

BUCS SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2026-27 (VERSION 4)

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SUMMARY

This document highlights some of the changes to BUCS' Sport Specific Regulations for the 2026-27 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.

Regulations for the 2026-27 are still being published, so this document currently contains changes for the following sets of regulations published to date:

- Badminton (Added in version 3)
- Baseball (Added in version 4)
- Basketball (Added in version 2)
- Cricket (Indoor) (Added in version 2)
- Football
- Golf (Added in version 3)
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Lacrosse 6s
- Netball (Added in version 3)
- Rugby Union
- Sailing
- Table Tennis (Added in version 4)
- Tennis (Added in version 2)
- Volleyball (Added in version 3)
- Water Polo (Added in version 3)
- Wheelchair Basketball (Added in version 4)

Updated versions of this document will be published when there are further updates to regulations.

Sport	Regulation Number	Previous Regulation	New Regulation	Reason
Badminton	BAD i–BAD v	BAD i The BUCS Badminton Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Badminton England Regulations for Tournaments. Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship. BAD ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Badminton England Regulations for Tournaments, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD iv In the event that the BUCS general regulations contradict the Badminton England Regulations for Tournaments, the BUCS general regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD v The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Tennis Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.	BAD i The BUCS Badminton Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Laws of Badminton¹. Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship. BAD ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Laws of Badminton¹, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD iv In the event that the BUCS general regulations contradict the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Laws of Badminton¹, the BUCS general regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. BAD v The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Tennis Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3. ¹Please note: The BWF Laws of Badminton in force on 1 August 2026 will apply for the Team Championships for the whole of the 2026-27 season. The BWF Laws of	Updated to clarify that it is the BWF Laws of Badminton that apply for both the BUCS Badminton Individual Championships and Team Championships (including addressing how changes to these on 4 January will impact BUCS's competitions), not the Badminton England Regulations for Tournaments. The Badminton England Regulations for Tournaments do apply for the Individual Championships, which will be covered elsewhere in the regulations and/or in the event information.

			Badminton which will come into force on 4 January 2027 will apply for the Individual Championships for the 2026-27 season. The BUCS Executive and BUCS's Badminton Advisory Group are considering if the BWF Laws of Badminton which will come into force on 4 January 2027 will be adopted for the Team Championships for the 2027-28 season.	
Badminton	BAD 8 and BAD 9 (Formerly BAD 8)	Team Championships BAD 8 Scoring system BAD 8.1 The BWF (Badminton World Federation) Laws of Badminton shall be used including the Rally Point Scoring System, except as stated below: BAD 8.1.1 Each rubber shall be the best of three games of 21 points except that if the score reaches 20-20 the winner is then the player/pair with two clear points or whose score reaches 30 first. BAD 8.1.2 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the end of the rubber. There shall be NO intervals when a side reaches 11 points in a game, NOR between the first and second games, NOR between the second and third games. BAD 8.1.3 Only when the shuttle is not in play, shall a player be permitted to receive advice during a rubber. BAD 8.2 In the event of a rubber having to be conceded through injury, the points already won by both teams will stand, with the team that did not concede also gaining the points that they would need to win the rubber. BAD 8.3 The team winning the majority of rubbers shall be the match winner. BAD 8.4 In the event of a tie on rubbers in a league fixture, the match shall be considered	Team Championships BAD 8 Scoring system BAD 8.1 The BWF Laws of Badminton shall apply except that use of the BWF Alternative Scoring Systems shall not be permitted and any references to a "match" should be taken as referring to a "rubber" under these regulations. BAD 8.2 In the event of a rubber having to be conceded through injury, the points already won by both teams will stand, with the team that did not concede also gaining the points that they would need to win the rubber. BAD 8.3 The team winning the majority of rubbers shall be the match winner. BAD 8.4 In the event of a tie on rubbers in a league fixture, the match shall be considered a draw. BAD 8.5 In the event of a draw in a knockout competition fixture, the winner shall be determined as follows: BAD 8.5.1 The team winning the highest number of games. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.2 The team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.3 The team winning the highest number of games in the 1v1 singles and 1v1 doubles rubbers. If a tie still results;	BAD 8.1 updated and BAD 8.1.1 removed to avoid unnecessary duplication of content already covered under the BWF Laws of Badminton. Old BAD 8.1.2 removed as this restriction is not necessary for the Team Championships. (This restriction may still be required for the Individual Championships, which will be covered elsewhere in the regulations and/or in the event information). Old BAD 8.1.3 removed as this is already covered under Law 16.5 of the BWF Laws of Badminton. BAD 9 added to clarify that the BWF's Alternative Service Laws apply to BUCS fixtures.

		a draw. BAD 8.5 In the event of a draw in a knockout fixture, the winner shall be determined as follows: BAD 8.5.1 The team winning the highest number of games. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.2 The team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.3 The team winning the highest number of games in the 1v1 singles and 1v1 doubles rubbers. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.4 The team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost in 1v1 singles and 1v1 doubles rubbers. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.5 The BUCS Executive will toss a coin to decide the outcome of a fixture.	BAD 8.5.4 The team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost in 1v1 singles and 1v1 doubles rubbers. If a tie still results; BAD 8.5.5 The BUCS Executive will toss a coin to decide the outcome of a fixture. BAD 9 Service The BWF Laws of Badminton shall apply as varied by the BWF Alternative Service Laws.	
Badminton	BAD 12 (Formerly BAD 11)	Team Championships BAD 11 Shuttlecocks An appropriate number of new, tournament quality feather shuttlecocks of the correct speed must be supplied by the home team for use in all matches.	Team Championships BAD 12 Shuttlecocks BAD 12.1 Premier Tier, Tier 1, National Championship, and National Trophy matches An appropriate number of new, tournament quality feather shuttlecocks of the correct speed must be supplied by the first named (home) team for use in all matches. BAD 12.2 All other league and knockout competition matches An appropriate number of new, feather or hybrid shuttlecocks of the correct speed must be supplied by the first named (home) team for use in all matches.	Over the past few seasons, BUCS has received a growing number of requests to review the requirements for shuttlecocks due to the cost implications for teams. Having reviewed several proposals from BUCS's Members with BUCS's Badminton Advisory Group, BUCS will now be allowing the use of hybrid (a mix of feathers and synthetic materials) shuttlecocks for matches below the level of Tier 1/National Trophy, as well as removing the need for shuttlecocks at these levels to be "tournament quality" to help teams reduce costs, whilst ensuring that all shuttlecocks used are of an appropriate standard for competition.
Baseball	BSB 2	BSB 2 Equipment Helmets are required for all batters, base runners and coaches. To ensure quality of competition, all matches should be played with equipment that adheres to the guidelines for bats, balls, and other mandatory equipment in the BBF	BSB 2 Equipment All matches shall be played with equipment that adheres to the requirements outlined in the relevant edition of the MLB (Major League Baseball) Official Baseball Rules as defined and amended by the British Baseball Federation	When BSB 2 was updated ahead of the 2025-26 season, to reference the BBF Senior Handbook, an unintended consequence was the removal of BBCOR certified bats from permitted use. Given the significant financial burden that exclusive use of wooden bats would place on teams, this exemption

		Senior Handbook current as of 1 September of the BUCS season. Footwear must have studs or soles capable of traction in usual playing conditions, protective equipment must not be damaged and must be adequate for the task, and protection is mandatory for catchers.	(BBF) in the BBF Senior Handbook current as of 1 September of the BUCS season with the following additions/variations: - As well as a catcher's protective helmet and face mask, all catchers shall wear a chest protector, leg guards and groin/pelvic protection, while receiving a pitch. - BBCOR certified bats are permitted to be used. - Footwear must have studs or soles capable of traction in usual playing conditions. - Protective equipment must not be damaged and must be adequate for the task.	reinstates BBCOR certified bats in line with previous BUCS practice. Elements already covered by the BBF Senior Handbook and/or the MLB Official Baseball Rules have been removed and clarity provided on what "protection" is mandatory for catchers.
Baseball	BSB 7.3	BSB 7 League specific regulations BSB 7.3 Matches shall be played over seven innings or three hours, whichever comes first. No new inning should start after two hours 45 minutes. The last inning is not run limited and therefore needs to be called to fit in with the time limit. BSB 7.3.1 It may be possible for a match to be tied after the last, open inning. If this is the case and if the match cannot continue to the point of conclusion due to field booking availability, both teams will receive one league point. For the avoidance of doubt, any extra innings will start with a runner on 2nd base as per the relevant edition of the MLB (Major League Baseball) Official Baseball Rules as defined and amended by British Baseball Federation (BBF) in the BBF Senior Handbook current as of 1 September of the BUCS season.	BSB 7 League specific regulations BSB 7.3 Matches shall be played over nine innings or three hours, whichever comes first. No new inning should start after two hours 45 minutes. The last inning is not run limited and therefore needs to be called to fit in with the time limit. BSB 7.3.1 It may be possible for a match to be tied after the last, open inning. If this is the case and if the match cannot continue to the point of conclusion due to field booking availability, both teams will receive one league point. Any extra innings will start with runners on first and second base as per the relevant edition of the MLB (Major League Baseball) Official Baseball Rules as defined and amended by British Baseball Federation (BBF) in the BBF Senior Handbook current as of 1 September of the BUCS season.	There have been discussions around scheduling more matches to help teams develop more pitchers, but logistical challenges with this means that extending the length (in terms of innings, not time) of a single match is a more appropriate compromise. Wording of BSB 7.3.1 changed to remove the contradiction whereby the BSB 7.3.1 stated what would be in the MLB OBR – a runner starting on just second base – but then stated that this was as per the MLB OBR as defined and amended by the BBF Handbook, which states that there should be runners starting on first and second bases. This also ensures that BUCS's competition aligns with other domestic competitions in this regard.
Baseball	BSB 7.7 (NEW)	N/A	BSB 7.7 Mercy rule A match shall be concluded if one team leads by 15 or more runs after five innings, or by 10 or more runs after seven innings.	Introducing a mercy rule reflects standard practice across youth and adult baseball. When a team falls significantly behind, the likelihood of recovering is minimal, and continuing serves little competitive purpose. In BUCS competition, runs also function as a tiebreaker in standings, meaning that continued

				play in a lopsided game could unfairly inflate run differentials and distort league standings. Concluding a match early under these circumstances - as is already done in various BBF levels in adult and youth - protects players from unnecessary physical exertion and risk of injury, preserves pitching limits and upholds the integrity of the competition for all teams involved.
Baseball	BSB 7.8 (NEW)	N/A	BSB 7.8 Pitching restrictions - A pitcher is not allowed to pitch in more than one match per day. - The pitch-count limit of the MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines for Ages 19-22 (https://www.mlb.com/pitch-smart/pitching-guidelines/ages-19-22) shall apply to all players, regardless of age, meaning a pitcher is limited to a maximum of 120 pitches within a single day. In the event that a pitcher reaches this limit during an active at-bat, they must be withdrawn from pitching immediately and are not permitted to complete the at-bat. - The required rest periods of the MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines for Ages 19-22 shall apply to all players, regardless of age.	Pitching limits exist within baseball to protect younger players from overuse and injury. However, in a Higher Education (HE) setting, most players fall within the 19-22 age bracket, meaning the limits designed to protect them are already the most relevant. In general adult baseball, these players are the exception; in BUCS, they are the norm. Applying limits universally removes any competitive advantage that a team with older players might otherwise gain through higher pitch-count thresholds, ensuring a level playing field across all programmes. It also encourages teams to develop pitching depth across their roster, rather than relying heavily on one or two individuals, which is both better for player development and better for the long-term health of the sport at HE level.
Baseball	BSB 7.11 (Formerly BSB 7.9)	BSB 7.9 Calculating final league positions Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: BSB 7.9.1 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then BSB 7.9.2 or BSB 7.9.3 shall be followed as applicable. BSB 7.9.2 Tie between two teams BSB 7.9.2.1 Where two teams are tied on	BSB 7.11 Calculating final league positions BSB 7.11.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in BSB 7.11.2-BSB 7.11.10. BSB 7.11.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and

	league points, the result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two (or more) matches will determine the higher placed team. If this does not determine the higher placed team; BSB 7.9.2.2 Runs data shall be used as per BSB 7.9.2.3 – BSB 7.9.2.4. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated runs data shall be used. BSB 7.9.2.3 The team with the higher runs difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; BSB 7.9.2.4 The team with the higher number of runs scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. BSB 7.9.2.5 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. BSB 7.9.3 Tie between three or more teams BSB 7.9.3.1 Where three or more teams are tied on league points, a 'mini league' table shall be formed to calculate the higher placed team from the results between the relevant teams using the following sequential system: BSB 7.9.3.2 League points accumulated. If a tie still exists; BSB 7.9.3.3 The team with the higher runs	apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. BSB 7.11.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. BSB 7.11.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better). BSB 7.11.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). BSB 7.11.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Runs difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). BSB 7.11.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Runs for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). BSB 7.11.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Runs difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). BSB 7.11.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Runs for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). BSB 7.11.10 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be	potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step (BSB 7.11.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.
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		difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; BSB 7.9.3.4 The team with the higher number of runs scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. BSB 7.9.3.5 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.	determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	
Baseball	BSB 8	BSB 8 National Championship knockout competition specific regulations BSB 8.1 BaseballSoftballUK (BSUK) shall organise the National Championship knockout competition on behalf of BUCS. BSB 8.2 BUCS/BSUK shall communicate any competition specific requirements, rules and regulations to teams which qualify for the National Championship on an annual basis. BSB 8.3 Disputes at events In line with REG 7.7, should a dispute occur at an event, the event appeal panel for Baseball shall comprise of the Tournament Director and/or a BUCS Staff Member.	BSB 8 National Championship and National Trophy knockout competition specific regulations BSB 8.1 BaseballSoftballUK (BSUK) shall organise the National Championship and National Trophy knockout competitions on behalf of BUCS. BSB 8.2 BUCS/BSUK shall communicate any competition specific requirements, rules and regulations to teams which qualify for the National Championship and National Trophy knockout competitions on an annual basis. BSB 8.3 Disputes at events In line with REG 7.7, should a dispute occur at an event, the event appeal panel for Baseball shall comprise of the Tournament Director and/or a BUCS Staff Member.	Updated to reflect the introduction of a National Trophy for the 2026-27 season.
Basketball	Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements)	Appendix 5 extracts: Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 2 (1x Crew Chief and 1 x Umpire); Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Level 3 (England and Wales)/Level 2 (Scotland) and 1 x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 1 (Scotland); Neutral = 1 Yes. National Trophy Referees: Number required = 2 (1x Crew Chief and 1 x Umpire); Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Level 3 (England and Wales)/Level 2 (Scotland) and 1	Appendix 5 extracts: Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 2 (1x Crew Chief and 1 x Umpire); Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 2 (Scotland) and 1 x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 1 (Scotland); Neutral = 1 Yes. National Trophy Referees: Number required = 2 (1x Crew Chief and 1 x Umpire); Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 2	Feedback was received from Members identifying that it is very hard to source Level 3 referees in England, with a lot of institutions at Tier 1/National Trophy level already agreeing in writing to use two Level 2 referees. This change will make it easier for appointments to be made and is supported by BUCS's Basketball Advisory Group, noting the challenges Members are facing and with no major concerns as to the impact on the quality or safety of matches at this level. This change will also mean that with Level 3 referees only being required at Premier Tier/National

		x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 1 (Scotland); Neutral = 1 Yes.	(Scotland) and 1 x Level 2 (England and Wales)/Level 1 (Scotland); Neutral = 1 Yes.	Championship level, it should be easier for appointments to be made at this level, with Level 3 referees not being required for so many fixtures.
Basketball	BAS 2	BAS 2 Affiliations BAS 2.1 Club Affiliation All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate to their respective National Governing Body (NGB) as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to affiliate to the relevant NGB by the deadlines stated in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. BAS 2.2 Licensing of Coaches and Players BAS 2.2.1 All players and coaches must hold a valid licence issued via the relevant NGB as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. BAS 2.2.2 Before each match, teams must present to the Match Officials the licences of all players and coaches who are to participate in the match. For Premier Tier/National Championship matches, in the event of a valid licence not being produced for a player or coach, that person shall not be permitted to participate in the match in question. For all other matches, players and coaches unable to present a valid licence at a fixture should be noted on the scoresheet but are able to participate, however, any institution/Playing Entity found to have fielded any player(s) and/or coach(es) without the appropriate licensing in place will face sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.	BAS 2 Affiliations BAS 2.1 Club Affiliation All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate to their respective National Governing Body (NGB) as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to affiliate to the relevant NGB by the deadlines stated in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. BAS 2.2 Licensing of Coaches and Players BAS 2.2.1 All players and coaches must hold a valid licence issued by the relevant NGB as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. BAS 2.2.2 Before each match, teams must present to the Match Officials the licences of all players and coaches who are to participate in the match. For Premier Tier/National Championship matches, in the event of a valid licence not being produced for a player or coach, that person shall not be permitted to participate in the match in question. For all other matches, players and coaches unable to present a valid licence at a fixture should be noted on the scoresheet but are able to participate, however, any institution/Playing Entity found to have fielded any player(s) and/or coach(es) without the appropriate licensing in place will face sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Note to BAS 2.2.2: Basketball England no	Note to BAS 2.2.2 added to clarify that Basketball England's digital membership cards serve as licence cards to meet the requirements of BAS 2.2.2.

