUTION INVOLVED in the fixture in	
indicated):	question before the following round.	
Incorrect score that <u>DOES NOT</u> alter the team	REG 13.4.3 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently	
progressing to the following round: ± 5	found to be approving incorrect results may face	
Incorrect score that <u>DOES</u> alter the team	administrative charges and/or disciplinary action.	
progressing to the following round: £25 if	REG 13.5 League results entry/amendment	
amendment requested more than 10 working days	deadline	
before the following round; £50 if amendment	REG 13.5.1 Institutions/Playing Entities will not be	



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.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 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be approving incorrectREG 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	
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persistently found to be approving incorrect Deadline has passed, except for where a result	
results may face administrative charges and/or change request submitted before the deadline is	
disciplinary action. approved by the BUCS Executive after the deadline	
REG 13.6 League results entry/amendment or as a result of any disciplinary action in relation to a	
deadline Institutions/Playing Entities will not be misconduct charge raised for a breach of REG 13.6.	
able to request additions or amendments to any REG 13.6 Falsification of results Institutions/Playing	
league fixture results after the league result Entities must not falsify results. If the BUCS	
submission deadline has passed. This deadline will Executive deems that an Institution/Playing Entity	
be outlined in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and has falsified a result on BUCS Play, for example	
Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines'). Following this entering and/or approving a result for a fixture	
deadline all BUCS leagues will be locked and no which has not taken place, or deliberately entering	
further requests accepted. No further and/or approving an incorrect result, they will be	
correspondence shall be entered into in this regard subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance	
by the BUCS Executive. 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 13.7.1 -	REG 13.7.1 An institution/Playing Entity	REG 13.7.1 To claim a walkover a recognised	Updated process for claiming of a walkover
REG 13.7.4	claiming/conceding a walkover must notify the	Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative of the	due to multiple incidents over the past four
	opposition of this, in writing (email), including	institution/Playing Entity must send via email to the	season where it was unclear whether or not
	stating the reason and regulation(s) under which	opposition institution/Playing Entity a correctly	a walkover had actually been claimed due to
	the walkover is being claimed/conceded, before the	completed Walkover Claim Form (Appendix 9)	the language used and therefore whether
	walkover is entered on BUCS Play.	detailing the reason(s) and regulation(s) under which	the opposition could still try and appeal or
	REG 13.7.2 An institution/Playing Entity has 24	the walkover is being claimed before the walkover is	submit an involuntary walkover request.
	hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays)	entered on BUCS Play. An institution/Playing Entity	
	following notification of a walkover being	conceding a walkover must notify the opposition of	Involuntary request form moved to be an
	claimed/conceded to appeal against that walkover	this in writing (email) before the walkover is entered	online submission form for quicker and
	(REG 15), or to apply to have the walkover deemed	on BUCS Play.	easier administration.
	involuntary (REG 13.7.3).	REG 13.7.2 An institution/Playing Entity has 24	
	REG 13.7.3 To request that a walkover be	hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays)	Added clarity that institutions/Playing
	considered involuntary, an institution/Playing	following notification of a walkover being	Entities who are submitting an involuntary
	Entity must submit a BUCS Involuntary Walkover	claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.1 to appeal	walkover request form need to provide
	Pro Forma (Appendix 9), along with any supporting	against a walkover claim (REG 15), or to apply to	evidence of the walkover being
	evidence, to discipline@bucs.org.uk no later than	have the walkover deemed involuntary (REG 13.7.3).	claimed/conceded at this time to show that
	24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays)	REG 13.7.3 To request that a walkover be	they are doing so within the required
	after notification of the walkover being	considered involuntary, an institution/Playing Entity	timeframe.
	claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.2.	must submit a <u>BUCS Involuntary Walkover Request</u>	
	REG 13.7.3.1 Extension to the deadline An	<u>Form</u> no later than 24 hours (outside of weekends	Amended so that granting of an involuntary
	extension may be requested via e-mail to	and bank holidays) after notification of the walkover	walkover waives all/any associated
	discipline@bucs.org.uk (before the deadline has	being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.2.	penalties, not just the loss of league points
	passed) if there are reasonable grounds, such as	Submissions shall include a copy of the email in	(where applicable). Essentially, all
	awaiting requested information from a third party.	which the walkover was conceded/claimed as well as	involuntary walkovers are to be treated the
	REG 13.7.3.2 Institutions/Playing Entities	any supporting evidence.	same, as is the case with voluntary
	submitting an Involuntary Walkover request are	REG 13.7.3.1 Extension to the deadline An	walkovers.
	responsible for ensuring that their submissions are	extension may be requested via e-mail to	
	comprehensive and concise, and that there is	discipline@bucs.org.uk (before the deadline has	
	validity to any claims, before they make their	passed) if there are reasonable grounds, such as	
	submission. Requests deemed to be frivolous or not	awaiting requested information from a third party.	
	containing adequate information to enable a fair	REG 13.7.3.2 Institutions/Playing Entities submitting	
	ruling may be rejected.	an Involuntary Walkover request are responsible for	
	REG 13.7.3.3 Decisions will be based purely on	ensuring that their submissions are comprehensive	
	submissions within the permissible parameters and	and concise, and that there is validity to any claims,	
	established precedence. Additional information	before they make their submission. Requests	
	will be requested by the BUCS Executive if the	deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate	
	BUCS Appeals Panel/BUCS Disciplinary Panel	information to enable a fair ruling may be rejected.	
	deem this necessary and appropriate.	REG 13.7.3.3 Decisions will be based purely on	
	REG 13.7.3.4 A team deemed to have conceded an	submissions within the permissible parameters and	



