

BUCS GENERAL REGULATIONS – SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2026-27 (VERSION 1)

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SUMMARY

This document highlights some of the changes to BUCS' General 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.

Updated versions of this document will be published should there be further updates to regulations following its initial publication.

Regulation Number	Previous Regulation	New Regulation	Reason
REG 6.1.2.1.7– REG 6.1.2.1.10 (Formerly REG 6.1.2.1.7)	REG 6.1 BUCS Points REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships REG 6.1.2.1.7 BUCS Points will not be allocated where the minimum number of individuals/teams has not been reached, or where there are not enough individual results to extract a team result. Where the minimum number has been reached an individual/team (except for overall/extracted teams) must have beaten or tied with another individual/team (not including any guest entrants) to earn BUCS Points. For example, if three individuals/teams compete in an event with the results confirming distinct 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place finishers, only 1st and 2nd place will earn BUCS Points. To be classed as beaten or tied with an individual/team must have competed – individuals/teams are regarded as having competed if they started the event, therefore 'DNS' or 'No Show' will not be regarded as having competed. Individuals/teams who are disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to earn BUCS Points.	REG 6.1 BUCS Points REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships REG 6.1.2.1.7 BUCS Points will not be allocated where the minimum number of individuals/teams has not been reached, or where there are not enough individual results to extract a team result. REG 6.1.2.1.8 A n individual/team (except for overall/extracted teams) must have beaten or tied with another individual/team (not including any guest entrants) to earn BUCS Points. For example, if three individuals/teams compete in an event with the results confirming distinct 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place finishers, only 1st and 2nd place will earn BUCS Points. For an individual/team to be classed as having been beaten or tied with they must have competed. REG 6.1.2.1.9 Individuals/teams who are disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to earn BUCS Points. REG 6.1.2.1.10 Notwithstanding REG 6.1.2.1.7 and REG 6.1.2.1.8, a para athlete competing in a para category featuring no other individuals (not including any guest entrants) shall be eligible to earn BUCS Points subject to the following performance-based conditions: REG 6.1.2.1.10.1 In a Championships for which official BUCS Para Records are maintained, a para athlete shall be awarded the BUCS Points allocated for 1st place in a category provided their performance surpasses a pre-existing BUCS Para Record for the category. A BUCS Para Record for a category may be either a multi-classification record	Existing REG 6.1.2.1.7 split into REG 6.1.2.1.7–REG 6.1.2.1.9 with unnecessary wording removed to make easier to read. REG 6.1.2.1.10 added as the current requirement to have competed against (and beaten or tied with) another individual creates a systemic equity gap for disabled students. Due to highly distributed impairment classifications, para athletes are frequently standalone competitors. Denying them BUCS Points on the basis of a lack of competitors was highlighted in the BUCS Para and Disability Survey as a major barrier to inclusion, making them feel unable to contribute to their institution/Playing Entity. The addition of REG 6.1.2.1.10 takes equitable action by mirroring UK NGB practices (like Swim England and British Athletics factoring). By replacing physical opponents with an NGB-approved benchmark or BUCS Para Record, we guarantee meaningful competition, protect sporting integrity, and properly value disabled athletes.

		for all eligible para athletes of all eligible classifications or a single-classification record for a specific eligible classification within the category. REG 6.1.2.1.10.2 In a category for which no applicable BUCS Para Record as per REG 6.1.2.1.10.1 yet exists, a para athlete shall be awarded the BUCS Points allocated for 1st place provided their performance meets or exceeds a National Governing Body (NGB) benchmark, subject to this benchmark having been established prior to entries opening for the relevant Championships, in direct collaboration with, and verified by, the relevant NGB. A category may have either a multi-classification benchmark for all eligible para athletes of all eligible classifications or a single-classification benchmark each specific eligible classification within the category. REG 6.1.2.1.10.3 The performance of a para athlete who competes in a category for which no applicable BUCS Para Record as per REG 6.1.2.1.10.1 exists shall automatically be established as an inaugural BUCS Para Record, regardless of whether the relevant NGB benchmark has been met or exceeded, except where the individual has been disqualified or listed as 'DNF'. <i>Note to REG 6.1.2.1.10.3: The establishment of an inaugural BUCS Para Record does not guarantee BUCS Points for that specific performance. To earn BUCS Points, the individual's performance must have met or exceeded the NGB benchmark outlined in REG 6.1.2.1.10.2.</i> REG 6.1.2.1.10.4 Once an inaugural BUCS Para Record has been successfully established under REG 6.1.2.1.10.3, that record shall immediately supersede the relevant NGB benchmark. REG 6.1.2.1.10.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the application of REG 6.1.2.1.10 is strictly limited to para categories that are allocated BUCS Points and either have official BUCS Para Records or NGB benchmarks established in accordance with REG	
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		6.1.2.1.10.2. REG 6.1.2.1.10.6 Subject to REG 6.1.2.1.10.5, Championships in which there are conditionally eligible para categories for the 2026-27 season are: • Athletics: Indoor Championships and Outdoor Championships • Cycling: 10 Mile Time Trial Championships, 25 Mile Time Trial Championships, Hill Climb Championships, and Track Championships • Powerlifting and Weightlifting: Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting Championships • Rowing: Indoor Championships • Swimming: Long Course Championships and Short Course Championships • Taekwondo: Championships	
REG 6.1.2.2	REG 6.1 BUCS Points REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.1.2.2 Team Championships REG 6.1.2.2.1 At Championship level, institutions/Playing Entities can only earn one set of BUCS Points, regardless of their finishing positions, unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information. REG 6.1.2.2.2 At Trophy and Shield levels, institutions/Playing Entities may earn multiple sets of BUCS Points, based on their finishing positions, unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information. REG 6.1.2.2.3 Where teams are tied on finishing position, the total amount of the BUCS Points set(s) allocated to the positions they would have occupied if the tie were broken will be combined and split equally among the joint institutions/Playing Entities. For example, if two teams tie for 2nd place, the BUCS Points sets for	REG 6.1 BUCS Points REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.1.2.2 Team Championships REG 6.1.2.2.1 BUCS Points will be allocated to the top 24 places of a global ranking produced for each gender category at a Championships from the results of all levels of competition (Championship/Trophy/Shield) within the respective gender category. Where there are separate levels of competition (Championship/Trophy/Shield) within a gender category throughout a Championships, Championship teams will always be ranked above Trophy teams and Trophy teams always ranked above Shield teams. Where all teams within a gender category start at the same level of competition before some or all teams later progress into separate levels of competition (Championship/Trophy/Shield), Championship teams will always be ranked above Trophy teams, Trophy teams will always ranked above Shield teams, and Shield teams will always be ranked above any teams which do not progress to any of these separate levels.	Updated to reflect the outcomes of the review of Team Championships (Events) BUCS Points which was concluded during the 2025-26 season.