			longer issues printed licence cards and now uses digital membership cards. To meet the requirement of BAS 2.2.2 to present a valid licence, an individual must be able to present an active membership card on the HoopsHQ app. This should be shown at the match on the HoopsHQ app, but a screenshot can be accepted. Players and coaches with digital membership cards will not have a licence number to be recorded on the scoresheet.	
Basketball	BAS 8.3	BAS 8 Match Officials BAS 8.3 Before each match, all Match Officials must present their licence card if requested by the teams involved.	BAS 8 Match Officials BAS 8.3 Before each match, all Match Officials must present their licence card if requested by the teams involved. <i>Note to BAS 8.3: Basketball England no longer issues printed licence cards and now uses digital membership cards. To meet the requirement of BAS 8.3 to present a valid licence, an individual must be able to present an active membership card on the HoopsHQ app. This should be shown at the match on the HoopsHQ app, but a screenshot can be accepted. Match Officials with digital membership cards will not have a licence number to be recorded on the scoresheet.</i>	Note to BAS 8.3 added to clarify that Basketball England's digital membership cards serve as licence cards to meet the requirements of BAS 8.3.
Basketball	BAS 10	BAS 10 Scoresheets All BUCS fixtures should be fully recorded on an official scoresheet. BAS 10.1 It is the responsibility of the home team to keep a copy of the match scoresheet until the end of the season. In the case of a match appeal or dispute regarding a result, the home team must be able to produce the official scoresheet (white copy only) to BUCS when requested.	BAS 10 Scoresheets BAS 10.1 All fixtures must be fully recorded on an official paper scoresheet which shall be provided by the first named (home) team. Running scoresheets are preferred, but traditional scoresheets will be accepted. Failure to use an official paper scoresheet will result in the forfeiture of a match by the first named (home) team where this is proven. BAS 10.2 It is the responsibility of the first named (home) team for each fixture to keep a copy of the scoresheet until the end of the	With other competitions across the UK moving towards using e-scoring, this regulation is being updated to clarify that paper scoresheets shall still be used for BUCS fixtures as BUCS is not in a position to mandate e-scoring yet. A sanction is also being put in place for if an official paper scoresheet is not used (in line with what is in place for BUCS volleyball fixtures), given how critical use of one is to the proper management of a fixture.

			season. In the case of a match appeal or dispute regarding a result, the first named home team must be able to produce the scoresheet (white copy only) to BUCS when requested.	
Basketball	BAS 12 (NEW)	N/A	BAS 12 Discipline BAS 12.1 Disciplinary matters related to misconduct by Players, Coaches or Bench Personnel ("Participants"), occurring during or immediately prior to, or following a Match will be handled by Basketball England on behalf of the Home Country Associations of Basketball England, Basketball Wales and Basketball Scotland in accordance with these regulations. The Disciplinary Panel shall comprise one representative from each Home Country Association. BAS 12.2 In the event of a Participant committing a disqualifying foul during a Match, the case will automatically be considered by the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with the following process: BAS 12.2.1 Each referee is required to submit a written report on the matter to Basketball England no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday following the match, or within 48 hours of the match, whichever comes first. Reports should be submitted here. BAS 12.2.2 Following receipt of the referees' reports, a disciplinary notification and a copy of the referee(s)'s reports will be sent to the Institution Administrator(s) of the Participant's team. BAS 12.2.3 The Participant and/or their club have the option to submit written reports for the Disciplinary Panel to consider in determining the outcome. Each of these reports shall be prepared by its	BAS 12 introduced to provide clarity regarding what is already taking place with regards to discipline, but which is not currently outlined in the regulations.

			author making clear as to evidence seen directly by the author. These must be submitted by the timeline stated in the disciplinary notification. BAS 12.2.4 Where a Participant has been disqualified and video of the incident is available, the footage must be submitted within 48 hours if requested by the Disciplinary Panel. BAS 12.3 If a Participant is guilty of misconduct not involving disqualification, which any of the Match Officials consider to be of sufficient gravity to warrant consideration by the Disciplinary Panel, a report should be submitted to Basketball England. Where a report is submitted in respect of misconduct involving a disqualification, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with the process of BAS 12.2. BAS 12.4 The Disciplinary Panel shall determine the level of sanction based on reviewing the referees' reports and any additional reports or evidence made available to them. BAS 12.5 Suspensions will be issued in accordance with the below: • General Improper Conduct (including leaving the team bench area during a fight situation) / Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language) / Violent Conduct 1 (Physical retaliation) = 1 game • Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language) = 2 games • Violent Conduct 2 (Pre-meditated physical violence) / Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous & aggressive abuse) = Minimum 2 games • Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent	
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			behaviour/physical violence) = Minimum 3 games BAS 12.5.1 Where a Participant receives a second or subsequent disqualification during the same season, they shall receive an additional suspension in accordance with the suspension framework set out below. • Second Disqualifying Foul in Season = 1 game suspension plus Incident suspension • Third and Any Subsequent Disqualifying Foul in Season = 2 game suspension plus Incident suspension BAS 12.6 Disciplinary action as a result of a decision of the Disciplinary Panel will normally come into effect on the fourteenth day after the incident. Any suspensions will be communicated to the Institution Administrator(s) of the Participant's team. In all cases should an appeal be lodged against a decision of the Disciplinary Panel; any disciplinary action will only be set aside if an application to do so is submitted and approved in accordance with the Basketball England Appeals Policy. BAS 12.7 Any suspension must be served during matches of the team for which the suspension was issued. BAS 12.8 On the day a suspension is served, the Participant is suspended from all BUCS basketball fixtures. For example, if a suspension is issued in connection with a 1st team match, the Participant may not play in a 2nd team match on the same day. BAS 12.9 Suspensions which cannot be served in their entirety before the end of a season will be carried forward to the following season. BAS 12.10 Any club or Participant may appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with the Basketball	
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			England Appeals Policy by submitting an appeal to Basketball England. The appeal will be heard by an independent panel. BAS 12.11 A Participant under suspension for a Match may not participate in the Match, or act as a Participant from 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match, until after the end of the Match. They may be present in the Venue as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Panel. A suspension shall only apply to BUCS competitions unless otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Panel. BAS 12.12 Failure to observe a suspension or breaching any condition applied as part of a suspension shall constitute a breach of suspension. Any breach of suspension will result in the case being referred to the Disciplinary Panel and further disciplinary action will be taken. BAS 12.13 The Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to amend the awarding of suspensions if they are of the opinion that a miscarriage of justice has taken place.	
Cricket (Indoor)	ICR i-ICR iv	ICR i The BUCS Indoor Cricket Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, 3rd Edition – 2022). ICR ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. ICR iii In the event that these regulations contradict the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, 3rd Edition – 2022), these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless	ICR i The BUCS Indoor Cricket Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, 4th Edition – 2026). ICR ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. ICR iii In the event that these regulations contradict the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, 4th Edition – 2026), these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless	Updated to reflect the fact that BUCS has adopted the latest edition of the MCC Laws of Cricket.

		specifically stated otherwise. ICR iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Indoor Cricket Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.	specifically stated otherwise. ICR iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Indoor Cricket Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.	
Cricket (Indoor)	ICR 13.2.2 and ICR 14 (Formerly ICR 13.3.2)	ICR 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers) ICR 13.2 Leagues and mini-leagues of knockout stages ICR 13.3.2 Calculating final league positions Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system, involving the use of Net Run Rate (NRR): ICR 13.3.2.1 A team tied on points in a league who has voluntarily conceded walkovers shall automatically be placed below other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. ICR 13.3.2.2 If the tie on points has been effected any walkovers conceded to the teams involved in the tie, or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated NRR shall be used to determine the higher placed team. ICR 13.3.2.3 Where Net Run Rate is used, the higher placed team is the side with the higher or highest NRR as determined by the following formula: $\frac{\text{Total runs scored divided by Total overs faced}}{\text{MINUS Total runs conceded divided by Total overs bowled}}$	ICR 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers) ICR 13.2 Leagues and mini-leagues of knockout stages ICR 13.2.2 Calculating final league positions ICR 13.2.2.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in ICR 13.2.2.2-ICR 13.2.2.8. ICR 13.2.2.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. ICR 13.2.2.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be	Wording of ICR 13.2.2 (formerly ICR 13.3.2) generally updated to more closely align with new REG 8.3.7 wording. Additional tiebreaker steps added to provide more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data. A separate Net Run Rate (NRR) regulation has been created to align with BUCS's "outdoor" cricket regulations.

		An exception to this is that where a team is all out in less than its allotted number of overs (either the original number or revised number) it shall be deemed to have received its full allocation rather than the number it actually received. Where fractions of overs are involved, each legitimate ball bowled shall count as one sixth of an over.	included in the calculation. ICR 13.2.2.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better). ICR 13.2.2.5 The teams will be ranked based on Net Run Rate (NRR) (calculated as per ICR 14) from fixtures across the league (the higher the better). ICR 13.2.2.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). ICR 13.2.2.7 The teams will be ranked based on Net Run Rate (NRR) (calculated as per ICR 14) from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). ICR 13.2.2.8 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots. ICR 14 Net Run Rate (NRR) ICR 14.1 A team's Net Run Rate (NRR) is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team, the average runs per over scored against that team. In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of the net run rate of both teams shall be based on the full quota of overs to which the batting team would have been entitled and not the number of overs in which the team was dismissed. Where fractions of overs are involved, each legitimate ball bowled shall count as one sixth of an over. ICR 14.2 Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of NRR calculations.	
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Football	FOO 5/Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements)	FOO 5 Match officials Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). FOO 5.1 Assistant referees shall report to the referee prior to commencement of the match and will be provided with standard flags by the home team. Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales); Neutral = Yes. Premier Tier Assistant Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Level 6 (England & Scotland)/Level 3B (Wales); Neutral = No. Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 6 (England & Scotland)/Level 3B (Wales); Neutral = Yes. Tier 2 Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = No. Tier 3 and below Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = No. National Championship Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales); Neutral = Yes. National Championship Assistant Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Level 6 (England & Scotland)/Level 3B (Wales); Neutral = Yes. National Trophy Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales);	FOO 5 Match officials Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). FOO 5.1 Assistant referees shall report to the referee prior to commencement of the match and will be provided with standard flags by the home team. Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales); Neutral = No. Premier Tier Assistant Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = No. Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 6 (England & Scotland)/Level 3B (Wales); Neutral = Yes (Level 5/Level 3A or higher considered neutral). Tier 2 and below Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = No. National Championship/Trophy Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales); Neutral = No. National Championship/Trophy Assistant Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = Yes (Level 5/Level 3A or higher considered neutral). Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales) [Level 6/Level	Where neutral referees or assistant referees are required, those qualified to Level 5 (England & Scotland)/Level 3A (Wales) or higher to be considered neutral, in line with similar provisions in requirements for BUCS's hockey and volleyball programmes. This will enable these highly qualified, experienced, assessed and monitored officials, many of whom are committed to refereeing as a potential career pathway, to cover more BUCS fixtures, increasing the pool of appropriate officials and supporting the development of student officials. Level of qualification for Assistant Referees required at Premier Tier, National Championship and National Trophy level lowered based on feedback that institutions have found it challenging to find higher qualified officials willing to act as Assistant Referees. This change, along with the neutrality change, should make it easier for institutions to source the necessary officials. Levels merged where requirements are the same to reduce the amount of text and make easier to read.
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		Neutral = Yes. National Trophy Assistant Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Level 6 (England & Scotland)/Level 3B (Wales); Neutral = Yes. Conference Cup Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales) [Level 6/Level 3B for Final]; Neutral = Semi-Final onwards only. Conference Cup Assistant Referees: Number required = 2*; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = Yes. Conference Trophy/Shield Referees: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales) [Level 6/Level 3B for Final]; Neutral = Semi-Final onwards only. Conference Trophy/Shield Assistant Referees: Number required = 2*; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = Yes. *Required for Final.	3B for Final]; Neutral = Semi-Final onwards only (Level 5/Level 3A or higher considered neutral). Conference Cup /Trophy/Shield Assistant Referees: Number required = 2*; Minimum level of qualification = Level 7 (England & Scotland)/Level 4A (Wales); Neutral = Yes (Level 5/Level 3A or higher considered neutral). *Required for Final.	
Football	FOO 6.4 (NEW)	N/A	FOO 6.4. Warm up space and time For Premier Tier/National Championship matches, the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall book at least 30 minutes of pitch time before the scheduled kick-off time, to provide the opportunity for both teams to warm up on the pitch, subject to the teams being present before the scheduled kick-off time.	This new regulation aims to more standardise and improve the quality of the playing experience at Premier Tier/National Championship level. Suitable time and space for warm up is important for player welfare and injury prevention. This is an update to a proposal shared in June 2025, taking into account feedback from Members and Competitions Group. It has been updated to clarify that this time needs to be booked, but may not necessarily be provided, for example if a team arrives late.
Golf	GOL 3.4.7 (NEW)	N/A	GOL 3 BUCS Team Championships (Match Play) / (League and Knockout	To remove the situation of individuals not being able to play in both Premier Tier league fixtures and

			competitions) GOL 3.4 League match specific regulations GOL 3.4.7 Clashes between Premier Tier league matches and BUCS Golf Tour events If a Premier Tier league match has a clash of dates with a BUCS Golf Tour event, whether on its originally scheduled date by BUCS, or on a rescheduled date as agreed by the institutions/Playing Entities, and any players are entered in the BUCS Golf Tour event, the institution/Playing Entity concerned shall be able to postpone such a match. The institution/Playing Entity concerned shall be responsible for informing the opposition institution/Playing Entity of the requirement to postpone no later than 21 working days prior to the scheduled match date. Upon notification of the postponement, institutions/Playing Entities must follow REG 14.3 to rearrange the match. A clash of dates shall include when a league match is scheduled to take place on one of the competition days of a BUCS Golf Tour event and the day preceding a BUCS Golf Tour event.	BUCS Golf Tour events. BUCS's Golf Advisory Group is keen to see Premier Tier team players be able to compete in both their league matches and BUCS Tour events. Previously, if there were a clash of dates, a team would have to rely on their opposition to agree to reschedule a fixture, this change removes the need for the opposition to have to agree to a rescheduling.
Hockey	Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements)	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier (North/South) Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England & Wales), LEVEL 1/C BADGE (Scotland); Neutral = YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL). National Trophy Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England & Wales), LEVEL 1/C BADGE (Scotland); Neutral = YES (LEVEL	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier (North/South) Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England & Wales), LEVEL 1/C BADGE (Scotland); Neutral = YES (LEVEL 2 (England & Wales)/B1 ASSESSED (Scotland) OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL). National Trophy Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England & Wales), LEVEL 1/C	The level of qualification required to be held in Scotland in order for an umpire to be considered neutral for Premier Tier (North/South) and National Trophy matches is being lowered to recognise the differences in umpiring pathways and opportunities in England, Scotland and Wales. To progress from Level 1 to B Badge in Scotland an individual is required to pass two assessments, the first resulting in them being classed as "B1" and the second "B2"/B Badge. The requirements for "B1" and "B2" assessments are very similar, with the main difference being that a "B2" assessment is usually