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involuntary walkover will, in normal circumstances,	established precedence. Additional information will	
be deemed to have forfeited the match, but in the	be requested by the BUCS Executive if deemed	
case of league fixtures will not be deducted any	necessary and appropriate.	
league points (note REG 8.3.6.2). Further penalties	REG 13.7.3.4 A team deemed to have conceded an	
outlined in REG 13.7.5.1 – REG 13.7.5.5 may be	involuntary walkover will be deemed to have	
waived as determined by the BUCS Executive or	forfeited the match, however:	
the BUCS Disciplinary Panel.	- In the case of a league fixture, they will not be	
REG 13.7.4 Where a team has forfeited a league	deducted any league points (note REG 8.3.6.2 or any	
match it is imperative that a walkover is entered	equivalent sport specific regulations) and it will not	
and awarded to the appropriate team on BUCS	count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1.	
Play by the league result submission deadline (REG	- In the case of a knockout competition fixture it will	
13.6).	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 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers Unless indicated	REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers	Updated to provide clarity as to the fact that
otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix	Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three* league	the sport specific variances would be the
10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout	points and half of BUCS Points attained through final	league point deductions.
Information'), the following penalties shall apply:	league position. If finish bottom of league table then	
Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three league	ineligible to take part in any potential playoff, i.e.	
points and half of BUCS Points attained through	automatically relegated.; Two walkovers = Further	
final league position.* If finish bottom of league	loss of three* league points and all BUCS points	
table then ineligible to take part in playoff, i.e.	attained through final league position. Automatically	
automatically relegated.; Two walkovers = Further	relegated following season regardless of final league	
loss of three league points and all BUCS points	position.; Three or more walkovers = Not eligible to	
attained through final league position.	progress to knockout competition. In addition to	
Automatically relegated following season	those listed to the left; loss of three* league points	
regardless of final league position.; Three or more	per occurrence and having conceded three	
walkovers = Not eligible to progress to knockout	walkovers, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an	
competition. In addition to those listed to the left;	additional £100 per subsequent concession.	
loss of three league points per occurrence and		
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having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic	Tier 1: One walkover = Loss of three* league points	
having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per	and half of BUCS Points attained through final	
	 be deemed to have forfeited the match, but in the case of league fixtures will not be deducted any league points (note REG 8.3.6.2). Further penalties outlined in REG 13.7.5.1 - REG 13.7.5.5 may be waived as determined by the BUCS Executive or the BUCS Disciplinary Panel. 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 13.6). REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers Unless indicated otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), the following penalties shall apply: Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.* If finish bottom of league table then ineligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position. Automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position.; Three or more walkovers = Not eligible to progress to knockout competition. In addition to those listed to the left; loss of three league points per occurrence and 	 be deemed to have forfeited the match, but in the case of league fixtures will not be deducted any league points (note REG 3.3.6.2). Further penaltes and awarded to the appropriate team on BUCS Play by the league result submission deadline (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 13.7.5.1. Leagues 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 13.7.5.1 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 lapayoff fixture, they will not be deducted any league points (where applicable) and it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1. Leagues walkovers Unless indicated other appropriate team on BUCS Play by the League Result Submission Deadline (REG 13.5.5.1 Leagues walkovers Unless indicated other will not following penalties shall apply: REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers Unless indicated other appropriate team on BUCS Play by the League position. Relegation and Knockout Information?. The following penalties shall apply: Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position. There or more walkovers = Not eligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated. Two walkovers = Further loss of three league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position. There or more walkovers = Not eligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position. There or more walkovers = Not eligible to take part in any potential playoff, i.e. automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position. There or more walkovers = Not eligible to take part in any potential playoff, i.e. automatically relega