	2nd and 3rd place will be combined and the total amount of BUCS Points split equally among them. REG 6.1.2.2.4 Where a team not eligible to earn BUCS Points finishes in a position allocated a set of BUCS Points, the set of BUCS Points allocated to this position shall be reallocated to the next position occupied by an eligible team. If that next position had an allocated set of BUCS Points, these will be reallocated following the same principle, which shall continue to be applied until all affected sets of BUCS Points have been reallocated and/or there are no remaining teams eligible to earn BUCS Points that have not earned a set.	REG 6.1.2.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities entering more than one team in a gender category at a Championships may have multiple teams given a final ranking and therefore earn multiple sets of BUCS Points, unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information. REG 6.1.2.2.3 Where teams are tied on ranking position, the total amount of the BUCS Points set(s) allocated to the positions they would have occupied if the tie were broken will be combined and split equally among the joint teams. For example, if two teams tie for 2nd place, the BUCS Points sets for 2nd and 3rd place will be combined, and the total amount of BUCS Points split equally among them. REG 6.1.2.2.4 The following teams will not be included in a global ranking: • Teams not eligible to earn BUCS Points (for example guest entrants) • Teams that are disqualified • Teams that were entered but did not compete	
REG 6.2.2.5– REG 6.2.2.8 (Formerly REG 6.2.2.4)	REG 6.2 Medals REG 6.2.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.2.2.4 BUCS Medals will not be awarded where the minimum number of individuals/teams has not been reached. Where the minimum number has been reached an individual/team is not required to have beaten another individual/team in order to be awarded a BUCS Medal, but must have competed. For example, if only two individuals/teams compete in an event, both Gold and Silver medals will be awarded. Individuals/teams are regarded as having competed if they started the event, therefore 'DNS' or 'No Show' will not be regarded as having competed, however individuals/teams who are	REG 6.2 Medals REG 6.2.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events) REG 6.2.2.5 BUCS Medals will not be awarded where the minimum number of individuals/teams has not been reached. REG 6.2.2.6 An individual/team is not required to have beaten or tied with another individual/team in order to be awarded a BUCS Medal, but must have competed against another individual/team (not including any guest entrants). For example, if only two individuals/teams compete in an event, both Gold and Silver medals will be awarded, subject to REG 6.2.2.7. REG 6.2.2.7 Individuals/teams who are disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to receive a BUCS Medal.	Existing REG 6.2.2.4 split into REG 6.2.2.5–REG 6.2.2.7 with unnecessary wording removed to make easier to read. REG 6.2.2.8 added as the current requirement to have competed against another individual creates a systemic equity gap for disabled students. Due to highly distributed impairment classifications, para athletes are frequently standalone competitors. Denying them a BUCS Medal on the basis of lack of competitors was highlighted in the BUCS Para and Disability Survey as a major barrier to inclusion, making them feel unable to contribute to their institution/Playing Entity. The addition of REG 6.2.2.8 takes equitable action by mirroring UK NGB practices (like

	disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to receive a BUCS Medal.	REG 6.2.2.8 Notwithstanding REG 6.2.2.5 and REG 6.2.2.6, a para athlete competing in a para category featuring no other individuals (not including any guest entrants) shall be eligible to receive a BUCS Gold Medal subject to the following performance-based conditions: REG 6.2.2.8.1 In a Championships for which official BUCS Para Records are maintained, a para athlete shall be awarded a Gold Medal in a category provided their performance surpasses a pre-existing BUCS Para Record for the category. A BUCS Para Record for a category may be either a multi-classification record for all eligible para athletes of all eligible classifications or a single-classification record for a specific eligible classification within the category. REG 6.2.2.8.2 In a category for which no applicable BUCS Para Record as per REG 6.2.2.8.1 yet exists, a para athlete shall be awarded a Gold Medal provided their performance meets or exceeds a National Governing Body (NGB) benchmark, subject to this benchmark having been established prior to entries opening for the relevant Championships, in direct collaboration with, and verified by, the relevant NGB. A category may have either a multi-classification benchmark for all eligible para athletes of all eligible classifications or a single-classification benchmark each specific eligible classification within the category. REG 6.2.2.8.3 The performance of a para athlete who competes in a category for which no applicable BUCS Para Record as per REG 6.2.2.8.1 exists shall automatically be established as an inaugural BUCS Para Record, regardless of whether the relevant NGB benchmark has been met or exceeded, except where the individual has been disqualified or listed as 'DNF'. Note to REG 6.2.2.8.3: The establishment of an inaugural BUCS Para Record does not guarantee a Gold Medal for that specific performance. To be	Swim England and British Athletics factoring). By replacing physical opponents with an NGB-approved benchmark or BUCS Para Record, we guarantee meaningful competition, protect sporting integrity, and properly value disabled athletes.
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		awarded a Gold Medal, the individual's performance must have met or exceeded the NGB benchmark outlined in REG 6.2.2.8.2. REG 6.2.2.8.4 Once an inaugural BUCS Para Record has been successfully established under REG 6.2.2.8.3, that record shall immediately supersede the relevant NGB benchmark. REG 6.2.2.8.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the application of REG 6.2.2.8 is strictly limited to para categories that are allocated BUCS Points and either have official BUCS Para Records or NGB benchmarks established in accordance with REG 6.2.2.8.2. REG 6.2.2.8.6 Subject to REG 6.2.2.8.5, Championships in which there are conditionally eligible para categories for the 2026-27 season are: • Athletics: Indoor Championships and Outdoor Championships • Cycling: 10 Mile Time Trial Championships, 25 Mile Time Trial Championships, Hill Climb Championships, and Track Championships • Powerlifting and Weightlifting: Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting Championships • Rowing: Indoor Championships • Swimming: Long Course Championships and Short Course Championships • Taekwondo: Championships.	
REG 7.5 (Formerly REG 7.5 and REG 7.9)	REG 7.5 Entries All information regarding entries will be contained in the relevant event entry information. This includes, where applicable, but is not limited to: Entry process and deadline(s), whether staged entries may be offered, whether guest entry opportunities will be offered, amendments policy, reserve list policy, substitution policy, withdrawal policy, and no-shows. Associated fees and/or fines will also be listed in the entry information. REG 7.5.1 An institution/Playing Entity found to have allowed an individual to compete without the correct entry processes having been followed will	REG 7.5 Entries and withdrawals REG 7.5.1 All information regarding entries will be contained in the relevant event entry information. This includes, where applicable, but is not limited to: Entry process and deadline(s), whether staged entries may be offered, whether guest entry opportunities will be offered, amendments policy, reserve list policy, substitution policy, withdrawal policy, and no-shows. Associated fees and/or fines will also be listed in the entry information. REG 7.5.2 An institution/Playing Entity found to have allowed an individual to compete without the correct entry processes having been followed will	Regulations regarding entry fees (previously under REG 3.2) moved to sit in a more appropriate place, now housed with regulations regarding withdrawals (previously under REG 7.9) and entries under REG 7.5. Old REG 7.5.3 removed as not necessary due to this being covered under REG 4.1. References to "institution" and "institutions" replaced with "institution/Playing Entity" and

	have the entry disqualified and may face a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5. REG 7.5.2 In any event which is run in a progression format, if 2 entries (teams or individuals) from the same institution/Playing Entity are drawn against each other in the first round, they may be redrawn. Redraws will be at the discretion of the BUCS Executive and/or Tournament Director and may not always be possible. REG 7.5.3 In events which offer team categories (two or more individuals), all student-athletes in a team must be from the same institution. REG 7.9 Withdrawals and refunds The following shall apply to all Individual and Team Championship events with the exception of Equestrian and Indoor Cricket which have their own equivalent sport specific regulations in place. REG 7.9.1 Prior to the event entry closing date, any entries submitted can be amended or removed. There is no charge to amend an entry prior to the deadline. Entry fees will not be charged for entries removed prior to the deadline. REG 7.9.2 Once the event entry closing date has passed, entry fees will be charged for all entries submitted except for where any of the following apply: • If BUCS has rejected an entry for not meeting the criteria, the institution will not be charged the entry fee. For example, an entry is rejected in Athletics for not meeting an entry standard. • If BUCS has rejected an entry due to the event having reached capacity, the institution will not be charged the entry fee. Please note: For events which operate a reserve list for entries not initially accepted into the event, if an entry is not withdrawn from the reserve list and is subsequently added to the event, the entry fee will	have the entry disqualified and may face a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5. REG 7.5.3 In any event which is run in a progression format, if two entries (teams or individuals) from the same institution/Playing Entity are drawn against each other in the first round, they may be redrawn. Redraws will be at the discretion of the BUCS Executive and/or Tournament Director and may not always be possible. REG 7.5.4 Entry fees Entry fees for BUCS Individual and Team Championships (Events) will be billed after the relevant event entry closing date and are to be paid in line with REG 3.3. Where an event offers 'Stage 2' entries, if these are accepted, they will be subject to an additional 20% fee on top of the standard entry fee, as detailed in the relevant event entry information. REG 7.5.5 Withdrawals and refunds The following shall apply to all Individual and Team Championship events except for Equestrian and Indoor Cricket which have their own equivalent sport specific regulations in place: REG 7.5.5.1 Prior to the event entry closing date, any entries submitted can be amended or removed. There is no charge to amend an entry prior to the deadline. Entry fees will not be charged for entries removed prior to the deadline. REG 7.5.5.2 Once the event entry closing date has passed, entry fees will be charged for all entries submitted except for where any of the following apply: • If BUCS has rejected an entry for not meeting the criteria, the institution/Playing Entity will not be charged the entry fee. For example, an entry is rejected in Athletics for not meeting an entry standard. • If BUCS has rejected an entry due to the event having reached capacity, the institution/Playing	"institutions/Playing Entities" respectively to align with terminology now more commonly used throughout BUCS's regulations.
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	be charged. REG 7.9.3 Once the event entry closing date has passed, most events do not charge a fine for withdrawals up to 'x' time prior to the event. However, after this period, most events will charge a fine for 'late withdrawals' or 'no-shows'. This will all be detailed in the entry information for each event, including how withdrawal requests must be submitted. Fines for 'late withdrawals' or 'no-shows' will not be charged where an individual/member of a team needs to withdraw for medical reasons (and where applicable they are not able to be replaced) and this can be evidenced by a medical/doctor's note. REG 7.9.4 As stated in REG 7.9.2 and REG 7.9.3, some events will offer the opportunity for institutions to replace individuals/teams who are no longer able to compete, using other individuals/teams entered elsewhere in the event or that they have registered on a specific reserve list. Any events which have a substitution policy will have this clearly detailed in the entry information. Alternatively, some events which are often oversubscribed will place any entries not initially accepted onto a reserve list and individuals/teams from this reserve list will be called up to replace any withdrawals/no-shows in accordance with the event specific policy.	Entity will not be charged the entry fee. Please note: For events which operate a reserve list for entries not initially accepted into the event, if an entry is not withdrawn from the reserve list and is subsequently added to the event, the entry fee will be charged. REG 7.5.5.3 Once the event entry closing date has passed, most events do not charge a fine for withdrawals up to 'x' time prior to the event. However, after this period, most events will charge a fine for 'late withdrawals' or 'no-shows'. This will all be detailed in the entry information for each event, including how withdrawal requests must be submitted. Fines for 'late withdrawals' or 'no-shows' will not be charged where an individual/member of a team needs to withdraw for medical reasons (and where applicable they are not able to be replaced) and this can be evidenced by a medical/doctor's note. REG 7.5.5.4 As stated in REG 7.5.5.2 and REG 7.5.5.3, some events will offer the opportunity for institutions/Playing Entities to replace individuals/teams who are no longer able to compete, using other individuals/teams entered elsewhere in the event or that they have registered on a specific reserve list. Any events which have a substitution policy will have this clearly detailed in the entry information. Alternatively, some events which are often oversubscribed will place any entries not initially accepted onto a reserve list and individuals/teams from this reserve list will be called up to replace any withdrawals/no-shows in accordance with the event specific policy.	
REG 8.3.4	REG 8.3 Leagues REG 8.3.4 Withdrawals and refunds Whether an institution/Playing Entity can withdraw a team and how, whether they will be eligible for an entry fee refund, and the impact on that team should they re-enter for the following season, will be subject to the following regulations:	REG 8.3 Leagues REG 8.3.4 Entries and withdrawals REG 8.3.4.1 Entry fees Entry fees for BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) will be billed after the relevant entry set closes and are to be paid in line with REG 3.3. REG 8.3.4.2 Late entries	Regulations regarding entry fees and late entries (previously under REG 3.2) moved to sit in a more appropriate place, now housed with regulations regarding withdrawals under REG 8.3.4. New regulations have also been added detailing the processes behind the BUCS