		2/D BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL).	BADGE (Scotland); Neutral = YES (LEVEL 2 (England & Wales)/B1 ASSESSED (Scotland) OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL).	done on a higher-level match. Umpires who hold a B1 are typically umpiring Scottish Hockey National League or Premiership matches as they work towards B2, making this comparable to the Level 2 in England and Wales. Classing B1 assessed umpires as neutral will increase the pool of appropriate umpires able to officiate these fixtures and it is anticipated should increase the standard of officiating for these matches if B1 assessed umpires (not considered neutral under REG 10.5.1) are used instead of Level 1 umpires who are considered neutral under REG 10.5.1. This will also support the development of student umpires in Scotland working towards doing their B2 assessment, as the umpire development/pathway opportunities in Scotland are limited.
Hockey	HOC 5.2	HOC 5.2 Senior International players and Great Britain Elite Development Programme Squad Players On league weeks when Senior International/GB EDP players who an institution would internally consider a "1st Team player" are not released for BUCS selection due to their international commitments (training or competition), as confirmed to BUCS by the Senior International/GB EDP Head Coaches, players who an institution would not internally consider a "1st Team player" are able to "move up" to the 1st Team to cover the absence without it counting towards their 'normality' tally (as described in REG 11.1.2.2) under the following conditions: HOC 5.2.1 The names of the "1st Team player(s)" unavailable due to Senior International/GB EDP commitments (training or competition) and the name(s) of the players 'playing up' as cover must be submitted via email to	HOC 5.2 Senior/U21 International players and Great Britain Elite Development Programme (GB EDP) players On league weeks when Senior/U21 International or GB EDP players who an institution/Playing Entity would internally consider a "1st Team player" are not released for BUCS selection due to their international commitments (training or competition), players who an institution/Playing Entity would not internally consider a "1st Team player" are able to "move up" to the 1st Team to cover the absence without it counting towards their 'normality' tally (as described in REG 11.1.2.2) under the following conditions: HOC 5.2.1 The names of the "1st Team player(s)" unavailable due to international commitments (training or competition), evidence of their selection, and the name(s) of the players 'playing up' as cover must be submitted via email to	HOC 5.2 and HOC 5.2.1 amended to cover U21 internationals across all nations as well as senior internationals across all nations and GB EDP players, with institutions/Playing Entities also now required to provide evidence of an individual's selection in alignment with the equivalent Men's BUCS Super Rugby regulation (RUU 2.4.1). HOC 5.2.2 and HOC 5.2.3 added to provide clarity and in alignment with the equivalent Men's BUCS Super Rugby regulation (RUU 2.4.1).

		discipline@bucs.org.uk prior to the start of the relevant fixture to be eligible for normality exemption.	discipline@bucs.org.uk prior to the start of the relevant fixture to be eligible for normality exemption. HOC 5.2.2 Failure to meet the requirements of HOC 5.2.1 in advance will mean that the fixture will count towards 'normality' for the player(s) 'playing up'. HOC 5.2.3 This is in addition to, and does not supersede any other elements of, REG 11.1.	
Hockey	HOC 8	HOC 8 Duration of play HOC 8.1 Premier Tier leagues (National/North/South) and National Championship and National Vase knockout competitions All matches shall consist of four quarters of 17.5 minutes, an interval of two minutes between quarter one and two and between quarter three and quarter four, and a half-time interval of no more than ten minutes between quarter two and three. Teams shall change ends at half-time. HOC 8.2 All other leagues and knockout competitions A match shall consist of two periods of 35 minutes and a half-time interval of no more than 10 minutes. Teams shall change ends at half-time.	HOC 8 Duration of play HOC 8.1 Premier Tier leagues (National/North/South) and National Championship and National Vase knockout competitions All matches shall consist of four quarters of 17.5 minutes, an interval of two minutes between quarter one and two and between quarter three and quarter four, and a half-time interval of no more than ten minutes between quarter two and three. Teams shall change ends at half-time. HOC 8.2 All other leagues and knockout competitions A match shall consist of two periods of 35 minutes and a half-time interval of no more than 10 minutes. Teams shall change ends at half-time. HOC 8.2.1 If agreed in writing by both institutions/Playing Entities, a match can consist of four quarters of 17.5 minutes, an interval of two minutes between quarter one and two and between quarter three and quarter four, and a half-time interval of no more than ten minutes between quarter two and three. Teams shall change ends at half-time.	BUCS is aware that for some fixtures which are currently required to be played in accordance with HOC 3.2, teams are agreeing to play quarters instead of halves. The BUCS Executive and BUCS's Hockey Advisory Group feel that to move any of the competitions currently covered under HOC 8.2 to be covered by HOC 8.1 would have the potential to place institutions/Playing Entities under facility pressure due to increase time required, and so is not desirable, but allowing teams in such competitions to agree to play quarters provides a flexibility which is in line with some NGB competitions, such as for Premier Division matches in England Hockey's Area Leagues.
Hockey	HOC 13.5	HOC 13 Additional Premier Tier/National Championship/National Vase specific requirements	HOC 13 Additional Premier Tier/National Championship/National Vase specific requirements	Updated to reflect changes to how the NPUA/Scottish Hockey will get initial fixture details and how changes should be communicated to them.

		HOC 13.5 Additional Fixture Administration In addition to fulfilling REG 9.3.6/REG 9.3.6.4, for all National League matches, National Championship matches and National Vase matches (except finals), the first named (home) team shall update the England Hockey officiating Management System with all match details, to assist the National Programme Umpiring Association (NPUA) with officials' appointments. Failure to do so shall result in a £50.00 fine. HOC 13.5.1 In addition to REG 9.3.6.1 through REG 9.3.6.4, any change(s) to the start time or venue at any stage once initial time and venue are confirmed should be updated on the England Hockey officiating Management System and confirmed in writing with the nominated NPUA representative by the first named (home) team, a minimum of 48 hours before the originally scheduled time of the fixture. Failure to do so shall result in a £100.00 fine, and the possibility umpires will not be appointed by the NPUA. Additionally, in cases where the fixture date is changed, as soon as this has been agreed (as per REG 9.2.1/REG 9.2.2) the fixture details on the nominated umpiring software should be updated accordingly.	HOC 13.5 Fixture Administration HOC 13.5.1 Where a first named (home) institution/Playing Entity fails to input a start time and/or venue on BUCS Play in accordance with REG 9.3.6/REG 9.3.10.1 they shall incur a £50 fine. Failure to do so shall also result in the possibility that umpires will not be appointed by the NPUA/Scottish Hockey. HOC 13.5.2 Should a fixture have a change of start time or venue from that initially listed on BUCS Play, the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must communicate this to bucsappointments@npua.co.uk (for fixtures taking place in England or Wales) or officialsconvenor@scottish-hockey.org.uk (for fixtures taking place in Scotland) a minimum of 48 hours before the previously scheduled start time of the fixture. Failure to do so shall result in a £100 fine, and the possibility that umpires will not be appointed by the NPUA/Scottish Hockey. Additionally, in cases where the fixture date is changed, as soon as this has been agreed (as per REG 9.2.1/REG 9.2.2) the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must communicate this to bucsappointments@npua.co.uk (for fixtures taking place in England or Wales) or officialsconvenor@scottish-hockey.org.uk (for fixtures taking place in Scotland). HOC 13.5.3 Should any match be cancelled or postponed, the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must communicate this to bucsappointments@npua.co.uk (for fixtures taking place in England or Wales) or officialsconvenor@scottish-hockey.org.uk	
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			(for fixtures taking place in Scotland) and any appointed umpires.	
Lacrosse	LAC 12	LAC 12 Additional Women's Lacrosse specific requirements LAC 12.1 It is recommended that all players should wear protective and appropriate eye goggles.	LAC 12 Additional Women's Lacrosse specific requirements LAC 12.1 Protective eyewear All field players are required to wear protective eyewear that: • Is designed for use in lacrosse • Meets one of the following recognised lacrosse protective eyewear performance standards: ◦ ASTM F3077 ◦ UKCA Certified • Fits securely and comfortably • Does not obstruct vision • Is maintained and used in line with the manufacturer's instructions LAC 12.2 Protective soft-shell headgear Field players are permitted to wear soft-shell protective headgear which meets the applicable ASTM standards or comparable standards in the country of product origin. If soft-shell protective headgear is worn, the player must also wear protective eyewear that meets the requirements detailed in LAC 12.1. If protective eyewear is integrated into the protective soft-shell headgear, both the headgear and the eyewear must meet their respective standards. LAC 12.3 Squad size The maximum squad size for a match shall be 22 players.	LAC 12.1 updated so that protective eyewear is now a requirement, rather than a recommendation, for field players, in line with new safety rules of England Lacrosse's, which BUCS has chosen to adopt for fixtures taking place anywhere in the UK. Please see here for more information. LAC 12.2 added to permit field players to wear compliant soft-shell protective head gear, which England Lacrosse also now permits. LAC 12.3 added for clarity, as the World Lacrosse rules (5.A.2) currently only specify the limit for World Lacrosse events, meaning that some may have interpreted that this could be different for BUCS matches.
Lacrosse 6s	LAS 6	LAS 6 Playing kit Each team must provide two sets of matching playing shirts or bibs which are clearly numbered on the front and back. Teams must identify playing numbers on their team sheet when registering at the event. No number may be used more than once, and players cannot swap numbers	LAS 6 Personal equipment The World Lacrosse rules regarding personal equipment shall apply, with the following variations: • Equipment (Women's): ◦ All field players are required to wear protective eyewear that: • Is designed for use in lacrosse	Updated to include new protective eyewear requirements for field players, which are a new safety rule of England Lacrosse's. BUCS's Lacrosse 6s Championships are delivered solely in England, and by England Lacrosse, and for England Lacrosse's insurance to apply, must comply with England Lacrosse's safety rules. Also updated to permit field players to wear compliant soft-shell protective head

		during the tournament. If there is a clash of colours the first named team will change kit.	§ Meets one of the following recognised lacrosse protective eyewear performance standards: • ASTM F3077 • UKCA Certified § Fits securely and comfortably § Does not obstruct vision § Is maintained and used in line with the manufacturer's instructions o Field players are permitted to wear soft-shell protective headgear which meets the applicable ASTM standards or comparable standards in the country of product origin. If soft-shell protective headgear is worn, the player must also wear protective eyewear that meets the requirements detailed in these regulations. If protective eyewear is integrated into the protective soft-shell headgear, both the headgear and the eyewear must meet their respective standards. • Uniform: Each team must provide two sets of matching playing jerseys or pinnies. If there is a clash of colours the first named team will change kit. • Jersey/pinnie numbers: Jerseys/pinnies must be clearly numbered on the front and back. Teams must identify playing numbers on their team sheet when registering at the event. No number may be used more than once, and players cannot swap numbers during the tournament.	gear, which England Lacrosse also now permits. These changes are about improving player safety.
Netball	Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements)	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = B Award (Recommended A Award); Neutral = Yes. Tier 1 Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = C Award	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier (North/South) 1 Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = B Award. Note: This is under review to be increased to A Award*** for 2027-28, so it is recommended that where possible A Award Umpires are used in	Moving towards requiring the use of A Award umpires for BUCS Premier Tier (North/South) 1 and National Championship fixtures is a strategic step towards strengthening the overall quality, credibility, and safety of these levels of competition and the sport. Elite umpires are central to maintaining consistent, fair, and high-performance match conditions, and their decisions directly

		(Recommended B Award); Neutral = 1 yes, other ideally. National Championship Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = B Award for a minimum of 12 months (Recommended A Award); Neutral = Yes. National Trophy Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = C Award (Recommended B Award); Neutral = 1 all rounds, 2 for final. <i>For a qualification to be considered valid, an Umpire must hold a current membership with England Netball/Netball Scotland/Netball Wales.</i>	2026-27; Neutral = Yes (A Award or higher considered neutral). Premier Tier (North/South) 2 Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = B Award; Neutral = Yes (A Award or higher considered neutral). Tier 1 Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = C Award; Neutral = 1 yes, other ideally (A Award or higher considered neutral). National Championship Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = B Award for a minimum of 12 months. Note: This is under review to be increased to A Award*** for 2027-28, so it is recommended that where possible A Award Umpires are used in 2026-27; Neutral = Yes (A Award or higher considered neutral). National Trophy Umpires: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = C Award; Neutral = 1 all rounds, 2 for final (A Award or higher considered neutral). <i>For a qualification to be considered valid, an Umpire must hold a current membership with England Netball/Netball Scotland/Netball Wales.</i> ***In exceptional cases and for umpire development, a B Award umpire who is working towards an A Award, could be one of the two umpires, if an Umpire Assessor or Mentor is present.	influence the integrity of competitions and the welfare of athletes. To become an A Award umpire, an individual is required to demonstrate advanced rule knowledge, high-pressure decision-making, and leadership on court. Moving towards requiring the use of A Award umpires reinforces the critical role umpires play in player safety, as accurate application of contact, discipline, and movement-related rules reduces injury risk and supports a controlled competitive environment. It also provides a clear, aspirational benchmark within the umpiring pathway, encouraging professional development and ensuring that elite netball continues to be supported by highly skilled, ethically driven, and safety-focused officials. England Netball's Premier League 1 and the NXT Gen League require A award umpires, and often it is the same level of player that is competing in both these and the top level of BUCS netball, so having the same level of umpires in place will make these competitions equitable for player safety and confidence in the competition standard. The contest and level of play in the final at BUCS Big Wednesday 2026 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDDgELyov1s) is evidence of the case for requiring A Award umpires at this level of BUCS competition. There was an exceptional level of talented players, including international players and Netball Super League (NSL) players in the final, and this is replicated throughout the earlier rounds and the league. To support institutions/Playing Entities with sourcing A Award umpires, England Netball has provided a list of A Award umpires who have confirmed that they are happy to be considered for BUCS fixtures and which institutions/Playing Entities can contact - this list has been shared
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				directly with the relevant institutions/Playing Entities. The BUCS Executive and BUCS's Netball Advisory Group are continuing to engage with England Netball, Netball Scotland and Wales Netball regarding what further support could be provided. Linked to the above, where neutral umpires are required, those qualified to A Award level or higher are to be considered neutral, in line with similar provisions in requirements for BUCS's hockey and volleyball programmes. This will enable these highly qualified and experienced umpires to cover more BUCS fixtures, increasing the pool of appropriate officials and supporting the development of student officials.
Netball	NET 9	NET 9 Calculating final league positions Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: NET 9.1 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then NET 9.2 or NET 9.3 shall be followed as applicable; NET 9.2 Tie between two teams NET 9.2.1 Goals data will be used as per NET 9.2.2 – NET 9.2.3. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated	NET 9 Calculating final league positions NET 9.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in NET 9.2–TEN NET 9.10. NET 9.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. NET 9.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step

	goals data shall be used. NET 9.2.2 The team with the higher goal difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; NET 9.2.3 The team with the higher number of goals scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; NET 9.2.4 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two (or more) matches will determine the higher placed team. NET 9.2.5 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. NET 9.3 Tie between three or more teams NET 9.3.1 Goals data will be used as per NET 9.3.2 – NET 9.3.3. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated goals data shall be used. NET 9.3.2 The team with the higher goal difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; NET 9.3.3 The team with the higher number of goals scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; NET 9.3.4 A mini league shall be formed to calculate the higher placed team on league points from the results between the relevant	team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. NET 9.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better). NET 9.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goal difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). NET 9.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goals for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). NET 9.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). NET 9.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goal difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). NET 9.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goals for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). NET 9.10 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	(NET 9.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.
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		teams. If a tie still exists; NET 9.3.5 The team with the higher goal difference in the mini league shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; NET 9.3.6 The team with the higher number of goals scored in the mini league shall be deemed the higher placed team. NET 9.3.7 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.		
Rugby Union	RUU 2.2.7 (NEW)	N/A	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 2.2 Fixture Administration RUU 2.2.7 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.5.1, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to determine as they see fit the start time for one Men's National league match per match week, for broadcasting purposes. When the BUCS Executive chooses to exercise this right, the chosen start time for a selected match will be communicated to the institutions/Playing Entities involved no less than six weeks before the scheduled date of the match.	A regulation proposal from the BUCS Executive following discussions with Members with teams in Men's BUCS Super Rugby and Premier North/South 1 regarding increasing commercial potential of BSR. The regulation will give BUCS the ability within the schedule to have a fixture at a consistent time each week, which would be essential for any broadcast partnership. BUCS intends to work with Members as much as possible when selecting matches and start times, to ensure the best possible situation for all involved, and to provide notification of chosen matches and start times well before the six-week deadline.
Rugby Union	RUU 2.2.8 (NEW)	N/A	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 2.2 Fixture Administration RUU 2.2.8 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.5.1, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to determine as they see fit the start time for up to two Men's National Championship	A regulation proposal from the BUCS Executive following discussions with Members with teams in Men's BUCS Super Rugby and Premier North/South 1 regarding increasing commercial potential of BSR. The regulation will give BUCS the ability within the schedule to have a fixture at a consistent time each round, which would be essential for any broadcast partnership, and to have two matches per round broadcast, either at the same time, or different times, as may be deemed appropriate.