	three* league points and all BUCS points attained
Tier 1: One walkover = Loss of three league points	through final league position. Ineligible for
and half of BUCS Points attained through final	progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the
league position.; Two walkovers = Further loss of	knockout competition through an involuntary
three league points and all BUCS points attained	walkover.; Three or more walkovers = In addition to
through final league position. Ineligible for	those listed to the left, loss of three* league points
progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the	per occurrence and having conceded three
knockout competition through an involuntary	walkovers, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an
walkover.; Three or more walkovers = In addition	additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not
to those listed to the left, loss of three league	eligible for promotion.
points per occurrence and having conceded three	
walkovers*, an automatic £100 fine, increased by	Tier 2 and below: One walkover = Loss of three [*]
an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not	league points and half of BUCS Points attained
eligible for promotion.	through final league position.; Two walkovers =
	Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS
Tier 2 and below: One walkover = Loss of three	points attained through final league position.; Three
league points and half of BUCS Points attained	or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the
through final league position.; Two walkovers =	left, loss of three* league points per occurrence and
Further loss of three league points and all BUCS	having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £50
points attained through final league position.;	fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent
Three or more walkovers = In addition to those	concession. Not eligible for promotion. Ineligible for
listed to the left, loss of three league points per	progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the
occurrence and having conceded three walkovers*,	knockout competition through an involuntary
an automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional	walkover.
£50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for	
promotion. Ineligible for progression to, or	*Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport
automatic withdrawal from, the knockout	specific regulations.
competition through an involuntary walkover.	



REG 13.7.5.2	REG 13.7.5.2 Knockout competition walkovers	REG 13.7.5.2 Knockout competition walkovers	Updated to clarify where National Shield
	Unless indicated otherwise in sport specific		knockout competition fixtures sit.
	regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion,	One or more walkovers	
	Relegation and Knockout Information'), the		Wording suggesting these sanctions could
	following penalties shall apply:	National Championship and National Vase: An	be varied in sport specific regulations or
		automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points	Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation
	One or more walkovers	allocated to the knockout competition.	and Knockout Information') removed as this is not the case.
	National Championship and National Vase: An	National Trophy: An automatic £500 fine and loss of	
	automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points	all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout	
	allocated to the knockout competition.	competition.	
		competition.	
	National Trophy: An automatic £500 fine and loss	National Shield, Conference Cup, Conference	
	of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout	Trophy, and Conference Shield: An automatic £250	
	competition.	fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the	
	competition.	knockout competition.	
	Conference Cup (Trenchy (Chield, An externetic	knockout competition.	
	Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield: An automatic		
	£250 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to		
	the knockout competition.		
REG 13.7.5.3	REG 13.7.5.3 Playoff walkovers Unless indicated	REG 13.7.5.3 Playoff walkovers	The most playoff fixtures a team can be
	otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix		scheduled, and therefore conceded, is two,
	10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout	Playoffs: One walkover = An automatic £300 fine;	so the section of the table relating to
	Information'), the following penalties shall apply:	Two walkovers = An additional £300 fine.	conceding three walkovers has been
	Playoffs: One walkover = An automatic £300 fine;		removed.
	Two walkovers = An additional £300 fine; Three		
	walkovers = An additional £300 fine.		Wording suggesting these sanctions could
			be varied in sport specific regulations or
			Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation
			and Knockout Information') removed as this
			is not the case.
			is not the case.