	REG 8.3.4.1 Prior to the Team Entry closing date, any entries submitted can be withdrawn through BUCS Play. Entry fees will not be charged for teams withdrawn prior to the deadline. REG 8.3.4.2 Once the Team Entry closing date has passed, and prior to the closing of the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window, any teams submitted can be withdrawn (note REG 8.3.4.6) by emailing fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Entry fees will not be charged for teams withdrawn during this window. REG 8.3.4.3 Once the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window closing date has passed, whether a team can be withdrawn and/or whether entry fees will be charged/will not be refunded will be subject to the following: REG 8.3.4.3.1 If BUCS has not been able to accommodate a team in a competition, the institution will not be charged the entry fee. REG 8.3.4.3.2 A team can be withdrawn (note REG 8.3.4.6) prior to the relevant withdrawal deadline below; however, the entry fee will still be charged/will not be refunded: • A team scheduled six league fixtures or less can be withdrawn prior to two of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled seven–nine league fixtures can be withdrawn prior to three of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled 10–12 league fixtures can be withdrawn prior to four of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled 13–15 league fixtures can be withdrawn prior to five of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled 16–18 league fixtures can be	REG 8.3.4.2.1 Once the Team Entry closing date has passed, and prior to the closing of the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window, the BUCS Executive may, at their discretion and where competition structures allow, accept late entry requests into Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts). REG 8.3.4.2.2 When the BUCS Executive receive a late entry request after the closing of the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window, and prior to 2 October of the respective season (2 April for Cricket) or the first working day following this if it falls on a weekend, the following process will be used to determine if the request is accepted: • The BUCS Executive will reply to the institution/Playing Entity which submitted the request, outlining the process. • The BUCS Executive will send a consultation email to the Institution Administrators (IAs) of all teams in the affected league(s) detailing the request and asking them to respond to confirm on behalf of their team(s) whether they would prefer for the request to be accepted or rejected. The institution/Playing Entity which submitted the request will be sent a blind carbon copy and shall be permitted to contact the IAs of the affected teams if they wish. • A deadline for responses will be set and detailed in the email sent out by the BUCS Executive. This deadline will take into consideration the time of year as follows: - o For a consultation email sent before 1 September, the deadline will be 10 working days after the email has been sent. - o For a consultation email sent on or after 1 September, the deadline will be five working days after the email has been sent. • Responses to the consultation should be submitted by email to fixtures@bucs.org.uk and will only be accepted from IAs or other recognised Athletic Union (or equivalent) representatives. For the	Executive reviewing late entry requests, following consultation with Members during the 2025-26 season.
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	withdrawn prior to six of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. REG 8.3.4.3.2.1 Exceptions to these deadlines are: • Men's and Women's Dodgeball • Mixed Softball • Women's Outdoor Ultimate • Mixed Wheelchair Basketball • Where a team is participating in a league in any other sport where, as per REG 9.2.4, the league has been agreed to be hosted in a central venue/tournament format. In these cases, a team can withdraw at any time prior to 10 working days before the first agreed fixture date for the competition. Once this deadline passes, teams cannot withdraw. For example, if a league's first fixture date was Saturday 28 October or Sunday 29 October, then teams would not be allowed to withdraw after 23:59 on Sunday 15 October. Or, if a league's first fixture date was Wednesday 1 November, then teams would not be allowed to withdraw after 23:59 on Tuesday 17 October. REG 8.3.4.3.3 Where a team can be withdrawn any results logged for any fixtures prior to this will be expunged. They will also be withdrawn from, or prevented from qualifying for, any corresponding knockout competition. If they already have a scheduled knockout competition fixture, they will be withdrawn by way of an involuntary walkover. REG 8.3.4.3.4 If a withdrawal is permitted under REG 8.3.4.3, it should be requested by contacting fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Once confirmation of withdrawal has been received from the BUCS Executive, the institution/Playing Entity should contact all other teams in the league affected, and any knockout opposition, to inform them of the withdrawal. REG 8.3.4.4 Where a team is no longer permitted	avoidance of doubt, if an institution/Playing Entity has more than one team in the affected league(s) then they will have one vote per team. If only one response is received from an institution/Playing Entity with multiple teams, their response will be taken to apply to each of these teams. • The first working day following the deadline set for responses, the BUCS Executive will review all received responses. If there are any non-responses, the BUCS Executive will send a follow-up email to those yet to respond, giving an extended deadline of a further two working days in which they can respond. • If there are any non-responses following the extended deadline, then these will be classed as a preference for the request to be accepted. • If 80% of the teams currently in the affected league(s) would prefer for the request to be accepted, the late entry will be accepted. • If less than 80% of the teams currently in the affected league(s) would prefer for the request to be accepted, the late entry will be rejected. • Following the conclusion of the consultation, the BUCS Executive will email the IAs of all teams in the affected league(s) and the institution/Playing Entity which submitted the request to confirm if the request has been accepted or rejected. REG 8.3.4.2.3 Any late entry accepted will be subject to an administration charge as follows which will be based on when the late entry is requested: • Entry requested after the Team Entry Window closes, up until the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window closes (dates communicated on an annual basis when the Team Entry Window is opened): £10 per team. • Entry requested after the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window has closed, up until 1 October of the respective season (1 April for Cricket): £25 per team. REG 8.3.4.3 Withdrawals and refunds Whether an	
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	to be withdrawn as the relevant deadline under REG 8.3.4.3 has passed, any fixtures which they do not fulfil may be claimed as walkovers by their opposition, or be recorded as void, and the results of any fixtures already logged prior to this will remain. Please note the penalties incurred for multiple walkovers, dependent on tier of competition in REG 13.7.5. Where walkovers are claimed, an institution/Playing Entity can apply for these walkovers to be considered involuntary – see REG 13.7 for more details. REG 8.3.4.5 Teams withdrawn will be relegated to the tier below (where applicable) should they re-enter the following season. If they do not re-enter the following season, then at any future point they re-enter they will be treated as a new team (note REG 8.3.3). REG 8.3.4.6 An institution/Playing Entity cannot withdraw a team whilst a lower ranked team of theirs remains in the competition structure. An exception to this is where an institution/Playing Entity has Ring Fencing in place. In such a case the same principle shall apply but only between teams under the same Ring Fencing, or those not Ring Fenced, as applicable.	institution/Playing Entity can withdraw a team and how, whether they will be eligible for an entry fee refund, and the impact on that team should they re-enter for the following season, will be subject to the following regulations: REG 8.3.4.3.1 Prior to the Team Entry closing date, any entries submitted can be withdrawn through BUCS Play. Entry fees will not be charged for teams withdrawn prior to the deadline. REG 8.3.4.3.2 Once the Team Entry closing date has passed, and prior to the closing of the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window, any teams submitted can be withdrawn (note REG 8.3.4.3.6) by emailing fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Entry fees will not be charged for teams withdrawn during this window. REG 8.3.4.3.3 Once the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window closing date has passed, whether a team can be withdrawn and/or whether entry fees will be charged/will not be refunded will be subject to the following: REG 8.3.4.3.3.1 If BUCS has not been able to accommodate a team in a competition, the institution will not be charged the entry fee. REG 8.3.4.3.3.2 A team can be withdrawn (note REG 8.3.4.3.6) prior to the relevant withdrawal deadline below; however, the entry fee will still be charged/will not be refunded: • A team scheduled six league fixtures or less can be withdrawn prior to two of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled seven–nine league fixtures can be withdrawn prior to three of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled 10–12 league fixtures can be withdrawn prior to four of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. • A team scheduled 13–15 league fixtures can be	
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REG 8.3.8.4.4 Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), a team finishing bottom of a North/South, North/South 2 or North/South 1 league shall be relegated, except in the following circumstances: 1. If there are no teams eligible to be promoted to the league and/or all eligible teams have opted out of promotion/competing in the respective playoff(s), then the team shall retain their place in the league unless they are required to be relegated under a different regulation (for example because they have conceded a walkover). 2. 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Teams which do not opt out by the relevant deadline and subsequently do not fulfil any scheduled playoff fixtures will be liable to concede voluntary walkovers and subject to sanctions as per REG 13.7.5.3. If a team eligible for	case of Men's Rugby Union theoretically 4th) teams finishing in first and second place and "blocking" any potentially eligible teams from promotion. An example of such a league is the Badminton Open Midlands Tier 1 league, in which the same two 2nd teams have finished first and second for four seasons in a row, with a 1st team finishing in third in 2024-25 and 2025-26. A review of this example by BUCS's Badminton Advisory Group (taking into account performances of relevant institutions at the BUCS Badminton Individual Championships) identified that the Midlands Tier 1 league was stronger than the other Tier 1 leagues, and the 1st team unable to be promoted due to the current regulations stronger than some 1st teams in the Premier Tier. Where such situations become regular, the BUCS Executive will review the relevant programme to see if structural changes would be appropriate to address these, for example adding another level into the Premier Tier. However, such changes take time and so do not address short-term issues, or may not be deemed appropriate if such an issue only affects one Conference for example. The changes to these regulations allow for such teams to have the opportunity for promotion, without the need for a structural change or changing the number of teams a Playing Entity can have per tier (REG 8.3.1) in order to remove a "block" which there does not seem to be an appetite to change. It is important to note that BUCS already has situations in American Football and Squash
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REG 8.4.5.3.5	REG 8.4.5.3 National Trophy REG 8.4.5.3.5 If an institution has rearranged a league match to the date of a scheduled round of National Trophy matches, as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines'), and this results in a clash for either team involved when the fixtures for that round are	REG 8.4.5.3 National Trophy REG 8.4.5.3.5 If a league match has been rearranged to take place on the date of a scheduled round of National Trophy matches, as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines'), and this results in a fixture clash for either team involved when the fixtures for that round are confirmed, then	Updated to provide a clear process to be followed where a fixture needs to be rearranged. Other minor wording changes made to improve readability.