			knockout competition matches per round, for broadcasting purposes. When the BUCS Executive chooses to exercise this right, the chosen start time for a selected match will be communicated to the institutions/Playing Entities who may be involved when the Men's National Championship knockout competition draw is published on BUCS Play.	BUCS intends to work with Members as much as possible when selecting matches and start times, to ensure the best possible situation for all involved.
Rugby Union	RUU 2.4.4	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 2.4 Team Selection RUU 2.4.4 In order to be eligible to compete in a Men's BUCS Super Rugby National Championship match a player must have either: a) been fielded (including as an unused substitute) in at least 33% of the league fixtures fulfilled that season for the team they wish to represent; b) be able to evidence that they would have been able to meet the 33% threshold of a) were it not for medical reasons and/or not being released for BUCS selection due to international commitments (Senior/A/U20s/U18s, training or competition); c) be able to evidence that they have been fielded (including as an unused substitute) in at least six league fixtures across one or more teams that season in the BUCS Men's Rugby Union Championships; or d) be a front row player, selected to play in a front row position only, and able to evidence that they are covering an injured front row	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 2.4 Team Selection RUU 2.4.4 In order to be eligible to compete in a Men's BUCS Super Rugby National Championship match a player must have either: a) been fielded (including as an unused substitute) in at least 33% of the league fixtures fulfilled that season for the team they wish to represent; b) be able to evidence that they would have been able to meet the 33% threshold of a) were it not for medical reasons and/or not being released for BUCS selection due to international commitments (Senior/A/U20s/U18s, training or competition); c) be able to evidence that they have been fielded (including as an unused substitute) in at least six league fixtures across one or more teams that season in the BUCS Men's Rugby Union Championships and/or for an eligible team in an external competition as determined in RUU 2.4.4.1; or d) be a front row player, selected to play in a front row position only, and able to	To allow students to compete in the National Championship if they have been playing for another internal team in an external competition throughout the season. This supports player experience, as players don't choose which team they're selected in, and supports the high level of MBSR with some institutions now able to select their genuine second choice squad should they need to bring players into the 1st team.

		player who would have been eligible under a) or b).	evidence that they are covering an injured front row player who would have been eligible under a) or b). RUU 2.4.4.1 An eligible team in an external competition is defined as an institution/Playing Entity's team, as determined by the relevant National Governing Body (NGB), playing at or below the following levels in the current season: RFU Level 4 (National League 2 East/North/West), WRU Level 3 (Premiership), SRU Level 3 (National League Division 1). The institution/Playing Entity must provide evidence from the relevant NGB that this team is representing the BUCS member institution.	
Rugby Union	RUU 2.7/RUU 3.6	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations/RUU 3 Men's North 1/South 1/North 2/South 2 leagues and National Vase knockout competition specific regulations RUU 2.7/RUU 3.6 Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff RUU 2.7.1/RUU 3.6.1 The home team for the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff match must host at a venue that meets the requirements outlined in the Men's BUCS Super Rugby Playoff Minimum Operating Standards. Institutions/Playing Entities are encouraged to use neutral venues, but this is not mandatory. RUU 2.7.2/RUU 3.6.2 The home team for the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff match will be determined by coin toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive, subject to it having been confirmed that they will be able to provide a venue that meets the	RUU 2 Men's BUCS Super Rugby (Men's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations/RUU 3 Men's North 1/South 1/North 2/South 2 leagues and National Vase knockout competition specific regulations RUU 2.7/RUU 3.6 Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff RUU 2.7.1/RUU 3.6.1 The home team for the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff match will be determined by coin toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive, subject to it having been confirmed that they will be able to provide a venue that meets the requirements of RUU 2.7.2/RUU 3.6.2. Confirmation will be achieved by the BUCS Executive undertaking an audit in January/February with any Premier North/South 1 teams who are in potential contention for the playoff of any venue(s) they would wish to host at. Any existing Men's BUCS Super Rugby team who might	For the 2026-27 season, it has been necessary to bring the Women's National Championship final to earlier in the season due to external scheduling clashes with the U21 Six Nations, however the scheduling of this does not work with the MBSR fixture calendar, resulting in the decision to hold the Men's and Women's National Championship finals on different dates. Because of this, in order to make the hosting of the finals financially and commercially viable, the intention is to host the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff on the same day and at the same venue as the Men's National Championship Final, which will also provide the opportunity for an enhanced experience for those teams participating in the playoff. This change will enable BUCS to host the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff match where possible but maintains the current situation where BUCS hosting is not considered a viable option by BUCS.

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Rugby Union	RUU 6.5 (NEW)	RUU 5 Men's Tier 2–Tier 4 leagues and Conference Cup/Trophy knockout competition specific regulations	RUU 6 Men's Tier 4 leagues and Conference Trophy knockout competition specific regulations	Front row requirements for Men's Tier 4 leagues and Conference Trophy knockout competitions separated from those for Men's Tier 2-3 leagues and

		RUU 5.5 Replacements, front row requirements and scrummage RUU 5.5.1 For all matches, all starting front row players AND replacements must be ticked as Front Row on the BUCS Play scorecard (or if hard copy team sheets are being used denoted by having '(FR)' written next to their names) as part of the team sheet completion and verification processes of REG 11.2. They must also be identified to the referee before that start of play. RUU 5.5.2 A maximum of seven replacements per team may be named and used. Rolling substitutions are used in these competitions, with unlimited interchanges allowed per match. The number of suitably trained and experienced front row players of the nominated squad (maximum 22 players) must conform to the following: Number of Suitably Trained and Experienced Front Row Players = Number of Players in Squad Three players who can play in the front row = 15 or less Four players who can play in the front row = 16, 17 or 18 Five players who can play in the front row = 19, (20, 21 or 22) When 19, 20, 21 or 22 players are nominated in a team there must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker is required and, on the first occasion that a replacement prop forward is required, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums. If at the second time of asking there is no suitably trained front row replacement then the World Rugby Laws will be followed, even if	RUU 6.5 Replacements, front row requirements and scrummage RUU 6.5.1 For all matches, all starting front row players AND replacements must be ticked as Front Row on the BUCS Play scorecard (or if hard copy team sheets are being used denoted by having '(FR)' written next to their names) as part of the team sheet completion and verification processes of REG 11.2. They must also be identified to the referee before that start of play. RUU 6.5.2 A maximum of seven replacements per team may be named and used. Rolling substitutions are used in these competitions, with unlimited interchanges allowed per match. The number of suitably trained and experienced front row players of the nominated squad (maximum 22 players) must conform to the following: Number of Suitably Trained and Experienced Front Row Players = Number of Players in Squad Three players who can play in the front row = 15 or less Four players who can play in the front row = 16, 17 or 18 Five players who can play in the front row = 19, (20, 21 or 22) When 19, 20, 21 or 22 players are nominated in a team there must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker is required and, on the first occasion that a replacement prop forward is required, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums. If at the second time of asking there is no suitably trained front row replacement then the World Rugby Laws will be followed,	Conference Cup knockout competitions, with amendments made to relax them in line with what is in place for Women's North/South leagues, Women's Tier 1 leagues, Women's National Vase knockout competition and Women's National Trophy knockout competition. The intention is to ensure that more matches are fulfilled at this level, but still trying to incentivise front row development and recruitment. Please note: Requirements for Men's Tier 2-3 leagues and Conference Cup knockout competitions are to remain unchanged as RUU 5.5.
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		with a 22 player squad. RUU 5.5.3 A team unable to start the match with at least three suitably trained front row players will be deemed to have conceded a walkover. If the above requirements were met pre-match but during the match a team reaches a point where a front row cannot be replaced, then the match shall continue with uncontested scrums. World Rugby Law 3.17 shall apply, regardless of squad size. RUU 5.5.4 All matches will be played using the under-19 variations of the World Rugby scrum laws. RUU 5.5.4.1 In England and Wales, teams can opt to play their matches using the standard World Rugby scrum laws. This must be agreed in writing and signed by each team's captain and the match referee. There will be no option to submit a 'Playing Under Protest' form, and the result will stand. RUU 5.5.5 Uncontested scrums An uncontested scrum is defined as the same as for normal scrummages except that: - There is no contest for the ball. - The team putting the ball in must win it. - Neither team is permitted to push. - Normal rules regarding offside and binding still apply.	even if with a 22 player squad. RUU 6.5.3 Priority must be given to the highest placed team from an institution/Playing Entity downwards. Therefore, a higher placed team may not start a match with uncontested scrums whilst any lower teams are starting matches on the same day with contested scrums. RUU 6.5.4 If a team is unable to start a match with at least three suitably trained front row players, the following shall apply: RUU 6.5.4.1 If they inform their opposition that they are unable to provide a front row at least 24 hours in advance of the advertised kick-off time then they may play with uncontested scrums, but they will be limited to a maximum squad size of 15 players, unless otherwise agreed with the opposition. RUU 6.5.4.2 Should at least 24 hours' notice not be given, the non-offending team will be entitled to claim a walkover. If the non-offending team agrees to play with uncontested scrums, then they are not entitled to claim a walkover retrospectively. In such a case, the offending team will be limited to a maximum squad size of 15 players, unless otherwise agreed with the opposition. RUU 6.5.4.3 Teams that play more than three matches with uncontested scrums will be deducted three league points. Non-offending teams should report offending teams here. RUU 6.5.5 If the above requirements were met pre-match but during the match a team reaches a point where a front row cannot be replaced, then the match shall continue with uncontested scrums. World Rugby Law 3.17 shall apply, regardless of squad size.	
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			RUU 6.5.6 All matches will be played using the under-19 variations of the World Rugby scrum laws. RUU 6.5.6.1 In England and Wales, teams can opt to play their matches using the standard World Rugby scrum laws. This must be agreed in writing and signed by each team's captain and the match referee. There will be no option to submit a 'Playing Under Protest' form, and the result will stand. RUU 6.5.7 Uncontested scrums An uncontested scrum is defined as the same as for normal scrummages except that: - There is no contest for the ball. - The team putting the ball in must win it. - Neither team is permitted to push. - Normal rules regarding offside and binding still apply.	
Rugby Union	RUU 8.2.5 (NEW)	N/A	RUU 8 Women's BUCS Super Rugby (Women's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 8.2 Fixture Administration RUU 8.2.5 Playing colours In an exception to REG 9.4, for televised 'feature games', the first named (home) team is permitted to wear their usual 'home' colours where a kit clash exists. This must be communicated to the opposition seven days prior to the fixture taking place.	To align the Women's BUCS Super Rugby regulations with the Men's BUCS Super Rugby regulations.
Rugby Union	RUU 8.2.6 (NEW)	N/A	RUU 8 Women's BUCS Super Rugby (Women's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 8.2 Fixture Administration	To align the Women's BUCS Super Rugby regulations with the Men's BUCS Super Rugby regulations.

			RUU 8.2.6 Teams shall not be permitted to reschedule a Women's BUCS Super Rugby fixture such that it would mean that fewer than 36 hours have elapsed since the kick-off time of the last Women's BUCS Super Rugby fixture played by either team, or that fewer than 36 hours would remain between the kick-off time of said fixture and that of the next Women's BUCS Super Rugby fixture scheduled for either team.	
Rugby Union	RUU 8.2.7 (NEW)	N/A	RUU 8 Women's BUCS Super Rugby (Women's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations RUU 8.2 Fixture Administration RUU 8.2.7 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.5.1, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to determine as they see fit the start time for one Women's National league match per match week, for broadcasting purposes. When the BUCS Executive chooses to exercise this right, the chosen start time for a selected match will be communicated to the institutions/Playing Entities involved no less than six weeks before the scheduled date of the match.	A regulation proposal from the BUCS Executive following discussions with Members with teams in Women's BUCS Super Rugby and Premier North/South regarding increasing commercial potential of BSR. The regulation will give BUCS the ability within the schedule to have a fixture at a consistent time each week, which would be essential for any broadcast partnership. BUCS intends to work with Members as much as possible when selecting matches and start times, to ensure the best possible situation for all involved, and to provide notification of chosen matches and start times well before the six-week deadline.
Rugby Union	RUU 8.7/RUU 9.6 (Formerly RUU 7.7/RUU 8.6)	RUU 7 Women's BUCS Super Rugby (Women's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations/RUU 8 Women's North/South leagues and National Vase knockout competition specific regulations RUU 7.7/RUU 8.6 Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoffs RUU 7.7.1/RUU 8.6.1 The home team for each of the Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff matches will be determined by coin	RUU 8 Women's BUCS Super Rugby (Women's National league and National Championship knockout competition) specific regulations/RUU 9 Women's North/South leagues and National Vase knockout competition specific regulations RUU 8.7/RUU 9.6 Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoffs RUU 8.7.1/RUU 9.6.1 The home team for each of the Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff matches will be determined by coin	For the 2026-27 season, it has been necessary to bring the Women's National Championship final to earlier in the season due to external scheduling clashes with the U21 Six Nations, however the scheduling of this does not work with the MBSR fixture calendar, resulting in the decision to hold the Men's and Women's National Championship finals on different dates. Because of this, in order to make the hosting of the finals financially and commercially viable, the intention is to host the second Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff on the same day and at the same venue as the Women's National

		toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive. Institutions/Playing Entities are encouraged to use neutral venues, but this is not mandatory.	toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive subject to it having been confirmed that they will be able to provide a venue that meets the requirements of RUU 8.7.2/RUU 9.6.2. Confirmation will be achieved by the BUCS Executive undertaking an audit in January/February with any Premier North/South teams who are in potential contention for the playoff of any venue(s) they would wish to host at. Any existing Women's BUCS Super Rugby team who might be eligible to participate in the playoff will be expected to provide such a venue, given the requirements already applying to any venues they have used throughout the league season. If a team cannot confirm that they will be able to provide a venue that meets the requirements of RUU 8.7.2/RUU 9.6.2, then they will automatically be designated as the away team. RUU 8.7.2/RUU 9.6.2 The home team for each of the Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff matches must host at a venue that meets the requirements outlined in the Women's BUCS Super Rugby Playoff Minimum Operating Standards. Institutions/Playing Entities are encouraged to use neutral venues, but this is not mandatory. RUU 8.7.3/RUU 9.6.3 Notwithstanding RUU 8.7.1/RUU 9.6.1 and RUU 8.7.2/RUU 9.6.2, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to host one or both Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff matches at a venue determined by the BUCS Executive that meets the requirements outlined in the Women's BUCS Super Rugby Playoff Minimum Operating Standards. When the BUCS Executive chooses to exercise this right, this will be communicated to the	Championship Final, which will also provide the opportunity for an enhanced experience for those teams participating in the playoff. This change will enable BUCS to host the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff match where possible but maintains the current situation where BUCS hosting is not considered a viable option by BUCS. A Women's BUCS Super Rugby Playoff Minimum Operating Standards is being introduced to align with there being one for Men's BUCS Super Rugby.
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			institutions/Playing Entities who may be involved in the Women's BUCS Super Rugby playoff matches by 1 February of the respective season, the BUCS Executive shall be responsible for all hosting requirements (including appointment of officials) which would usually sit with the first named (home) team, and the BUCS Executive shall conduct a coin toss to decide which team shall be the first named team.	
Sailing	SAI 2.1.1-SAI 2.1.2	SAI 2 Team formats SAI 2.1 Fleet Racing Championships SAI 2.1.1 Open Team Teams are made up of the top three boats from each institution/Playing Entity (not including any boats which have opted to be eligible for the Women's Team category) who have raced in fleets of 15 or more, who have the combined lowest score, calculated at the end of the event. Following the entry deadline; if a class has less than 15 entries and is merged with another class, all boats in the merged class will be awarded points as if they had initially entered that merged class. SAI 2.1.2 Women's Team Teams are made up of the top three boats from each institution/Playing Entity (of all women, which have opted to be eligible for the Women's Team category) who have raced in fleets of 15 or more, who have the combined lowest score, calculated at the end of the event. Following the entry deadline; if a class has less than 15 entries and is merged with another class, all boats in the merged class will be awarded points as if they had initially entered that merged class.	SAI 2 Team formats SAI 2.1 Fleet Racing Championships SAI 2.1.1 Open Team Teams are made up of the top three boats from each institution/Playing Entity (not including any boats which have opted to be eligible for the Women's Team category) who have raced in fleets of eight or more, who have the combined lowest score, calculated at the end of the event. Following the entry deadline; if a class has less than eight entries and is merged with another class, all boats in the merged class will be awarded points as if they had initially entered that merged class. SAI 2.1.2 Women's Team Teams are made up of the top three boats from each institution/Playing Entity (of all women, which have opted to be eligible for the Women's Team category) who have raced in fleets of eight or more, who have the combined lowest score, calculated at the end of the event. Following the entry deadline; if a class has less than eight entries and is merged with another class, all boats in the merged class will be awarded points as if they had initially entered that merged class.	This proposed change was put forward following it being supported at the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) AGM by the members of BUSA who are sailing clubs that compete in BUCS's competitions. Often, the ILCA, Slow, and Fast handicap fleets do not meet the current fleet size requirement of 15. Therefore, many competitors are sailing in fleets that do not count towards the Team categories. Reducing the eligible fleet size to eight will increase the number of competitors' results that are eligible to count towards the results of the team categories and could increase the number of institutions/Playing Entities that will therefore be ranked in each category.