REG 13.7.5.4	REG 13.7.5.4 Season total (in addition to those	REMOVED	With all knockout competition walkovers
	detailed for specific competitions above)		now incurring a fine (as of the 2021-22
	Walkovers conceded in leagues and knockout		season), it does not seem appropriate for
	competitions (but not playoffs) will be tallied as a		these matches to also then count towards a
	team's Season Total regardless of which		team's season tally which could then incur a
	competition they were conceded in. Meaning for		further fine on top of this, so any fine
	example, if a team concedes a fixture in a Premier		sanctions have been removed from REG
	Tier league and in the National Championship, they		13.7.5.4 as teams who concede multiple
	will be regarded as having conceded two		league fixtures can still incur such fines
	walkovers. Consequently, penalties would be		under REG 13.7.5.1.
	applied as appropriate to conceding two walkovers		
	plus those applicable to the specific competitions.		Having reviewed feedback from institutions
			shared through National Competitions
	Premier Tier and National Championship/Vase:		Group in July 2022, the BUCS Executive
	One walkover = If finish bottom of final league		have decided to remove this regulation
	table not eligible to take part in playoff, i.e.		entirely (it was not applied in 2022-23 or
	automatically relegated; Two walkovers =		2023-24) so that the remaining sanctions
	Automatically relegated following season		relating to relegation or denial of promotion
	regardless of final league position; Three or more		 which are also possible to incur from solely
	walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left		league walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1 –
	and above, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an		cannot be incurred as a result of conceding
	additional £100 per subsequent concession.		one or more walkovers in a knockout
			competition.
	Tier 1 and National Championship/Vase/Trophy:		
	One walkover = N/A; Two walkovers = N/A; Three		
	of more walkovers = In addition to those listed to		
	the left and above, an automatic £100 fine,		
	increased by an additional £50 per subsequent		
	concession. Not eligible for promotion.		
	Tier 2 and below and Conference		
	Cup/Trophy/Shield: One walkover = N/A; Two		
	walkovers = N/A; Three of more walkovers = In		
	addition to those listed to the left and above, an		
	automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional £50		
	per subsequent concession. Not eligible for		
	promotion.		



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	REG 13.7.5.5	REG 13.7.5.5 Elective central venue/tournament format walkovers Any team deemed to have	REMOVED	Unnecessary regulation - no need to make special mention of such fixtures when all
		conceded walkovers will be subject to the same		fixtures are treated the same.
		penalties as outlined in REG 13.7.5.1 - REG		
		13.7.5.4. There will be no exceptions for walkovers		
		conceded where fixtures are organised in a central		
		venue/tournament format.		
	REG 14.1	REG 14.1 Postponed matches	REG 14.1 Postponed matches	Updated following a review of feedback
		REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called	REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called	received regarding the "Discussion Point -
		off up to and including the day of the match, due to:	off up to and including the day of the match, due to:	Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG
		- Bad weather	Bad weather	14)" paper and subsequent discussion at
		- Ground conditions	 Ground conditions 	Competitions Group (23/07/24).
		- Bad light	Bad light	
		 Unforeseeable facility issues 	 Unforeseeable facility issues 	REG 14.1.1.1 added to provide clarity that
		- Force majeure	 Force majeure 	for fixtures where match officials are
		- Any national, regional, or local Public Health	• Any national, regional, or local Public Health	required, if, when both teams and any match
		guidance in place at the time which advises against	guidance in place at the time which advises	official(s) are present at a fixture, there is
		a team's involvement in the fixture.	against a team's involvement in the fixture.	disagreement between the teams as to
		REG 14.1.2 The first named (home)	REG 14.1.1.1 For fixtures where match officials are	whether a match should proceed on the
		institution/Playing Entity are required to give	required, if, when both teams and any match	grounds of safety, the match official(s) shall
		reasonable notice to the opposition (away)	official(s) (appropriate for the match as per REG 10)	(taking into account the advice of any
		institution/Playing Entity if there is any likelihood	are present at a fixture, there is disagreement	grounds/facility staff as appropriate)
		of the playing area being pronounced unfit for play.	between the teams as to whether a match should	determine whether the match should
		However, if the opposition (away)	proceed on the grounds of safety, the match	proceed or should be postponed and that a
		institution/Playing Entity have concerns that a	official(s) shall (taking into account the advice of any	refusal to play can result in a walkover being
		match may be postponed (for example heavy rain is	grounds/facility staff as appropriate) determine	claimed, but this could be requested to be
		forecast), they should ask that a decision be made	whether the match should proceed or should be	considered involuntary.
		about whether the match will take place before	postponed. Where it is determined that a match	
		their team's intended departure time (note REG	should proceed, if a team declines to participate,	REG 14.1.2 amended to better reflect
		9.5).	their opposition shall be entitled to claim a walkover.	expectations for both institutions/Playing
		REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the	If a walkover is claimed, the institution/Playing	Entities if they have any concerns over a
		first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must	Entity conceding the walkover shall have the	fixture potentially being postponed.
		notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or	opportunity to request that it is deemed involuntary	
		equivalent) contact of the opposition (away)	using the process detailed in REG 13.7.3.	It would be expected that if the first named
		institution/Playing Entity. It would be expected,	REG 14.1.2 It would be expected that if the first	(home) institution/Playing Entity have any
1		especially in cases of a late postponement (within	named (home) institution/Playing Entity have any	concerns that a match may be postponed
		48 hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays,	concerns that a match may be postponed (for	(for example where there has been bad
		of the fixture start time), that the first named	example where there has been bad weather	weather affecting a pitch, there is further
		(home) institution/Playing Entity would also make	affecting a pitch, there is further bad weather	bad weather forecast, and so there are
		efforts to contact the opposition (away)		concerns that the pitch may be pronounced