	confirmed, then the knockout fixture must take precedence and the league fixture must be rearranged by the deadline stated in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines').	the National Trophy fixture must take precedence and the league fixture shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3 with the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity remaining as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities.	
REG 8.4.5.4.7	REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield REG 8.4.5.4.7 If an institution has rearranged a league match to the date of a scheduled round of Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield matches, as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines'), and this results in a clash for either team involved when the fixtures for that round are confirmed, then the knockout fixture must take precedence and the league fixture must be rearranged by the deadline stated in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines').	REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield REG 8.4.5.4.7 If a league match has been rearranged to take place on the date of a scheduled round of Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield matches, as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines'), and this results in a fixture clash for either team involved when the fixtures for that round are confirmed, then the Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield fixture must take precedence and the league fixture shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3 with the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity remaining as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities.	Updated to provide a clear process to be followed where a fixture needs to be rearranged. Other minor wording changes made to improve readability.
REG 9.2.3	REG 9.2 Fixture dates REG 9.2.3 Playoff matches For 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 9.2.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". For 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 9.2.2 shall apply, with the addition that all matches must take place by the relevant playoff deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines').	REG 9.2 Fixture dates REG 9.2.3 Playoff matches For 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 9.2.1 shall apply with references to "the relevant league deadline date" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline date". For 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 9.2.2 shall apply, with the addition that all matches must take place by the relevant playoff deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts - Dates and Deadlines').	For clarity.
REG 9.3.4.3-REG 9.3.4.8 (Formerly REG 9.3.4.3-REG 9.3.4.7)	REG 9.3.4 Duration of matches REG 9.3.4.3 If a league match is abandoned by the match official(s) after the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand.	REG 9.3.4 Duration of matches REG 9.3.4.3 If a league match is abandoned by the match official(s) after the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand.	Updated to provide clarity on how these regulations can be applied to playoff matches, with other wording changed to improve readability and only refer to the relevant parts of REG 14.