Sailing	SAI 2.1.4 (NEW)	N/A	SAI 2 Team formats SAI 2.1 Fleet Racing Championships SAI 2.1.4 Team category scoring SAI 2.1.4.1 Each boat's score shall be calculated using the following formula which accounts for differing fleet sizes: $\text{Score} = \text{Position} \times (\text{Max Fleet Size} / \text{Fleet Size})$. Within this formula: - Position = The boat's finishing position in its fleet, regardless of whether it is eligible for the Open or Women's category - Fleet Size = The number of boats in that fleet - Max Fleet Size = The number of boats in the largest fleet SAI 2.1.4.2 The three boats from each institution/Playing Entity eligible for a category, who have raced in fleets of eight or more, with the lowest scores shall have their scores summed. The lower the summed team score, the higher the ranking of the team. SAI 2.1.4.3 In the event of a tie on scores when calculating the rankings of the Open or Women's Team categories, it shall be split using the following sequential system: - The teams shall be compared based on the combined score of their two lowest scoring boats. The lower the summed team score, the higher the ranking of the team. - If still tied, the teams shall be compared based on the score of their lowest scoring boat. The lower the score, the higher the ranking of the team.	This proposed change was put forward following it being supported at the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) AGM by the members of BUSA who are sailing clubs that compete in BUCS's competitions. The use of this formula adjusts scores to account for differences in fleet sizes, with the same position in a larger fleet receiving a better (lower) score than in a smaller fleet. Example of formula in use: If a boat finishes 2nd in a fleet of 15 boats, and the largest fleet has 60 boats, their adjusted score would be calculated as $(2) \times (60 \div 15) = 8$, meaning their result is equivalent to finishing 8th in the 60-boat fleet.
Table Tennis	TAB 7.1-TAB 7.5	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection	General structure and wording amended to more closely align with REG 11.1 which TAB 7 supersedes/replaces for table tennis.

	TAB 7.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4. TAB 7.2 In order to be selected in a team, all individuals must be registered on BUCS Play as a participant. TAB 7.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (Men's/Women's), and more than one fixture scheduled across these teams 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. 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. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded as a walkover to the opposition, or in certain circumstances, be voided. TAB 7.3.1 For possible exceptions due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to TAB 7.5. TAB 7.3.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted in exceptional circumstances if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that TAB 7.3 would be suspended in some instances. Application to suspend TAB 7.3 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures. TAB 7.4 Individuals may not be selected (listed on a team sheet) for different teams on the same day. TAB 7.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the	TAB 7.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4. TAB 7.2 In order to be selected in a team, all individuals must be registered on BUCS Play as a participant. TAB 7.3 Individuals may not be fielded for multiple teams in the same Championships (Men's/Women's) on the same day. TAB 7.3.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded an individual for multiple teams in the same Championships on the same day, the following shall apply: TAB 7.3.1.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of TAB 7.3.1 has been identified before the relevant League Result Submission Deadline as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') has passed for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be awarded as a walkover win to the opposition. TAB 7.3.1.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of TAB 7.3.1 has been identified before the following round, or in the case of a final, within 10 working days of the fixture taking place, the fixture shall be awarded as a walkover win to the opposition. If the breach is identified so close to the following round that the team awarded the walkover win cannot fulfil the following round fixture, the following round fixture shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to their opponents, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture. TAB 7.3.1.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, TAB 7.3.1.1 shall apply with references to 'the relevant League Result Submission	TAB 7.3.1 and sub-regulations added to provide the same reporting process and deadlines as sports covered under REG 11.1 for breaches of the equivalent regulation. Illustration removed from TAB 7.5 due to issues with its interpretation.
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		standard team selection regulations 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.	Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, TAB 7.3.1.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which TAB 7.3.1.1 shall apply with references to the "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". TAB 7.3.1.4 The first fixture an individual is fielded (including as an unused substitute) for is not affected as at this point TAB 7.3.1 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected. TAB 7.3.1.5 A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of TAB 7.3.1.1 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. As such, the Match Appeals process (REG 15) does not have to be used to raise such breaches. Reports deemed to be frivolous, vexatious or not containing adequate information to justify why it is considered a breach of TAB 7.3.1 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5. TAB 7.4 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (Men's/Women's), and more than one fixture scheduled across these teams on a given day, they are not permitted to concede a walkover for a higher ranked team while continuing to field one or more lower ranked teams on the same day. For example, a Playing Entity may not concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field their third and fifth teams on the same day. Matches fulfilled in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or where both	
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			teams are in contravention, be voided. TAB 7.4.1 For possible exceptions due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to TAB 7.5. TAB 7.4.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted in exceptional circumstances if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that TAB 7.4 would be suspended in some instances. Application to suspend TAB 7.4 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures. TAB 7.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard team selection regulations 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.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.2	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.2 Prior to the start of the season, each Playing Entity must submit a ranked list of all the players they expect to use across their teams. These lists must be submitted no later than the deadline in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and must feature enough individuals to field the number of teams entered. Failure to submit this information will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.2 Prior to the start of the season, each Playing Entity must submit a ranked list of all the players they expect to use across their teams in a Championships. Where a Playing Entity has any Ring Fenced teams (TAB 7.5), they must submit a list for each separate grouping of student-athletes. These lists must be submitted no later than the deadline in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and must feature enough individuals to field the number of	Updated to clarify that multiple lists are needed where a Playing Entity is operating Ring Fenced teams in a Championships.

			teams entered. Failure to submit this information will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.3	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.3 Following the initial ranking deadline passing, ranking lists will be locked and cannot be changed except in the following circumstances: TAB 7.6.3.1 There shall be two re-ranking windows, during which Playing Entities can change the ranked order of existing players on their ranking list and/or remove players from their ranking list. The dates for the re-ranking windows will be displayed in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Changes to ranking lists made during a re-ranking window will only come into effect at the end of the window. TAB 7.6.3.2 Playing Entities may request to add players in at any position on their ranking list at any time during the season by emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk. Requests must be submitted to, and approved by, the BUCS Executive in advance of the players competing in any fixtures so they should be made as far in advance of affected fixtures as possible.	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.3 Following the initial ranking deadline passing, ranking lists will be locked and cannot be changed except in the following circumstances: TAB 7.6.3.1 There shall be two re-ranking windows, during which Playing Entities can change the ranked order of existing players on their ranking list and/or remove players from their ranking list. The dates for the re-ranking windows will be displayed in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Changes to ranking lists made during a re-ranking window will only come into effect at the end of the window. TAB 7.6.3.2 Playing Entities may request to add players in at any position on their ranking list at any time during the season by emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk. Requests must be submitted to, and approved by, the BUCS Executive in advance of the players competing in any fixtures so they should be made as far in advance of affected fixtures as possible. TAB 7.6.3.3 If an individual on a ranking list becomes no longer eligible to represent a Playing Entity under REG 4 at any time during the season, the Playing Entity must inform the BUCS Executive of this by emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk without unreasonable delay and they will be	Under the previous regulations, if a player were to become ineligible after the last re-ranking window had closed (for example because they were no longer a student), the regulations did not allow for their removal from a ranking list, whereas up to the last re-ranking window closing, institutions/Playing Entities are expected to use these windows to remove any such players or potentially face a charge of misconduct under TAB 7.6.8. The addition of TAB 7.6.3.3 will mean that outside of re-ranking windows, Playing Entities are required to report that such players are no longer eligible without unreasonable delay and they will then be removed from their ranking list, ensuring that the order of players on their list cannot be argued to be being manipulated through the presence of an ineligible player.

			removed from the ranking list, unless a re-ranking window is open, in which case they can be removed by the Playing Entity when an updated list is submitted without the need for the BUCS Executive to be informed by email.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.4 and TAB 7.6.8	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.4 The order on their ranking list shall be determined by each Playing Entity ranking their players in genuine order of playing strength, with their best player ranked as 1 and the second best as 2 and so on. The order does not need to be in accordance with any external ratings/ranking systems, but Playing Entities ranking players out of ratings order may be requested to justify their ranking lists to the BUCS Executive. If the BUCS Executive deems that a Playing Entity has deliberately not ranked players in genuine order of playing strength and/or has failed to justify why players are not ranked in accordance with any external ratings/rankings systems, then this will result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5. TAB 7.6.8 Playing Entities deemed by the BUCS Executive to have exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list could face a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5. Examples of what might be considered as misconduct are: • A Playing Entity listing from the start of the season an individual who will be joining their	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.4 The order on their ranking list shall be determined by each Playing Entity ranking their players in genuine order of playing strength, with their best player ranked as 1 and the second best as 2 and so on. The order does not need to be in accordance with any external ratings/ranking systems, but Playing Entities ranking players out of ratings order may be requested to justify their ranking lists to the BUCS Executive. TAB 7.6.8 Playing Entities deemed by the BUCS Executive to have exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list could face a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5. Examples of what might be considered as misconduct are: • If the BUCS Executive deems that a Playing Entity has deliberately not ranked players in genuine order of playing strength and/or has failed to justify why players are not ranked in accordance with any external ratings/rankings systems. • A Playing Entity listing from the start of the season an individual who will be joining their institution in January and so at this	What was previously the last sentence of TAB 7.6.4 moved to sit under TAB 7.6.8 with other examples of what might be considered misconduct. Additional bullet point added to TAB 7.6.8 to reflect the addition of the new TAB 7.6.3.3.

		institution in January and so at this time is not a current student/player. • A Playing Entity found to have listed on their ranking list a fake player. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed during a re-ranking window an individual who it was known at that time could no longer play for the remainder of the season, for example because the individual is no longer eligible under BUCS REG 4.	time is not a current student/player. • A Playing Entity found to have listed on their ranking list a fake player. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed during a re-ranking window an individual who it was known at that time could no longer play for the remainder of the season. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed an individual no longer eligible to represent a Playing Entity under REG 4 in accordance with TAB 7.6.3.3.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.6	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.6 TAB 7.6.6.1 Men's No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 8 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams. TAB 7.6.6.2 Women's No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 2 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams.	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.6 TAB 7.6.6.1 Men's No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 8 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams. TAB 7.6.6.2 Women's No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 2 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams. TAB 7.6.6.3 Where a Playing Entity has any	TAB 7.6.6.3 added to clarify that where a Playing Entity is operating Ring Fenced teams in a Championships, and therefore has multiple lists, TAB 7.6.6 needs to be applied accordingly to this. TAB 7.6.6.4 added to replace wording previously sat under REG 15 to be in a more prominent place for teams who need to be aware of this.

		(REG 15.4 Appeals relating to playing order/ranking Appeals submitted regarding playing order or ranking must adhere to 'Playing Under Protest' requirements (REG 12). An institution/Playing Entity may not appeal having discovered retrospectively that an opposition played out of order when lists are available online in advance of a fixture. Such matters should first be directed to the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) to afford them the opportunity to resolve the issue without formal appeal. Appeals lodged without such attempts being made may be rejected (lodging fee payable).)	Ring Fenced teams (TAB 7.5), and therefore a ranking list for each separate grouping of student-athletes, for the purposes of TAB 7.6.6, teams within each separate grouping will be treated as having a respective designation (1st team, 2nd team etc.) within their grouping, regardless of their designation across all the Playing Entity's teams. TAB 7.6.6.4 A Playing Entity may not submit a match appeal regarding a breach of TAB 7.6.6 having discovered retrospectively that their opponents played a player ranked at a position above the highest permitted, when their ranking list was available to check online at the time team sheets should be checked as per REG 11.2. If at this time a team identified that their opponents are intending to play a player ranked at a position above the highest permitted and they refuse to correct this, their opposition should complete a Playing Under Protest Form as per REG 12.1.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.7	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.7 Individuals within a team must play in rank order in all matches. <i>(REG 15.4 Appeals relating to playing order/ranking Appeals submitted regarding playing order or ranking must adhere to 'Playing Under Protest' requirements (REG 12). An institution/Playing Entity may not appeal having discovered retrospectively that an opposition played out of order when lists are</i>	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.7 Individuals within a team must play in rank order across singles matches in all matches. TAB 7.6.7.1 A Playing Entity may not submit a match appeal regarding a breach of TAB 7.6.7 having discovered retrospectively that their opponents played out of rank order, when their ranking list was available to check online at the time team sheets should be checked as per REG	Updated to reflect that this only applies to singles matches and with TAB 7.6.7.1 added to replace wording previously sat under REG 15 to be in a more prominent place for teams who need to be aware of this.

		available online in advance of a fixture. Such matters should first be directed to the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) to afford them the opportunity to resolve the issue without formal appeal. Appeals lodged without such attempts being made may be rejected (lodging fee payable.).	11.2. If at this time a team identified that their opponents are intending to play a player ranked at a position above the highest permitted and they refuse to correct this, their opposition should complete a Playing Under Protest Form as per REG 12.1.	
Table Tennis	TAB 7.6.9	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.9 A Playing Entity wishing to report a potential breach of TAB 7.6.4/TEN 7.6.8 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, vexatious or not containing adequate information to justify why it is considered a breach of TAB 7.6.4/TAB 7.6.8 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	Team Championships TAB 7 Team selection TAB 7.6 Ranking lists TAB 7.6.9 A Playing Entity wishing to report concerns to the BUCS Executive that another Playing Entity has exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list should do so via email to discipline@bucs.org.uk. The reporting Playing Entity will be expected to ensure that there is validity to any claims before making their report. Reports deemed to be frivolous, vexatious, or lacking adequate information to justify why they believe the Playing Entity has exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	Updated to reflect changes to TAB 7.6.4 and TAB 7.6.8.
Table Tennis	TAB 9	TAB 9 Calculating final league positions TAB 9.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: TAB 9.2 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer	TAB 9 Calculating final league positions TAB 9.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in TAB 9.2–TAB 9.12. TAB 9.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding

	voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then TAB 9.3 or TAB 9.4 shall be followed as applicable. TAB 9.3 Tie between two teams TAB 9.3.1 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two matches will determine the higher placed team. If this does not determine the higher placed team; TAB 9.3.2 Matches and games data shall be used as per TAB 9.3.3 – TAB 9.3.5. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated rubbers and sets data shall be used. TAB 9.3.3 The team with the higher matches difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TAB 9.3.4 The team with the higher number of matches won shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TAB 9.3.5 The team with the higher games difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TAB 9.3.6 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. TAB 9.4 Tie between three or more teams TAB 9.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied on league points, a table shall be formed	more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. TAB 9.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. TAB 9.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better). TAB 9.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TAB 9.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Match difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TAB 9.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Matches for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TAB 9.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Game difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TAB 9.9 The teams tied will be ranked	how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step (TAB 9.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.
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		to calculate their final league positions using the results between the relevant teams as per TAB 9.4.2 – TAB 9.4.5. TAB 9.4.2 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TAB 9.4.3 The teams tied will be ranked based on matches difference (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TAB 9.4.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on the number of matches won (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TAB 9.4.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on games difference (the higher the better). TAB 9.4.6 If a tie cannot be broken using the system above, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.	based on Match difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TAB 9.10 The teams tied will be ranked based on Matches for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TAB 9.11 The teams tied will be ranked based on Game difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TAB 9.12 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	
Tennis	TEN 7.2	Team Championships TEN 7 Fixture administration and arrangements TEN 7.2 Order of play Players shall compete in rank order i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 singles; 1, 2 doubles. The doubles rubbers ordered 1v1, 2v2 should be played first, followed by the singles rubbers, which will be ordered 4v4, 3v3, 2v2, 1v1. Any proposed changes to the standard order of play must be agreed by both teams prior to play (note TEN 7.2.1 for an exception to this). Coaches/captains/administrators can use the below guide for court booking variations: On four courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2 Singles 1 – 4. On three courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2 Singles 4 – 2; R3 Singles 1. On two courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2	Team Championships TEN 7 Fixture administration and arrangements TEN 7.2 Order of play Players shall compete in rank order i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 singles; 1, 2 doubles. The doubles rubbers ordered 1v1, 2v2 should be played first, followed by the singles rubbers, which will be ordered 4v4, 3v3, 2v2, 1v1. Any proposed changes to the standard order of play must be agreed by both teams prior to play (note TEN 7.2.1 for an exception to this). Coaches/captains/administrators can use the below guide for court booking variations: On four courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2 Singles 1 – 4. On three courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2 Singles 4 – 2; R3 Singles 1.	Typo fixed in TEN 7.2.1 so that references it TEN 7.2, not TEN 7.2.1. TEN 7.2.2 and sub-regulations restructured and wording generally updated to improve readability and understanding of the regulations. Criteria for doubles pairs under TEN 7.2.2.2 changed as under the previous regulation, the sum of the players' rankings could lead to weaker doubles pairs playing as pair 1, as their rankings were based on their ability as an individual/singles player. Additionally, the old method of determining doubles nominations had often been misunderstood at lower levels of BUCS's programme, which will no longer be an issue. TEN 7.2.2.3 added to provide clarity as to the impact of application of TEN 7.2.1 on nominations.