institution/Playing Entity via telephone to confirm	forecast, and so there are concerns that the pitch	unfit for play) that they would inform the
that notification of the postponement has been	may be pronounced unfit for play) that they would	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity
received. The first named (home)	inform the opposition (away) institution/Playing	as early as possible. However, if the
institution/Playing Entity shall also be responsible	Entity as early as possible. However, if the	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity
for notifying the match official(s).	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity have	have concerns that a match may be
REG 14.1.4 Should a match have to be postponed,	concerns that a match may be postponed (for	postponed (for example heavy rain is
this match shall be rearranged at the venue of the	example heavy rain is forecast) and have not been	forecast) and have not been contacted by
first named (home) team, except in cases where the	contacted by the first named (home)	the first named (home) institution/Playing
notification of postponement has not been sent	institution/Playing Entity, they should ask that a	Entity, they should ask that a decision be
until after the opposition (away) team's intended	decision be made about whether the match will take	made about whether the match will take
departure time - subject to this having been	place before their team's intended departure time	place before their team's intended departure
communicated as per REG 9.5. In such cases the	(note REG 9.5).	time (note REG 9.5).
fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the	REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the	
opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity.	first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must	
	notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or	
	equivalent) contact of the opposition (away)	
	institution/Playing Entity. It would be expected,	
	especially in cases of a late postponement (within 48	
	hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays, of the	
	fixture start time), that the first named (home)	
	institution/Playing Entity would also make efforts to	
	contact the opposition (away) institution/Playing	
	Entity via telephone to confirm that notification of	
	the postponement has been received. The first	
	named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall also be	
	responsible for notifying the match official(s).	
	REG 14.1.4 Should a match have to be postponed,	
	this match shall be rearranged at the venue of the	
	first named (home) team, except in cases where the	
	notification of postponement has not been sent until	
	after the opposition (away) team's intended	
	departure time - subject to this having been	
	communicated as per REG 9.5. In such cases the	
	fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the	
	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity.	