	REG 9.3.4.4 If a league match is abandoned by the match official(s) before the completion of 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result cannot be taken unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5. REG 9.3.4.5 If a knockout competition match is abandoned by the match official(s) after the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, and the scoreline at this time is not a draw, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand. If the scoreline at this time is a draw, then a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5. REG 9.3.4.6 If a knockout competition match is abandoned by the match official(s) before the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5. REG 9.3.4.7 Late arrivals Where a team arrives late to a fixture every effort should be made for the fixture to be played in accordance with REG 9.3.4.1. If the match cannot be played to a full conclusion: REG 9.3.4.7.1 In the case of a league match: If it can be played to at least 75% of normal time, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand. Where the team arrives too late for a minimum of 75% of the fixture to be played, if the lateness of the team was caused by the team, or one its members, that team shall concede a walkover, but if the lateness of the team was caused through no	REG 9.3.4.4 If a league match is abandoned by the match official(s) before the completion of 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result cannot be taken unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.3. REG 9.3.4.5 If a knockout competition match is abandoned by the match official(s) after the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, and the scoreline at this time is not a draw, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand. If the scoreline at this time is a draw, then a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.4/REG 14.5. REG 9.3.4.6 If a knockout competition match is abandoned by the match official(s) before the completion of at least 75% of normal time as per REG 9.3.4.1 or any agreement under REG 9.3.4.2, then a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, and the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.4/REG 14.5. REG 9.3.4.7 For 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 9.3.4.4 shall apply with the reference to "REG 14.3" replaced with "REG 14.6". For 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 9.3.4.5-REG 9.3.4.6 shall apply, with any references to "REG 14.4/REG 14.5" replaced with "REG 14.6". REG 9.3.4.8 Late arrivals Where a team arrives late to a fixture every effort should be made for the fixture to be played in accordance with REG 9.3.4.1. If the match cannot be played to a full conclusion: REG 9.3.4.8.1 In the case of a league match: If it can be played to at least 75% of normal time, then a result can be taken at this time and will stand. Where the team arrives too late for a minimum of 75% of	
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	fault of the team the fixture should be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5. The venue of a rearranged match will be determined in line with REG 14.2, unless an alternative is agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities concerned. REG 9.3.4.7.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If it can be played to at least 75% of normal time, then, if the scoreline is not a draw when time has elapsed, a result can be taken at this time and will stand. Where the team arrives too late for a minimum of 75% of the fixture to be played, or if at least 75% of normal time has been played (but the match has not been played to a full conclusion) and this would result in a draw and a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, if the lateness of the team was caused by the team, or one its members, that team shall concede a walkover, but if the lateness of the team was caused through no fault of the team the fixture should be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5. The venue of a rearranged match will be determined in line with REG 14.2, unless an alternative is agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities concerned.	the fixture to be played, if the lateness of the team was caused by the team, or one its members, that team shall concede a walkover, but if the lateness of the team was caused through no fault of the team the fixture should be rearranged in line with REG 14.3. The fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) team, unless an alternative is agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities concerned. REG 9.3.4.8.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If it can be played to at least 75% of normal time, then, if the scoreline is not a draw when time has elapsed, a result can be taken at this time and will stand. Where the team arrives too late for a minimum of 75% of the fixture to be played, or if at least 75% of normal time has been played (but the match has not been played to a full conclusion) and this would result in a draw and a result cannot be taken, unless alternative provision is made under the sport specific regulations, if the lateness of the team was caused by the team, or one its members, that team shall concede a walkover, but if the lateness of the team was caused through no fault of the team the fixture should be rearranged in line with REG 14.4/REG 14.5. The fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) team, unless an alternative is agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities concerned. REG 9.3.4.8.3 In the case of a playoff match: For 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 9.3.8.4.1 shall apply with the reference to "REG 14.3" replaced with "REG 14.6". For 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 9.3.8.4.2 shall apply, with the reference to "REG 14.4/REG 14.5" replaced with "REG 14.6".	
REG 9.3.6– REG 9.3.10 (Formerly REG 9.3.6)	REG 9.3.6 The start times and venues of all matches should be input on BUCS Play by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity no less than 14 days before they are scheduled to take place.	REG 9.3.6 The start times and venues of all matches should be input on BUCS Play by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity no less than 14 days before they are scheduled to take place. REG 9.3.7 Institutions/Playing Entities are	Restructured to improve readability and clarity.