	Singles 4 and 3; R3 Singles 2 and 1. TEN 7.2.1 An exception to TEN 7.2.1 is that institutions/Playing Entities are permitted, but not encouraged, to book three courts for two rounds (three courts x 4 hours). In order for the fixture to be completed there must be 1 doubles rubber and 2 singles rubbers played in round 1, followed by 1 doubles rubber and 2 singles rubbers in round 2. The away team shall select the order of the rubbers within these rounds prior to play. TEN 7.2.2 Nominations Prior to the start of the fixture, captains shall provide the names of any players that may be selected. Nominations for the doubles rubbers shall be made in writing no later than prior to the start of the first doubles rubber. Nominations for the singles rubbers shall be made in writing no later than the prior to the start of the first singles rubber. TEN 7.2.2.1 Singles nominations Teams consisting of more than four players may nominate players for singles rubbers, not including their highest ranked player(s) in the match day squad, but teams must play in rank order. E.g. 3, 4, 5 and 6 play as Singles 1, 2, 3 and 4, with players 1 and 2 only participating in the doubles. TEN 7.2.2.2 Doubles nominations Doubles pairings must play with the strongest pair as pair 1. The best doubles pair should be decided by the sum of the players' rankings in each pair, with the smallest sum playing as the 'best doubles pair'. Players' rankings are as per the published BUCS Squad Ranking List. If the sums of the singles players' positions are equal (e.g. 1+5 and 2+4 or 21+25 and 22+24), the best doubles pair should include the highest ranked player (i.e.	On two courts: R1 - Doubles 1 and 2; R2 Singles 4 and 3; R3 Singles 2 and 1. TEN 7.2.1 An exception to TEN 7.2 is that institutions/Playing Entities are permitted, but not encouraged, to book three courts for two rounds (three courts x 4 hours). In order for the fixture to be completed there must be 1 doubles rubber and 2 singles rubbers played in round 1, followed by 1 doubles rubber and 2 singles rubbers in round 2. The away team shall select the order of the rubbers within these rounds prior to play. TEN 7.2.2 Nominations Prior to the start of the fixture, captains shall provide the names of up to six players that may be selected. TEN 7.2.2.1 Singles nominations Teams consisting of more than four players may nominate any four of these players for singles rubbers, but teams must play in rank order. For example, if a team brings their 1-6 ranked players, 3, 4, 5 and 6 can play as Singles 1, 2, 3 and 4, with players 1 and 2 only participating in the doubles. Captains shall simultaneously share their nominations for the singles rubbers in writing no later than prior to the start of the first singles rubber. TEN 7.2.2.2 Doubles nominations Teams consisting of more than four players may nominate any four of these players for doubles rubbers. The players nominated may play in any order as the nominated 1st or 2nd pair. Captains shall simultaneously share their nominations for the doubles rubbers in writing no later than prior to the start of the first doubles rubber. TEN 7.2.2.3 Where TEN 7.2.1 applies, a player cannot be nominated to play both a singles rubber and a doubles rubber in the	
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		1+5 or 21+25 would be the best doubles pair).	same round, so once the away team has selected the order of the rubbers within these rounds, nominations will need to be made to comply with this, as well as TEN 7.2.2.2 and TEN 7.2.2.1.	
Tennis	TEN 8	Team Championships TEN 8 Balls TEN 8.1 Premier Tier/Tier 1 and National Championship/National Vase/ National Trophy The home team shall supply a minimum of three new ITF approved balls for each rubber. TEN 8.2 Tier 2 and below and Conference Cup The home team shall supply a minimum of three new ITF approved balls for each rubber, unless captains agree to re-use balls.	Team Championships TEN 8 Balls TEN 8.1 Premier Tier (National)/National Championship The home team shall supply a minimum of two tubes of four new WT approved balls for each of the singles rubbers. There will be a ball change after the first set. The home team shall supply a minimum of four new WT approved balls for each doubles rubber (unless agreed by both captains to have a ball change at the end of a set). TEN 8.2 Premier Tier (North/South)/Tier 1 and National Vase/National Trophy The home team shall supply a minimum of three new WT approved balls for each rubber. TEN 8.3 Tier 2 and below and Conference Cup The home team shall supply a minimum of three new WT approved balls for each rubber, unless captains agree to re-use balls. TEN 8.4 Any tie-break shootout rubbers shall be played with the existing balls from previous rubbers in the match, unless both team captains agree to play with new balls.	Minimum requirements for the Premier Tier (National) league and National Championship increased to improve standards and align more with professional tennis. Also updated to reflect that World Tennis (WT) is the new name for the International Tennis Federation (ITF). TEN 8.4 added for clarity.
Tennis	TEN 9.1-TEN 9.5	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4. TEN 9.2 In order to be selected in a team, all individuals must be registered on BUCS Play	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4. TEN 9.2 In order to be selected in a team, all individuals must be registered on BUCS	General structure and wording amended to more closely align with REG 11.1 which TEN 9 supersedes/replaces for tennis. TEN 9.3.1 and sub-regulations added to provide the same reporting process and deadlines as sports covered under REG 11.1 for breaches of the equivalent regulation.

		as a participant. TEN 9.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (Men's/Women's), and more than one fixture scheduled across these teams 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. 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. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded as a walkover to the opposition, or in certain circumstances, be voided. TEN 9.3.1 For possible exceptions due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to TEN 9.5. TEN 9.3.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted in exceptional circumstances if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that TEN 9.3 would be suspended in some instances. Application to suspend TEN 9.3 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures. TEN 9.4 Individuals may not be selected (listed on a team sheet) for different teams on the same day. TEN 9.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard team selection regulations 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	Play as a participant. TEN 9.3 Individuals may not be fielded (including as an unused nominated player) for multiple teams in the same Championships (Men's/Women's) on the same day. TEN 9.3.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded an individual for multiple teams in the same Championships on the same day, the following shall apply: TEN 9.3.1.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of TEN 9.3.1 has been identified before the relevant League Result Submission Deadline as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') has passed for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be awarded as a walkover win to the opposition. TEN 9.3.1.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of TEN 9.3.1 has been identified before the following round, or in the case of a final, within 10 working days of the fixture taking place, the fixture shall be awarded as a walkover win to the opposition. If the breach is identified so close to the following round that the team awarded the walkover win cannot fulfil the following round fixture, the following round fixture shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to their opponents, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture. TEN 9.3.1.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, TEN 9.3.1.1 shall apply with references to "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, TEN 9.3.1.2 shall	Illustration removed from TEN 9.5 due to issues with its interpretation.
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		regulations shall apply. The below is an illustration of how team selection/student-athlete movement operates when a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.	apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which TEN 9.3.1.1 shall apply with references to the "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". TEN 9.3.1.4 The first fixture an individual is fielded (including as an unused substitute) for is not affected as at this point TEN 9.3.1 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected. TEN 9.3.1.5 A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of TEN 9.3.1.1 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. As such, the Match Appeals process (REG 15) does not have to be used to raise such breaches. Reports deemed to be frivolous, vexatious or not containing adequate information to justify why it is considered a breach of TEN 9.3.1 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5. TEN 9.4 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (Men's/Women's), and more than one fixture scheduled across these teams on a given day, they are not permitted to concede a walkover for a higher ranked team while continuing to field one or more lower ranked teams on the same day. For example, a Playing Entity may not concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field their third and fifth teams on the same day. Matches fulfilled in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or where both teams are in contravention, be voided. TEN 9.4.1 For possible exceptions due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to TEN 9.5.	
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			TEN 9.4.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted in exceptional circumstances if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that TEN 9.4 would be suspended in some instances. Application to suspend TEN 9.4 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures. TEN 9.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard team selection regulations 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.	
Tennis	TEN 9.6.2	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.2 Prior to the start of the season, each Playing Entity must submit a ranked list of all the players they expect to use across their teams. These lists must be submitted no later than the deadline in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and must feature enough individuals to field the number of teams entered. Failure to submit this information will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.2 Prior to the start of the season, each Playing Entity must submit a ranked list of all the players they expect to use across their teams in a Championships. Where a Playing Entity has any Ring Fenced teams (TEN 9.5), they must submit a list for each separate grouping of student-athletes. These lists must be submitted no later than the deadline in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and must feature enough individuals to field the number of teams entered. Failure to submit this information will result in sanctions being	Updated to clarify that multiple lists are needed where a Playing Entity is operating Ring Fenced teams in a Championships.

			imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.	
Tennis	TEN 9.6.3	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.3 Following the initial ranking deadline passing, ranking lists will be locked and cannot be changed except in the following circumstances: TEN 9.6.3.1 There shall be two re-ranking windows, during which Playing Entities can change the ranked order of existing players on their ranking list and/or remove players from their ranking list. The dates for the re-ranking windows will be displayed in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Changes to ranking lists made during a re-ranking window will only come into effect at the end of the window. TEN 9.6.3.2 Playing Entities may request to add players in at any position on their ranking list at any time during the season by emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk. Requests must be submitted to, and approved by, the BUCS Executive in advance of the players competing in any fixtures so they should be made as far in advance of affected fixtures as possible.	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.3 Following the initial ranking deadline passing, ranking lists will be locked and cannot be changed except in the following circumstances: TEN 9.6.3.1 There shall be two re-ranking windows, during which Playing Entities can change the ranked order of existing players on their ranking list and/or remove players from their ranking list. The dates for the re-ranking windows will be displayed in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Changes to ranking lists made during a re-ranking window will only come into effect at the end of the window. TEN 9.6.3.2 Playing Entities may request to add players in at any position on their ranking list at any time during the season by emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk. Requests must be submitted to, and approved by, the BUCS Executive in advance of the players competing in any fixtures so they should be made as far in advance of affected fixtures as possible. TEN 9.6.3.3 If an individual on a ranking list becomes no longer eligible to represent a Playing Entity under REG 4 at any time during the season, the Playing Entity must inform the BUCS Executive of this by	Under the previous regulations, if a player were to become ineligible after the last re-ranking window had closed (for example because they were no longer a student), the regulations did not allow for their removal from a ranking list, whereas up to the last re-ranking window closing, institutions/Playing Entities are expected to use these windows to remove any such players or potentially face a charge of misconduct under TEN 9.6.8. The addition of TEN 9.6.3.3 will mean that outside of re-ranking windows, Playing Entities are required to report that such players are no longer eligible without unreasonable delay and they will then be removed from their ranking list, ensuring that the order of players on their list cannot be argued to be being manipulated through the presence of an ineligible player.

			emailing discipline@bucs.org.uk without unreasonable delay and they will be removed from the ranking list, unless a re-ranking window is open, in which case they can be removed by the Playing Entity when an updated list is submitted without the need for the BUCS Executive to be informed by email.	
Tennis	TEN 9.6.4 and TEN 9.6.8	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.4 The order on their ranking list shall be determined by each Playing Entity with their players in genuine order of playing strength, with their best player ranked as 1 and the second best as 2 and so on. The order does not need to be in accordance with ATP, WTA or LTA ratings, but Playing Entities ranking players out of ratings order may be requested to justify their ranking lists to the BUCS Executive. If the BUCS Executive deems that a Playing Entity has deliberately not ranked players in genuine order of playing strength and/or has failed to justify why players are not ranked in accordance with any external ratings/rankings systems, then this will result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5. TEN 9.6.8 Playing Entities deemed by the BUCS Executive to have exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list could face a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5. Examples of what might be considered as misconduct are:	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.4 The order on their ranking list shall be determined by each Playing Entity with their players in genuine order of playing strength, with their best player ranked as 1 and the second best as 2 and so on. The order does not need to be in accordance with ATP, WTA or LTA ratings, but Playing Entities ranking players out of ratings order may be requested to justify their ranking lists to the BUCS Executive. TEN 9.6.8 Playing Entities deemed by the BUCS Executive to have exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list could face a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5. Examples of what might be considered as misconduct are: • If the BUCS Executive deems that a Playing Entity has deliberately not ranked players in genuine order of playing strength and/or has failed to justify why players are not ranked in accordance with any external ratings/rankings systems. • A Playing Entity listing from the start of the season an individual who will be joining	What was previously the last sentence of TEN 9.6.4 moved to sit under TEN 9.6.8 with other examples of what might be considered misconduct. Additional bullet point added to TEN 9.6.8 to reflect the addition of the new TEN 9.6.3.3.

		• A Playing Entity listing from the start of the season an individual who will be joining their institution in January and so at this time is not a current student/player. • A Playing Entity found to have listed on their ranking list a fake player. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed during a re-ranking window an individual who it was known at that time could no longer play for the remainder of the season, for example because the individual is no longer eligible under BUCS REG 4.	their institution in January and so at this time is not a current student/player. • A Playing Entity found to have listed on their ranking list a fake player. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed during a re-ranking window an individual who it was known at that time could no longer play for the remainder of the season. • A Playing Entity found to have not removed an individual no longer eligible to represent a Playing Entity under REG 4 in accordance with TEN 9.6.3.3.	
Tennis	TEN 9.6.6	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.6 No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published squad ranking list at the time) at number 8 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams. (REG 15.4 Appeals relating to playing order/ranking Appeals submitted regarding playing order or ranking must adhere to 'Playing Under Protest' requirements (REG 12). An institution/Playing Entity may not appeal having discovered retrospectively that an opposition played out of order when lists are available online in advance of a fixture. Such matters should first be directed to the opposition Athletic Union (or	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.6 No player ranked (as per the published ranking list at the time) at number 4 or above shall be eligible to play below the 1st team (including league, playoff and knockout competition matches). No player ranked (as per the published ranking list at the time) at number 8 or above shall be eligible to play below the 2nd team, and so on throughout a Playing Entity's teams. TEN 9.6.6.1 Where a Playing Entity has any Ring Fenced teams (TEN 9.5), and therefore a ranking list for each separate grouping of student-athletes, for the purposes of TEN 9.6.6, teams within each separate grouping will be treated as having a respective designation (1st team, 2nd team etc.) within their grouping, regardless of their designation across all the Playing Entity's teams. TEN 9.6.6.2 A Playing Entity may not submit a match appeal regarding a breach of TEN	TEN 9.6.6.1 added to clarify that where a Playing Entity is operating Ring Fenced teams in a Championships, and therefore has multiple lists, TEN 9.6.6 needs to be applied accordingly to this. TEN 9.6.6.2 added to replace wording previously sat under REG 15 to be in a more prominent place for teams who need to be aware of this.

		equivalent) to afford them the opportunity to resolve the issue without formal appeal. Appeals lodged without such attempts being made may be rejected (lodging fee payable).)	9.6.6 having discovered retrospectively that their opponents played a player ranked at a position above the highest permitted, when their ranking list was available to check online at the time of players being nominated as per TEN 7.2.2. If at this time a team identified that their opponents are intending to play a player ranked at a position above the highest permitted and they refuse to correct this, their opposition should complete a Playing Under Protest Form as per REG 12.1.	
Tennis	TEN 9.6.7	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.7 Individuals within a team must play in rank order in all matches. <i>(REG 15.4 Appeals relating to playing order/ranking Appeals submitted regarding playing order or ranking must adhere to 'Playing Under Protest' requirements (REG 12). An institution/Playing Entity may not appeal having discovered retrospectively that an opposition played out of order when lists are available online in advance of a fixture. Such matters should first be directed to the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) to afford them the opportunity to resolve the issue without formal appeal. Appeals lodged without such attempts being made may be rejected (lodging fee payable).)</i>	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists TEN 9.6.7 Individuals within a team must play in rank order across singles rubbers in all matches. TEN 9.6.7.1 A Playing Entity may not submit a match appeal regarding a breach of TEN 9.6.7 having discovered retrospectively that their opponents played out of rank order, when their ranking list was available to check online at the time of singles nominations being shared. If at this time a team identified that their opponents are intending to play out of rank order and they refuse to correct this, their opposition should complete a Playing Under Protest Form as per REG 12.1.	Updated to reflect that this only applies to singles rubbers following changes to TEN 7.2 and with TEN 9.6.7.1 added to replace wording previously sat under REG 15 to be in a more prominent place for teams who need to be aware of this.
Tennis	TEN 9.6.9	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists	Team Championships TEN 9 Team selection TEN 9.6 Ranking lists	Updated to reflect changes to TEN 9.6.4 and TEN 9.6.8.