REG 14.2	REG 14.2 Abandoned matches Abandoned	REG 14.2 Abandoned matches	Updated following a review of feedback
	matches are matches called off, for whatever	REG 14.2.1 Abandoned matches are matches called	received regarding the "Discussion Point -
	reason, by the match official(s) once play has	off, for whatever reason, by the match official(s)	Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG
	begun. When a match has been abandoned, the	once play has begun.	14)" paper and subsequent discussion at
	fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the	REG 14.2.2 When a match has been abandoned, the	Competitions Group (23/07/24).
	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless	fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the	
	covered under REG 9.3.4.4.	opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless	Clarification provided that if matches are
		covered under REG 9.3.4.2.	abandoned due to alleged misconduct,
		REG 14.2.3 Notwithstanding REG 14.2.2, if it is	charges can be raised under REG 5 which
		reported to the BUCS Executive that a match has	could result in matches being awarded as a
		been abandoned due to alleged misconduct of	walkover or a void.
		anyone covered under REG 5.1, of either or both	
		institutions/Playing Entities, a charge of misconduct	
		may be raised under REG 5 and a BUCS Judiciary	
		Panel hearing such a charge shall be entitled to	
		award the match as a walkover or declare it a void	
		fixture should they deem this appropriate based.	
REG 14.3	REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and	REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and	Updated following a review of feedback
	abandoned league matches	abandoned league matches	received regarding the "Discussion Point -
	REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late	REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late	Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG
	postponed or abandoned league match, the host	postponed or abandoned league match, the host	14)" paper and subsequent discussion at
	institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG	institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG	Competitions Group (23/07/24).
	14.1/REG 14.2) must offer at least two dates in	14.1/REG 14.2) must offer at least two dates in	
	writing for the match to take place, in accordance	writing for the match to take place, in accordance	Timeframe added in (REG 14.3.3) for host
	with the relevant league deadline date as identified	with the relevant league deadline date as identified	institution/Playing Entity to either accept
	in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts –	in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts –	one of the dates offered under REG 14.3.2,
	Dates and Deadlines'), no later than 48 hours	Dates and Deadlines'), no later than 48 hours	or decline them if their team cannot fulfil
	(allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after	(allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after the	them, to determine when the next step in the
	the scheduled start time of the match. One of these	scheduled start time of the match. One of these	process (REG 14.3.4, formerly REG 14.3.3)
	dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday	dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday	would kick-in if needed. 48 hours (allowing
	date and they must avoid other prescheduled	date and they must avoid other prescheduled BUCS	for weekends and Bank Holidays) chosen to
	BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the opposition	fixtures for both teams. If the opposition	match previous steps and to try and help
	institution/Playing Entity can show that their team	institution/Playing Entity can show that their team	avoid extending the process to the point that
	have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS	have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS	there is then no dates left on which the
	Play on any of the dates offered, an alternative	Play on any of the dates offered, an alternative date	fixture could be played. The host
	date must be provided by the host	must be provided by the host institution/Playing	institution/Playing Entity will also have likely
	institution/Playing Entity for each instance before	Entity for each instance before progressing to REG	already had the opportunity to think about
	progressing to REG 14.3.2. Where the host	14.3.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has	availability for these dates when considering
	institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to	failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be	what dates they would offer in REG 14.3.1.
	this regulation, they will be deemed to have	deemed to have conceded the match, and the	



conceded the match and the opposition institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover. **REG 14.3.2** If the opposition institution/Playing

Entity's team cannot fulfil any of the dates offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.3.1, they should offer two alternative dates no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS

fixtures for both teams. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative

date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.

REG 14.3.3 If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS fixtures as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, they shall be awarded a walkover. **REG 14.3.4** Should the institutions/Playing Entities

agree there are substantiated reasons why no

rearrangement of a fixture can be made (such as no

opposition institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.

REG 14.3.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil any of the dates offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.3.1, they must offer two alternative dates no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays)

following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to

have conceded the match, and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.

REG 14.3.3 The host institution/Playing Entity must either accept one of the dates offered under REG 14.3.2, or decline them if their team cannot fulfil them, no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the opposition institution/Playing Entity. **REG 14.3.4** If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.3.1 - REG 14.3.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS) fixtures as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen



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	free dates remain in calendar) and there has been	date, they shall be awarded a walkover.	
	no contravention of regulations, they may apply to	REG 14.3.5 Should the institutions/Playing Entities	
	the BUCS Executive to have the match declared a	agree there are substantiated reasons why no	
	void fixture. Consideration will be on a case-by-	rearrangement of a fixture can be made (such as no	
	case basis.	free dates remain in calendar), they may apply to the	
	REG 14.3.5 Once a date has been chosen the host	BUCS Executive to have the match declared a void	
	institution/Playing Entity must update this on	fixture. Consideration will be on a case-by-case	
	BUCS Play.	basis.	
	REG 14.3.6 Reasonable efforts must be made by	REG 14.3.6 Once a date has been chosen the host	
	both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a	institution/Playing Entity must update this on BUCS	
	rearrangement date by following the process	Play.	
	outlined in REG 14.3. Institutions/Playing Entities	REG 14.3.7 Reasonable efforts must be made by	
	found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements	both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a	
	(for example in the hope of a fixture being declared	rearrangement date by following the process	
	void) will face disciplinary action.	outlined in REG 14.3. Institutions/Playing Entities	
		found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements	
		(for example in the hope of a fixture being declared	
		void) will face disciplinary action.	
REG 14.4	REG 14.4 Rearrangement of postponed and	REG 14.4 Rearrangement of postponed and	Updated following a review of feedback
	abandoned knockout competition matches	abandoned knockout competition matches (except	received regarding the "Discussion Point -
	(except for finals)	for finals)	Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG
	REG 14.4.1 When rearranging a postponed, late	REG 14.4.1 When rearranging a postponed, late	14)" paper and subsequent discussion at
	postponed or abandoned knockout competition	postponed or abandoned knockout competition	Competitions Group (23/07/24).
	match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as	match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as	
	determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer at	determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer at	Timeframe added in (REG 14.4.3) for host
	least two dates in writing for the match to take	least two dates in writing for the match to take place,	institution/Playing Entity to either accept
	place, in accordance with REG 9.2.2.1, no later than	in accordance with REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36	one of the dates offered under REG 14.4.2,
	36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank	hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays)	or decline them if their team cannot fulfil
	Holidays) after the scheduled start time of the	after the scheduled start time of the match. One of	them, to determine when the next step in the
	match. One of these dates must be a weekend date	these dates must be a weekend date and one a	process (REG 14.4.4, formerly REG 14.4.3)
	and one a weekday date and they must avoid other	weekday date and they must avoid other	would kick-in if needed. 24 hours (allowing
	prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the	prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the	for weekends and Bank Holidays) chosen to
	opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that	opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that	try and help avoid extending the process to
	their team have another prescheduled BUCS	their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture	the point that there is then no dates left on
	fixture on BUCS Play on any of the dates offered,	on BUCS Play on any of the dates offered, an	which the fixture could be played. The host
	an alternative date must be provided by the host	alternative date must be provided by the host	institution/Playing Entity will also have likely
	institution/Playing Entity for each instance before	institution/Playing Entity for each instance before	already had the opportunity to think about
	progressing to REG 14.4.2. Where the host	progressing to REG 14.4.2. Where the host	availability for these dates when considering
	institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to	institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this	what dates they would offer in REG 14.4.1.
	this regulation, they will be deemed to have	regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded	



conceded the match and the opposition institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover. **REG 14.4.2** If the opposition institution/Playing

Entity's team cannot fulfil any of the dates offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.4.1, they should offer two alternative dates no later than 36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS

fixtures for both teams. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative

date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.4.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.

REG 14.4.3 If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.4.1 – REG 14.4.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS fixtures as per REG 14.4.1 – REG 14.4.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, they shall be awarded a walkover. REG 14.4.4 In the event of a fixture not being

played before the Monday (or the Wednesday in the case of knockout competitions scheduled on

the match and the opposition institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover. **REG 14.4.2** If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil any of the dates offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.4.1, they must offer two alternative dates no later than 36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays)

following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.4.3. Where

the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.

REG 14.4.3 The host institution/Playing Entity must either accept one of the dates offered under REG 14.4.2, or decline them if their team cannot fulfil them, no later than 24 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the opposition institution/Playing Entity. **REG 14.4.4** If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.4.1 - REG 14.4.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS) fixtures as per REG 14.4.1 - REG 14.4.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen



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weekends) prior to the following knockout round	date, they shall be awarded a walkover.	
(or any later date agreed under REG 9.2.2.1.1.1),	REG 14.4.5 In the event of a fixture not being played	
the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to decide the	before the Monday (or the Wednesday in the case of	
outcome of a fixture.	knockout competitions scheduled on weekends)	
REG 14.4.5 Once a date has been chosen the host	prior to the following knockout round (or any later	
institution/Playing Entity must update this on	date agreed under REG 9.2.2.1.1.1), the BUCS	
BUCS Play.	Executive will toss a coin to decide the outcome of a	
REG 14.4.6 In exceptional circumstances the BUCS	fixture.	
Executive may instruct institutions/Playing Entities	REG 14.4.6 Once a date has been chosen the host	
of the replay date and venue.	institution/Playing Entity must update this on BUCS	
	Play.	
REG 14.4.7 Reasonable efforts must be made by	REG 14.4.7 In exceptional circumstances the BUCS	
both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a	Executive may instruct institutions/Playing Entities	
rearrangement date by following the process	of the replay date and venue.	
outlined in REG 14.4. Institutions/Playing Entities	REG 14.4.8 Reasonable efforts must be made by	
found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements	both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a	
(for example in the hope of a fixture being decided	rearrangement date by following the process	
via coin toss) will face disciplinary action.	outlined in REG 14.4. Institutions/Playing Entities	
	found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements	
	(for example in the hope of a fixture being decided	
	via coin toss) will face disciplinary action.	