

LUSL SANCTION GUIDELINES

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Where LUSL participants or teams are involved in a disciplinary process, the BUCS Executive will refer to the BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines.

This document, however, governs the range of sanctions that are available to the appeals panel to govern breaches in LUSL general and sport specific regulations. The reason that these are different from the BUCS sanctions is the awareness that LUSL teams compete on a more regional and often more recreational level than BUCS teams. Every effort is made to ensure that these guidelines reflect the level of play and resources invested into the LUSL programme.

This list of sanctions is not exhaustive, and the BUCS/LUSL Disciplinary/Appeals Panel has the discretion to impose other sanctions not listed in this document as it deems appropriate on a case by case basis. The Disciplinary/Appeals Panel may exceptionally impose less severe sanctions than those described below where mitigating circumstances render this appropriate.

In some cases more than one sanction will be imposed, and multiple sanctions will always be imposed in serious disciplinary cases.

RANGE OF SANCTIONS

- **Result changes:** This may include replaying the fixture, switching the home team or granting a walkover to one of the teams involved.
- **Fines:** These can range from £50 upwards depending on the nature of the regulation breach/disciplinary matter.
- **League Points deduction:** These can range from three, six or nine points
- **Concession of walkovers (and application of associated fines as per LUSL 7.8):** Applied to a specific fixture, or any number of past, or future fixtures, depending on the nature of the regulation breach/disciplinary matter.
- **Invalidation of results:** Invalidating results that were achieved in the event, league or knockout competition in which the regulation breach/disciplinary matter took place.
- **Disqualification from an event, league and/or knockout competition:** This will include the removal of any medals, points and other such prizes that might have been associated with results achieved.
- **Automatic relegation**
- **Ban from LUSL competitions/events:** This can vary in length from a minimum of six months upwards in league sports, or from a minimum of one event in one-off tournament sports.
- **Suspension:** If any athletes or support personnel are found in breach of the same regulation during the next two seasons (or more) then the club may be automatically banned from LUSL competition for the remainder of the season the breach occurs in, and the whole of the following season (or more). The Length of this sentence can range depending on the nature of the regulation breach/disciplinary matter.
- **Touchline ban:** Usually imposed for a coach or support personnel. The length of the ban will be quantified by the number of matches as opposed to a period of time.
- **Carrying opposition costs:** Where rule breaches have caused the opposition non-refundable costs, the team may have to cover part of or the full cost.
- **Educational and restorative sanctions:** Participation in or completion of an activity to build awareness or knowledge relevant to the nature of the regulation breach; attendance at, and completion of, any educational programmes. For example:
 - o Education programme: This can be for all sports clubs at an institution or a specific club. Education can be for team captains, vice captains, presidents, coaches, athletes, and athlete support personnel (evidence of the content and implementation of the programme will need to be provided to the BUCS Sport Compliance and Governance Manager).

- Rules and regulations familiarisation: This might be for specific groups of people; team captains, students, etc.
- Other such activities or programmes that might be deemed beneficial to an institution in order to avoid future regulation breaches.

SANCTION GUIDELINES RELATING TO SPECIFIC REGULATION BREACHES

LUSL 1 GENERAL (In particular, LUSL 1.2 Contact details)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fine (Minimum £50, and can range up to £1000 if deemed appropriate) - Disqualification from a competition or league
LUSL 2 MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ban from LUSL competitions
LUSL 3 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Fine (Minimum £50, and can range up to £1000 if deemed appropriate) - Disqualification from a competition or league - Suspension - Ban from LUSL competitions (Serious breaches)
LUSL 4 TEAM SELECTION AND TEAM SHEETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Disqualification from a competition or league - Suspension - Ban from LUSL competitions
LUSL 5 CONDITIONS OF PLAY AND DURATION OF MATCHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Covering opposition costs - Disqualification from a competition or league - Suspension - Ban from LUSL competitions
LUSL 6 MATCH OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Disqualification from a competition or league - Suspension - Ban from LUSL competitions
LUSL 7 FIXTURE ADMINISTRATION AND FORFEITURES (WALKOVERS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Fine (Minimum £50, and can range up to £1000 if deemed appropriate) - Disqualification from a competition or league - League point deduction - Covering opposition costs - Automatic relegation - Suspension - Ban from LUSL competitions
LUSL 8 RESULTS & STANDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - Fine (Minimum £20, and can range up to £1000 if deemed appropriate) - Disqualification from a competition or league - Suspension
LUSL 9 POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - League point deduction - Covering opposition costs
LUSL 10 REARRANGING FIXTURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - League point deduction - Covering opposition costs - Automatic relegation
LUSL SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result change - League point deduction - Invalidity of results - Suspension