		TEN 9.6.9 A Playing Entity wishing to report a potential breach of TEN 9.6.4/TEN 9.6.8 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, vexatious or not containing adequate information to justify why it is considered a breach of TEN 9.6.4/TEN 9.6.8 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	TEN 9.6.9 A Playing Entity wishing to report concerns to the BUCS Executive that another Playing Entity has exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list should do so via email to discipline@bucs.org.uk. The reporting Playing Entity will be expected to ensure that there is validity to any claims before making their report. Reports deemed to be frivolous, vexatious, or lacking adequate information to justify why they believe the Playing Entity has exploited these ranking list regulations and/or manipulated their ranking list may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	
Tennis	TEN 11.5	Team Championships TEN 11 Scoring system TEN 11.5 If a knockout match finishes 3-3, then a tie-break shootout (to 10 points) shall take place as follows. The tie-break shootout consists of three tie-breaks – two singles and one doubles – with players nominated as follows: Tie-break 1 (singles) – one of the original players from the first or second ranked singles rubbers; Tie-break 2 (singles) – one of the original players from the third or fourth ranked singles rubbers; Tie-break 3 (doubles) – a pairing comprising two of the other nominated players for the match. No player may play in more than one tie-break shootout. Players for each stage of the shootout should be nominated at the start of the shootout. TEN 11.5.1 The order of play for the tie-break shootout should replicate that of the preferred order of play as in TEN 7.2 unless	Team Championships TEN 11 Scoring system TEN 11.5 If a knockout competition match finishes 3-3, then a tie-break shootout (to 10 points) shall take place as follows. The tie-break shootout consists of three tie-break rubbers – two singles and one doubles – with players nominated as follows: Tie-break rubber 1 (singles) – one of the players nominated for Singles 1 or Singles 2 under TEN 7.2.2.1; Tie-break rubber 2 (singles) – one of the players nominated for Singles 3 or Singles 4 under TEN 7.2.2.1; Tie-break rubber 3 (doubles) – a pairing comprising two other players who were nominated for any of the Singles or Doubles rubbers under TEN 7.2.2.1 or TEN 7.2.2.2. For the avoidance of doubt, no player may play in more than one tie-break rubber. Players for each rubber of the tie-break shootout should be nominated	Updated to clarify that for an individual to take part in the tie-break shootout, they must have been involved in a rubber, not just have been named on a team sheet, and that nominations should be made simultaneously.

		agreed otherwise by both team captains before the start of the shootout.	simultaneously before the first tie-break rubber. TEN 11.5.1 The order of play for the tie-break shootout should replicate that of the preferred order of play as in TEN 7.2 unless agreed otherwise by both team captains before the start of the tie-break shootout.	
Tennis	TEN 13	TEN 13 Calculating final league positions TEN 13.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: TEN 13.2 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then TEN 13.3 or TEN 13.4 shall be followed as applicable. TEN 13.3 Tie between two teams TEN 13.3.1 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two matches will determine the higher placed team. If this does not determine the higher placed team; TEN 13.3.2 Rubbers and sets data shall be used as per TEN 13.3.3 - TEN 13.3.5. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated rubbers and sets data shall	TEN 13 Calculating final league positions TEN 13.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in TEN 13.2 – TEN 13.12. TEN 13.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. TEN 13.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. TEN 13.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better).	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step (TEN 13.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.

		be used. TEN 13.3.3 The team with the higher rubbers difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TEN 13.3.4 The team with the higher number of rubbers won shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TEN 13.3.5 The team with the higher sets difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; TEN 13.3.6 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. TEN 13.4 Tie between three or more teams TEN 13.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied on league points, a table shall be formed to calculate their final league positions using the results between the relevant teams as per TEN 13.4.2 - TEN 13.4.5. TEN 13.4.2 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TEN 13.4.3 The teams tied will be ranked based on rubbers difference (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TEN 13.4.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on the number of rubbers won (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; TEN 13.4.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on sets difference (the higher the better). TEN 13.4.6 If a tie cannot be broken using the system above, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.	TEN 13.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TEN 13.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Rubber difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TEN 13.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Rubbers for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TEN 13.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Set difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). TEN 13.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Rubber difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TEN 13.10 The teams tied will be ranked based on Rubbers for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TEN 13.11 The teams tied will be ranked based on Sets difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). TEN 13.12 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	
Volleyball	Appendix 5 (BUCS Match)	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required = 2;	Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required =	Planned change for Premier Tier referees postponed following concerns raised by Members regarding the ability of institutions/Playing Entities in some parts

	Officials Requirements)	Minimum level of qualification = Grade 4 (This will be increased to Grade 3 for 2026-27); Neutral = No. Premier Tier Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Experienced*; Neutral = No Tier 1 Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Experienced*; Neutral = No National Championship Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Experienced*; Neutral = No National Trophy Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Experienced*; Neutral = No Conference Cup Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Experienced*; Neutral = No *Do not need to be formally qualified.	2; Minimum level of qualification = Grade 4 (Note: This is under review to be increased to Grade 3 for 2027-28); Neutral = No. Premier Tier Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Competent*; Neutral = No Tier 1 Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Competent*; Neutral = No National Championship Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Competent*; Neutral = No National Trophy Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Competent*; Neutral = No Conference Cup Scorers: Number required = 1; Minimum level of qualification = Competent*; Neutral = No *Do not need to be formally qualified.	of the UK to be able to adhere to this for the 2026-27 season. Proposed change remaining under review for potential implementation for the 2027-28 season. Any Scorer now required to be "Competent" rather than "Experienced" in line with other domestic competitions such as Volleyball England's National Volleyball League (NVL).
Volleyball	VOL i-VOL iv	VOL i The BUCS Volleyball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028. VOL ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. VOL iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028, these BUCS sport specific	VOL i The BUCS Volleyball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028. VOL ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. VOL iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028, these BUCS sport specific	Note added to clarify which FIVB rule trials BUCS has chose to implement, following it previously having not been clear whether BUCS was following any when Scottish Volleyball and/or Volleyball England were for their competitions, which led to some confusion for teams and match officials.

		regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. VOL iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Volleyball Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.	regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. VOL iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Volleyball Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3. Please note that following a review of what Scottish Volleyball and Volleyball England have implemented for their competitions, BUCS has chosen to implement some, but not all, of the FIVB's rules tests for the 2026-27 season as follows: • Double contact interpretation: FIVB rule test implemented. • Out of rotation error – free positioning of the receiving team: FIVB rule test implemented. • Substitutions: FIVB rule test implemented. • Team roster: FIVB rule test not implemented. VOL 6 shall apply. • Ball contacting the ceiling: FIVB rule test not implemented. • “Push-carry-catch-throw-tip” attack: FIVB rule test implemented, with clarification that “tipping” is with one hand. • Mid-rally challenge bookmark: FIVB rule test not implemented as not relevant. • Touches in defence and Serve receive: FIVB rule test not implemented as not relevant. • Reduce breaks: FIVB rule test not implemented as not relevant. • Use of the referee's whistle: FIVB rule test not implemented. • Coach to speak to the first referee: FIVB rule test not implemented. • Warm-up protocol: FIVB rule test not implemented. Where neither captain requests separate (consecutive) official	
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			warm-ups, the protocol followed shall be: Hitting through 4 for four minutes, followed by hitting through 2 for four minutes, and then serving for two minutes.	
Volleyball	VOL 4.2	VOL 4 Fixture administration and arrangements VOL 4.2 Facility requirements The following minimum standards are designed to ensure that students participating in BUCS Volleyball are able to do so in a safe and appropriate environment using suitable equipment. Matches will take place under the FIVB Rules of the Game, with the following additional provisions/amendments to facilitate and support BUCS competition: VOL 4.2.1 Court/Hall provision VOL 4.2.1.1 The court should be of standard size, 18m x 9m, surrounded by a free zone which is a minimum of 3m wide. VOL 4.2.1.2 The surface must be flat, horizontal and uniform and not present any danger or injury to the players. VOL 4.2.1.3 For Premier Tier/National Championship fixtures, the free playing space (the space above the playing area which is free from any obstructions) shall measure a minimum of 7.5m in height from the playing surface. For all other fixtures, the free playing space shall measure a minimum of 6m from the playing surface. VOL 4.2.1.4 Courts lines must be clearly marked and visible. A court centre line must also exist and be clearly visible. VOL 4.2.2 Posts and net VOL 4.2.2.1 All nets must include securely fastened antennae. VOL 4.2.2.2 Posts must be securely fixed to the ground without wires and there shall be	VOL 4 Fixture administration and arrangements VOL 4.2 Facility requirements The following minimum standards are designed to ensure that students participating in BUCS Volleyball are able to do so in a safe and appropriate environment using suitable equipment. Matches will take place under the FIVB Rules of the Game, with the following additional provisions/amendments to facilitate and support BUCS competition: VOL 4.2.1 Court/Hall provision VOL 4.2.1.1 The court should be of standard size, 18m x 9m, surrounded by a free zone which is a minimum of 3m wide. VOL 4.2.1.2 The surface must be flat, horizontal and uniform and not present any danger or injury to the players. VOL 4.2.1.3 For Premier Tier/National Championship fixtures, the free playing space (the space above the playing area which is free from any obstructions) shall measure a minimum of 7.5m in height from the playing surface. For all other fixtures, the free playing space shall measure a minimum of 6m from the playing surface. VOL 4.2.1.4 Courts lines must be clearly marked and visible. A court centre line must also exist and be clearly visible. VOL 4.2.2 Posts and net VOL 4.2.2.1 All nets must include securely fastened antennae. VOL 4.2.2.2 Posts must be securely fixed to	VOL 4.2.2.3 has been added to make post (and where applicable base) padding compulsory for all Premier Tier and National Championship matches, to enhance safety. Making the provision of padding a compulsory requirement brings these BUCS competitions in line with Volleyball England's National Volleyball League (NVL) which many of the affected teams will also be competing in. This requirement is only being implemented for Premier Tier and National Championship matches for the 2026-27 season, as it is understood that institutions/Playing Entities with teams competing in lower levels of the BUCS Volleyball Championships may not be able to ensure compliance with such a requirement for the upcoming season. However, the intention is to implement this requirement for all BUCS volleyball matches for the 2027-28 season, so institutions/Playing Entities with teams competing at these levels are encouraged to start putting in place padding as soon as possible.

		no dangerous or obstructing devices. Nets fixed to walls are not acceptable for competition purposes. VOL 4.2.3 Referee stand Courts must have a secure, stable, refereeing stand which will enable the 1st referee to control the game effectively.	the ground without wires and there shall be no dangerous or obstructing devices. Nets fixed to walls are not acceptable for competition purposes. VOL 4.2.2.3 For all Premier Tier and National Championship matches, posts must be padded and if the posts have anchor points, then padding is required to ensure all components of the base are covered. All padding shall be correctly fitted before the warm up start time. If the required padding is not in place, then a match must not proceed. <i>Note: It is intended that the requirements of VOL 4.2.2.3 will be implemented for all BUCS volleyball matches for the 2027-28 season, so institutions/Playing Entities with teams competing below the Premier Tier/National Championship level are encouraged to start putting in place padding as soon as possible.</i> VOL 4.2.3 Referee stand Courts must have a secure, stable, refereeing stand which will enable the 1st referee to control the game effectively.	
Volleyball	VOL 5	VOL 5 Match officials Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). VOL 5.1 A designated scorer, or scorers, must be assigned for each fixture to conduct the completion of the FIVB scoresheet but do not require to be qualified. VOL 5.2 For Premier Tier/National Championship matches, two Line Judges must be provided by the home team. Failure to provide Line Judges will result in a £50 fine. VOL 5.3 REG 10.6.3 is amended so that if an institution/Playing Entity has two appointed/booked appropriate referees, but one of these withdraws from a fixture later	VOL 5 Match officials Match officials, including a Scorer and where applicable Line Judges, should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). VOL 5.1 Failure to provide the appropriate Referee(s) Where, under REG 10.2 it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange the appropriate match officials, REG 10.6.2-REG 10.6.4 shall apply in relation to a failure to provide the appropriate Referee(s). However, REG 10.6.3 is amended so that if an institution/Playing Entity has two appointed/booked appropriate referees, but one of these withdraws from a fixture	Updated to reflect that the need for a Scorer, and in the case of Premier Tier/National Championship matches, Line Judges, is covered in Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements), with clarity provided on the potential sanctions if an appropriate Scorer and/or Line Judges (where applicable) are not provided. Failing to provide these match officials is treated differently to failing to provide the appropriate Referees, recognising the different level of impact these officials can have on a match. This is in line with BUCS's sport specific regulations for basketball.

		than 48 hours before the fixture start time, the remaining referee shall act as the 1st referee and the institution/Playing Entity may replace the other referee with a competent, experienced and suitable person, for example a player or coach, to act as 2nd referee, but they must inform the opposition of this before the match begins. Should both appointed/booked appropriate referees withdraw, or there is no suitable replacement found, then REG 10.6.3.1/REG 10.6.3.2/REG 10.6.3.3 shall apply as appropriate. For clarity, this individual does not need to be neutral.	later than 48 hours before the fixture start time, the remaining referee shall act as the 1st referee and the institution/Playing Entity may replace the other referee with a competent, experienced and suitable person, for example a player or coach, to act as 2nd referee, but they must inform the opposition of this before the match begins. Should both appointed/booked appropriate referees withdraw, or there is no suitable replacement found, then REG 10.6.3.1/REG 10.6.3.2/REG 10.6.3.3 shall apply as appropriate. For clarity, this individual does not need to be neutral. VOL 5.2 Failure to provide an appropriate Scorer Where, under REG 10.2 it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange the appropriate match officials, REG 10.6.2-REG 10.6.4 shall apply in relation to a failure to provide an appropriate Scorer, with the following amendments: - Where a team is permitted to 'play under protest' under REG 10.6.3.3, they may only appeal the match result if the Referee(s) provide written evidence to substantiate that the performance of the Scorer - or lack of a Scorer - affected the outcome of the match. - In cases where REG 10.6.4.1/REG 10.6.4.2/REG 10.6.4.3 would apply, the fixture shall only be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity if the Referee(s) provide written evidence to substantiate that the performance of the Scorer - or lack of a Scorer - affected the outcome of the match, but in all cases the first named (home) team will incur a £50 fine. VOL 5.3 Failure to provide the appropriate
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			Line Judges Where, under REG 10.2 it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange the appropriate match officials, REG 10.6.2-REG 10.6.4 shall not apply in relation to a failure to provide the appropriate Line Judges, but the first named (home) team will incur a £50 fine.	
Volleyball	VOL 6	VOL 6 Squad size The maximum squad size shall be 14 players. VOL 6.1 Bench personnel Teams shall be allowed a maximum of five bench personnel.	VOL 6 Squad size The maximum squad size shall be 14 players. Regardless of squad size, a team does not have to nominate any Liberos. VOL 6.1 Bench personnel Teams shall be allowed a maximum of five bench personnel.	Clarification regarding Liberos added to avoid potential confusion that could be caused by FIVB test rules and their implementation by Scottish Volleyball and Volleyball England.
Volleyball	VOL 12	VOL 12 League points VOL 12.1 Premier Tier Where the result is 3-0 or 3-1, three points will be awarded to the winning team, and no points will be awarded to the losing team. Where the result is 3-2, two points will be awarded to the winning team, and one point will be awarded to the losing team. <i>Please note: Where the result is 3-2, BUCS Play does not currently have the functionality to automatically assign these points and will instead award three points to the winning team and no points to the losing team. The BUCS Executive will manually adjust the points for all such results before confirming the final league standings when the League Result Submission Deadline as outlined in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines') has passed. However, to assist with the display of a more accurate league table throughout the season, Institution Administrators approving 3-2 results are requested to email fixtures@bucs.org.uk confirming when they have done so following which the BUCS Executive will manually adjust the points.</i> VOL 12.2 Tier 1 and below Three points will	VOL 12 League points VOL 12.1 Premier Tier Where the result is 3-0 or 3-1, three points will be awarded to the winning team, and no points will be awarded to the losing team. Where the result is 3-2, two points will be awarded to the winning team, and one point will be awarded to the losing team. VOL 12.2 Tier 1 and below Three points will be awarded for a win and no points for a loss. VOL 12.3 Where a walkover has been awarded/conceded (REG 13), three points shall be given to the non-offending team and three points deducted from the offending team. VOL 12.4 No points will be awarded to either team in the case of a void fixture.	Note under VOL 12.1 removed as BUCS Play does now have the necessary functionality.