	REG 9.3.6.1 Institutions/Playing Entities are encouraged to add start times and venues on BUCS Play further in advance of fixtures, preferably as soon as they are considered confirmed. Should circumstances change more than 14 days before a fixture is scheduled to take place, then the opposition must accept any change to the time or venue requested via BUCS Play. REG 9.3.6.2 Any amendment to a start time within 14 days of a fixture MUST be agreed by both institutions/Playing Entities in writing (once agreed, BUCS Play must be updated immediately) or by way of an accepted fixture change request on BUCS Play. REG 9.3.6.3 Any amendment to a venue that does not cause unreasonable impact upon travel arrangements and is communicated more than 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture is scheduled to take place does not need to be agreed but must be communicated in writing to the opposition institution/Playing Entity before BUCS Play is updated. REG 9.3.6.4 In the case of knockout competition fixtures released/confirmed at the conclusion of a league, or those for which the first named (home) team is not confirmed until a previous round match has a result, the venue and start time should be on BUCS Play at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture (regardless of the level of the competition).	encouraged to add start times and venues on BUCS Play further in advance of fixtures, preferably as soon as they are considered confirmed. Should circumstances change more than 14 days before a fixture is scheduled to take place, then the opposition must accept any change to the time or venue requested via BUCS Play. REG 9.3.8 Any amendment to a start time within 14 days of a fixture MUST be agreed by both institutions/Playing Entities in writing (once agreed, BUCS Play must be updated immediately) or by way of an accepted fixture change request on BUCS Play. REG 9.3.9 Any amendment to a venue within 14 days of a fixture MUST be agreed by both institutions/Playing Entities in writing (once agreed, BUCS Play must be updated immediately), UNLESS the amendment would not cause unreasonable impact upon travel arrangements and is communicated more than 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture is scheduled to take place, in which case it does not need to be agreed but must be communicated in writing to the opposition institution/Playing Entity before BUCS Play is updated. REG 9.3.10 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.6–REG 9.3.9, in the case of a knockout competition fixture released/confirmed at the conclusion of a league, or for which the first named (home) team is not confirmed until a previous round match has a result: REG 9.3.10.1 The start time and venue should be input on BUCS Play by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture (regardless of the level of the competition). REG 9.3.10.2 Any amendment to a start time MUST be agreed by both institutions/Playing Entities in writing (once agreed, BUCS Play must be updated immediately) or by way of an accepted fixture change request on BUCS Play. REG 9.3.10.3 Any amendment to a venue MUST be	
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REG 9.7	REG 9.7 Late cancellation of matches Where an institution/Playing Entity has to cancel a fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of its agreed start time, for reasons other than those outlined in REG 14.1 and REG 14.2, that institution/Playing Entity will be liable for reasonable costs incurred by the opposition institution/Playing Entity (unless a walkover is claimed/conceded and this is deemed as involuntary by the BUCS Executive, note REG 13.7) and for reasonable costs incurred by any match officials. The 48 hour ruling will apply regardless of whether an institution/Playing Entity and/or match official is notified of the cancellation. Costs can be claimed regardless of whether a rearrangement is agreed. REG 9.7.1 An institution/Playing Entity wishing to reclaim reasonable costs from their opposition should do so by official invoice within 30 days of the date of the scheduled match. Claims may only be made for actual financial costs incurred by the Athletic Union (or equivalent body). Claims may be made for travel expenses, facility hire charges (or cancellation charges as appropriate), match officials' fees and any other sport specific regulatory requirements that incur specific fixture costs. Proof of costs incurred must accompany the invoice to the offending team/institution. REG 9.7.2 If an invoice is disputed, the BUCS	REG 9.7 Late cancellation of matches Where an institution/Playing Entity cancels a fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of its agreed start time, for reasons other than those outlined in REG 10.6.3 (or any equivalent sport specific regulations) or REG 14.1, that institution/Playing Entity will be liable for reasonable costs incurred by the opposition institution/Playing Entity (unless a walkover is claimed/conceded and this is deemed as involuntary by the BUCS Executive, note REG 13.7) and for reasonable costs incurred by any match officials. The 48 hour ruling will apply regardless of whether an institution/Playing Entity and/or match official is notified of the cancellation. Costs can be claimed regardless of whether a rescheduling of the fixture is agreed. REG 9.7.1 An institution/Playing Entity wishing to reclaim reasonable costs from their opposition should do so by official invoice within 30 days of the date of the scheduled match. Claims may only be made for actual financial costs incurred by the Athletic Union (or equivalent body). Claims may be made for travel expenses, facility hire charges (or cancellation charges as appropriate), match officials' fees and any other sport specific regulatory requirements that incur specific fixture costs. Proof of costs incurred must accompany the invoice to the offending institution/Playing Entity.	Where an appointed/booked appropriate match official withdraws from a fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of the fixture start time (REG 10.6.3) leading to a match having to be cancelled added as an exemption as, like the current exemptions, this is something outside of the control of the institution/Playing Entity. Reference to REG 14.2 removed as this is an incorrect reference. Sanction for non-payment of invoices amended as no specific process in place for referring to the "BUCS Disciplinary Panel" (now BUCS Judiciary), with a fine being relevant as it should encourage payment to the institution/Playing Entity affected, rather than a fine to BUCS.