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Volleyball	VOL 13	VOL 13 Calculating final league positions VOL 13.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: VOL 13.2 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then VOL 13.3 or VOL 13.4 shall be followed as applicable. VOL 13.3 Tie between two teams VOL 13.3.1 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two matches will determine the higher placed team. If this does not determine the higher placed team; VOL 13.3.2 Sets and points data shall be used as per VOL 13.3.3 - VOL 13.3.5. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and	VOL 13 Calculating final league positions VOL 13.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in VOL 13.2-VOL 13.12. VOL 13.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. VOL 13.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. VOL 13.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step (VOL 13.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.

	the recalculated sets and points data shall be used. VOL 13.3.3 The team with the higher sets difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; VOL 13.3.4 The team with the higher number of sets won shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; VOL 13.3.5 The team with the higher points difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. VOL 13.3.6 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. VOL 13.4 Tie between three or more teams VOL 13.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied on league points, a table shall be formed to calculate their final league positions using the results between the relevant teams as per VOL 13.4.2 - VOL 13.4.5. VOL 13.4.2 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; VOL 13.4.3 The teams tied will be ranked based on sets difference (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; VOL 13.4.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on the number of sets won (the higher the better). If a tie still exists; VOL 13.4.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on points difference (the higher the better). VOL 13.4.6 If a tie cannot be broken using the system above, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.	(the lower the better). VOL 13.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). VOL 13.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Sets difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). VOL 13.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Sets for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). VOL 13.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures between the tied team (the higher the better). VOL 13.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Sets difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). VOL 13.10 The teams tied will be ranked based on Sets for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). VOL 13.11 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). VOL 13.12 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	
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Water Polo	WAT i–WAT iv	WAT i The BUCS Water Polo Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations (In force as from 25 June 2025). WAT ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. WAT iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations (In force as from 25 June 2025), these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. WAT iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Water Polo Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3. *Please note that the following elements of the World Aquatics (WA) Water Polo Rules are not currently being adopted by BUCS and will be reviewed for 2026-27: - 'Flying substitutions' and therefore the requirement for there to be lateral/'flying substitution' areas. - Video Assistant Referees and the VAR protocol.	WAT i The BUCS Water Polo Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations (In force on 1 September of the current BUCS season). WAT ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. WAT iii In the event that these regulations contradict the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations (In force on 1 September of the current BUCS season), these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise. WAT iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Water Polo Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.	This change avoids the need for the edition of the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations to need to be updated in these regulations every season and makes it clearer that if a new edition were to be released during a season, the one in force at the start of the season would continue to be followed until the end of the season. Reference to flying substitutions not taking place/flying substitution areas not being required removed as covered elsewhere in regulations. Reference to Video Assistant Referees and the VAR protocol removed as not necessary due to BUCS not listing a Video Assistant Referee as a required match official and therefore any references to VAR in the WA rules not being applicable.
Water Polo	WAT 3.7	WAT 3 Field of play and equipment WAT 3.7 Possession/Shot clocks For Premier Tier and National Championship fixtures possession/shot clocks are compulsory. For all other fixtures, possession/shot clocks are not compulsory, but where not provided it is a requirement to	WAT 3 Field of play and equipment WAT 3.7 Shot clocks WAT 3.7.1 Premier Tier and National Championship matches One or more visible shot clocks shall be required. A team cannot claim a walkover, play under protest or submit a match appeal for a lack of one or	Updated to clarify that the shot clocks required for Premier Tier and National Championship must be visible. Structure and wording generally changed to make the regulations easier to read and understand.

		have an audible whistle to signal the end of possession. WAT 3.7.1 Failure to provide possession/shot clocks for Premier Tier and National Championship fixtures will result in a £100 fine per instance of this breach for the home team. Away teams cannot claim a walkover, play under protest or appeal, as the match can still go ahead timed by the officials and with use of an audible whistle to signal the end of possession.	more visible shot clocks, as the match can still go ahead timed by the match officials and with use of an audible whistle to signal the end of possession. However, failure to provide one or more visible shot clocks for a match will result in the first named (home) team being liable for a £100 fine where this is reported to BUCS. WAT 3.7.2 All other league and knockout competition matches There is no requirement to provide one or more visible shot clocks, but where one or more visible shot clocks are not provided, it is a requirement to have an audible whistle to signal the end of possession.	
Water Polo	WAT 3.9 (NEW)	N/A	WAT 3 Field of play and equipment WAT 3.9 Flying substitution area A 'flying substitution' area is not required.	It was previously noted under WAT i–WAT iv that BUCS had not adopted flying substitutions and therefore the requirement for there to be lateral/flying substitution areas, as well as this being covered under WAT 6. WAT 3.9 has been added to detail in the relevant section of the regulations that that there is no need for a flying substitution area.
Water Polo	WAT 4/Appendix 5 (BUCS Match Officials Requirements)	WAT 4 Match officials Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). WAT 4.1 The use of audio equipment by the referees is not required but is permitted. Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. Tier 2 and below Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Regional, 1 x Club; Neutral = No. National Championship Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification	WAT 4 Match officials Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). WAT 4.1 Failure to provide the appropriate Referee(s) Where, under REG 10.2 it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange the appropriate match officials, REG 10.6.2–REG 10.6.4 shall apply in relation to a failure to provide the appropriate Referee(s). WAT 4.2 Failure to provide the appropriate Table Officials Where, under REG 10.2 it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange the appropriate match officials, REG 10.6.2–REG 10.6.4 shall apply in relation to a failure to provide the	WAT 4 amended so that failing to provide the appropriate Table Officials is treated differently to failing to provide the appropriate Referee(s), recognising the different level of impact these officials can have on a match (in line with what is in place for BUCS basketball fixtures). Requirements for referees have been reviewed by BUCS's Water Polo Advisory Group, who have considered challenges teams are having sourcing referees to meet the current requirements, with an allowance now for Tier 1 and below league matches and National Trophy and below knockout competition matches to go ahead with just one referee, if appropriate notice is given to the opposition, who shall also have the chance to provide a second referee (costs covered by the home team).

		= Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. National Trophy Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. Conference Cup Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Regional, 1 x Club; Neutral = Only Final. Leagues Table Officials: Number required = 2*; Minimum level of qualification = CTO; Neutral = No. Knockout Competitions Table Officials: Number required = 2*; Minimum level of qualification = CTO; Neutral = Ideally. *Minimum	appropriate Table Officials, with the following amendments: - Where a team is permitted to 'play under protest' under REG 10.6.3.3, they may only appeal the match result if the Referee(s) provide written evidence to substantiate that the performance(s) of the Table Official(s) that did not meet the requirements of Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements') affected the outcome of the match. - In cases where REG 10.6.4.1/REG 10.6.4.2/REG 10.6.4.3 would apply, the fixture shall only be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity if the Referee(s) provide written evidence to substantiate that the performance(s) of the Table Official(s) that did not meet the requirements of Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements') affected the outcome of the match, but in all cases the first named (home) team will incur a £50 fine. WAT 4.3 The use of audio equipment by the match officials is not required but is permitted. Appendix 5 extracts: Premier Tier Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. Tier 1 Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = Regional; Neutral = 1 Yes, other ideally. Tier 2 and below Referees: Number required = 2; Minimum level of qualification = 1 x Regional, 1 x Club; Neutral = No. National Championship Referees: Number	
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Water Polo	WAT 5	WAT 5 Balls The home team is responsible for providing three regulation match balls. Should balls not be deemed suitable the away team may provide match balls. The referee will have the final decision.	WAT 5 Balls The first named (home) team shall provide at least three match balls which shall meet the requirements of the WA rules, with any requirements stated as applying to "men's" matches applying to Open matches and any requirements stated as applying to "women's" matches applying to Female matches. Should the opposition (away) team deem that any of the balls provided by the first named (home) team are not suitable, they may provide match balls, however, the referee(s) will have the final decision.	Updated to provide clarity on what a "regulation" match ball is and to account for the WA Water Polo Rules referring to "men's" and "women's" matches rather than "Open" and "Female" matches.
Water Polo	WAT6	WAT 6 Teams and players WAT 6.1 Team composition WA rules 2.1–2.5 shall apply. WAT 6.2 Substitution procedure WA rules 2.6-2.10 shall be followed with the following exceptions: WAT 6.2.1 An alternate goalkeeper must wear a red cap, but this does not have to have the same number on as they were wearing as a field player. WAT 6.2.2 BUCS has not adopted 'flying substitutions' and so there shall be no substitutions from the 'flying substitution' area. WAT 6.2.3 A goalkeeper who has been replaced by a substitute may play in any position.	WAT 6 Teams, players and substitutions The WA rules shall apply with the following exceptions: WAT 6.1 Where a team's start list comprises of fewer than 14 players, their designated goalkeeper(s) can at any time be replaced as goalkeeper by any field player and they can play as a field player. WAT 6.2 There will be no flying substitutions.	Generally updated to reflect changes to the structure and numbers of the relevant WA rules. Old WAT 2.6.1 no longer necessary as covered under WA rules (21.4.4 and 21.4.6.5). Old WAT 2.6.3 replaced with new WAT 6.1 to still allow more flexibility than the WA rules, but only where teams do not have a full complement of 14 players.
Water Polo	WAT 8 (NEW)	N/A	WAT 8 Match record sheets WAT 8.1 All fixtures must be fully recorded on a match record sheet which shall be provided by the first named (home) team. Failure to use a match record sheet will result in the forfeiture of a match by the first named (home) team where this is proven. WAT 8.2 At the end of each fixture, the referees shall check and sign the match	For clarity that the use of a match record sheet is essential to the proper management of a fixture and therefore with a sanction to be put in place if one is not used (in line with what is in place for BUCS volleyball fixtures). A template BUCS match record sheet will be provided alongside the regulations on BUCS's website.

			record sheet. WAT 8.3 It is the responsibility of the first named (home) team for each fixture to keep a copy of the match record sheet until the end of the season. In the case of a match appeal or dispute regarding a result, the first named (home) team must be able to produce the match record sheet to BUCS when requested.	
Wheelchair Basketball	WHB 6	WHB 6 Calculating final league positions Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential system: WHB 6.1 A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists, then WHB 6.2 or WHB 6.3 shall be followed as applicable. WHB 6.2 Tie between two teams WHB 6.2.1 Where two teams are tied on league points, the result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where fixtures are played on a 'home' and 'away' basis, the aggregate score of the two (or more) matches will determine the higher placed team. If this does not determine the higher placed team; WHB 6.2.2 Points data shall be used as per WHB 6.2.3 – WHB 6.2.4. If the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to either of the teams or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on	WHB 6 Calculating final league positions WHB 6.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in WHB 6.2–WHB 6.10. WHB 6.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams. WHB 6.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation. WHB 6.4 The teams tied will be ranked	As part of Playwaze's project to review and refactor the parts of the BUCS Play (Playwaze) system pertaining to leagues, they engaged with the BUCS Executive regarding league tiebreakers for which there had been questions as to whether the system was applying, or could apply, the regulations for ties involving three or more teams, with the BUCS Executive having run manual checks where there were concerns raised. The BUCS Executive also received numerous queries each season regarding how final league positions were calculated, including individuals seeking clarity when they had read the regulations. This therefore provided the opportunity - and potential need - for the regulations regarding breaking ties on league points to be amended. This new system maintains the core of the previous systems, but in one simplified system to be followed regardless of the number of teams tied. Combining steps from the previous systems, as well as adding the opportunity to reapply a step to any teams remaining tied if one or more teams are removed from the tie on the previous iteration of that step (WHB 6.2), provides more opportunities for ties to be broken using sporting performance data.

		league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and the recalculated points data shall be used. WHB 6.2.3 The team with the higher points difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; WHB 6.2.4 The team with the higher number of points scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. WHB 6.2.5 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. WHB 6.3 Tie between three or more teams WHB 6.3.1 Where three or more teams are tied on league points, a 'mini league' table shall be formed to calculate the higher placed team from the results between the relevant teams using the following sequential system: WHB 6.3.2 League points accumulated. If a tie still exists; WHB 6.3.3 The team with the higher points difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists; WHB 6.3.4 The team with the higher number of points scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. WHB 6.3.5 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.	based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better). WHB 6.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). WHB 6.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). WHB 6.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better). WHB 6.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). WHB 6.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better). WHB 6.10 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.	
Wheelchair Basketball	WHB 7	WHB 7 Fixture administration REG 9 shall apply with the following variations: WHB 7.1 For league fixture rounds, the host team for each round shall take on any responsibilities of the 'first named (home) institution/Playing Entity'. WHB 7.2 Where teams agree to change the	WHB 7 Fixture administration REG 9 shall apply with the following variations: WHB 7.1 For league fixture rounds, the host team for each round shall take on any responsibilities of the 'first named (home) institution/Playing Entity'. WHB 7.2 In addition to fulfilling REG 9.3.6,	WHB 7.2-WHB 7.5 updated to improve readability and reflect changes to some regulation numbers under REG 9. WHB 7.6 added and some changes made to WHB 7.2-WHB 7.5 to formalise the process for finding a host for centralised Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals,

	date of a league fixture, this shall be communicated to the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer (officials@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk) at the earliest possible opportunity. WHB 7.3 In addition to fulfilling REG 9.3.6, the host team shall inform the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer of all match details, to assist with appointment of referees. Failure to do so shall result in a £50.00 fine. WHB 7.4 In addition to REG 9.3.6.1 through REG 9.3.6.4, any change(s) to the start time or venue at any stage once initial time and venue are confirmed should be confirmed in writing to the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer/any appointed referees, a minimum of 48 hours before the originally scheduled time of the fixture. Failure to do so shall result in a £100.00 fine, and the possibility referees will not be appointed. WHB 7.5 Confirmation of fixture details It is the responsibility of the host team to contact the visiting team(s) and the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer/any appointed referees in writing (email) to confirm the fixture details at least seven days (not working days, e.g. weekends and bank holidays are included where applicable) prior to the fixture. At this time an emergency telephone number shall be exchanged together with the intended time of departure of the visiting team(s). This correspondence should be conducted through the relevant Athletic Union (or equivalent body). WHB 7.5.1 In the case of knockout	the host team shall inform the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer of all match details, to assist with appointment of referees. Failure to do so shall result in a £50.00 fine. WHB 7.3 Where teams agree to change the date of a league fixture, this shall be communicated the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer at the earliest possible opportunity. WHB 7.4 Should a fixture have a change of start time or venue from that initially communicated to the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer, the host team must communicate this to the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer a minimum of 48 hours before the previously scheduled start time of the fixture. Failure to do so shall result in a £100.00 fine, and the possibility referees will not be appointed. WHB 7.5 Confirmation of fixture details It is the responsibility of the host team to contact the visiting team(s) and the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Referee Appointments Officer/any appointed referees in writing (email) to confirm the fixture details at least seven days (not working days, e.g. weekends and bank holidays are included where applicable) prior to the fixture. At this time an emergency telephone number shall be exchanged together with the intended time of departure of the visiting team(s). This correspondence should be conducted through the relevant Athletic Union (or equivalent body). WHB 7.5.1 In the case of knockout competition fixtures not taking place at a	to clarify what will happen if there is no host found, and to reflect where the regulations need to differ depending on whether the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals are hosted at a centralised venue or not.
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Wheelchair Basketball	WHB 10.4	WHB 10 Match officials WHB 10.4 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will appoint	WHB 10 Match officials WHB 10.4 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will appoint	Updated to reflect where the regulations need to differ depending on whether the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals are hosted at a centralised venue or not.

		referees to all matches and the first named (home) teams shall be responsible for payment of the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9.	referees to all matches. If matches take place at a centralised venue, the host shall be responsible for making payments to the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9, however the cost of the payments shall be split between the participating teams, unless otherwise agreed by the host and all participating teams. For matches which do take place at a centralised venue, the first named (home) teams shall be responsible for payment of the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9.	
Wheelchair Basketball	WHB 10.5	WHB 10 Match officials WHB 10.5 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, the first named (home) team shall be responsible for provision and payment of table officials.	WHB 10 Match officials WHB 10.5 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, if matches take place at a centralised venue, the host shall be responsible for the provision of the table officials and making payments to them, however the cost of the payments shall be split between the participating teams, unless otherwise agreed by the host and all participating teams. For matches which do take place at a centralised venue, the first named (home) teams shall be responsible for the provision and payment of the table officials.	Updated to reflect where the regulations need to differ depending on whether the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals are hosted at a centralised venue or not.