	Executive shall determine whether costs are reasonable and instruct an institution/Playing Entity to pay accordingly, considering any extenuating circumstances. Invoices should be settled within 30 days of receipt. The BUCS Executive reserves the right to levy an administration fee should it be required to intervene. Non-payment of invoices will result in the offending institution being referred to the BUCS Disciplinary Panel.	REG 9.7.2 If an invoice is disputed, the BUCS Executive shall determine whether costs are reasonable and instruct an institution/Playing Entity to pay accordingly, considering any extenuating circumstances. Invoices should be settled within 30 days of receipt. The BUCS Executive reserves the right to levy an administration fee should it be required to intervene. Non-payment of invoices will result in the offending institution being issued a fine from BUCS.	
REG 10.6	REG 10.6 Failure to provide the appropriate match officials REG 10.6.1 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 match officials. REG 10.6.2 If an institution/Playing Entity informs their opposition of a lack of appointed/booked officials in writing at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, then if agreement cannot be reached between the institutions/Playing Entities for a rescheduling, or to the provision of match officials who do not meet the requirements, the matter shall be referred to the BUCS Executive to determine if the match should be awarded as a walkover, or rescheduled, with the date and host determined by the BUCS Executive. REG 10.6.3 Where an appointed/booked appropriate match official withdraws from a fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of the fixture start time: REG 10.6.3.1 If the away team has not yet started travelling to the fixture, and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity notifies them that an appointed/booked appropriate match official has withdrawn past the deadline of 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture	REG 10.6 Failure to provide the appropriate match officials REG 10.6.1 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 10.6.5 shall apply in relation to a failure to provide the appropriate match officials. REG 10.6.2 If an institution/Playing Entity informs their opposition of a lack of appointed/booked officials in writing at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, then if agreement cannot be reached between the institutions/Playing Entities for a rescheduling, or to the provision of match officials who do not meet the requirements, the matter shall be referred to the BUCS Executive to determine if the match should be awarded as a walkover, or rescheduled, with the date and host determined by the BUCS Executive. REG 10.6.3 Where an appointed/booked appropriate match official withdraws from a fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of the fixture start time: REG 10.6.3.1 If the away team has not yet started travelling to the fixture, and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity notifies them that an appointed/booked appropriate match official has withdrawn past the deadline of 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start	REG 10.6.3.1 and REG 10.6.3.2 updated to refer to REG 14.6 for playoff matches. REG 10.6.4.1 updated so that the deadline is "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" rather than the "the relevant league deadline date", allowing for a further 24 hours in which a breach can be reported and confirmed, better catering for fixtures which have taken place on a league deadline date. REG 10.6.4.2 updated to fix a typo and to clearly cover knockout competition finals. REG 10.6.4.3 updated to reflect changes to REG 10.6.4.1 and REG 10.6.4.2.

	start time, then the match shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5 with the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity remaining as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities. REG 10.6.3.2 If the away team has started travelling to the fixture or arrived at the venue and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity notifies them that an appointed/booked appropriate match official has withdrawn past the deadline of 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, or an appointed/booked appropriate match official does not turn up, then the match shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5 with the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities. REG 10.6.3.3 Where, under REG 10.6.3.2, the away team has started travelling to the fixture or arrived at the venue prior to being made aware of the appropriate match officials not being provided, they may choose to 'play under protest' in accordance with REG 12 if the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity is able to provide match officials who do not meet the requirements. Should they do so, then their institution/Playing Entity shall have the right to appeal the result in accordance with REG 15. If they proceed with the match without playing under protest in accordance with REG 12, then they shall be deemed to have accepted the conditions and can therefore not later 'play under protest' regarding them, nor submit a match appeal (REG 15) based on those grounds. REG 10.6.4 Where REG 10.6.3 is not applicable and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity has failed to provide the appropriate match officials and has not notified the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity of a lack of appointed/booked officials at least 48 hours	time, then the match shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5/REG 14.6 with the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity remaining as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities. REG 10.6.3.2 If the away team has started travelling to the fixture or arrived at the venue and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity notifies them that an appointed/booked appropriate match official has withdrawn past the deadline of 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, or an appointed/booked appropriate match official does not turn up, then the match shall be rearranged in line with REG 14.3/REG 14.4/REG 14.5/REG 14.6 with the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity as host, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities. REG 10.6.3.3 Where, under REG 10.6.3.2, the away team has started travelling to the fixture or arrived at the venue prior to being made aware of the appropriate match officials not being provided, they may choose to 'play under protest' in accordance with REG 12 if the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity is able to provide match officials who do not meet the requirements. Should they do so, then their institution/Playing Entity shall have the right to appeal the result in accordance with REG 15. If they proceed with the match without playing under protest in accordance with REG 12, then they shall be deemed to have accepted the conditions and can therefore not later 'play under protest' regarding them, nor submit a match appeal (REG 15) based on those grounds. REG 10.6.4 Where REG 10.6.3 is not applicable and the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity has failed to provide the appropriate match officials and has not notified the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity of a lack of appointed/booked officials at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture	
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	(outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities: REG 10.6.4.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 10.2 has been reported by the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity, and confirmed by the BUCS Executive, before the relevant league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. REG 10.6.4.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 10.2 been reported by the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity, and confirmed by the BUCS Executive, before the following round, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win cannot fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture. REG 10.6.4.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 10.6.4.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 10.6.4.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 10.6.4.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". REG 10.6.4.4 An institution/Playing Entity wishing to report a potential breach of REG 10.2 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	start time, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities: REG 10.6.4.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 10.2 has been reported by the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity, and confirmed by the BUCS Executive, before the relevant League Result Submission Deadline as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') has passed, the fixture shall be awarded as a walkover win to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. REG 10.6.4.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 10.2 has been reported by the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity, and confirmed by the BUCS Executive, 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 (away) institution/Playing Entity. 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. REG 10.6.4.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 10.6.4.1 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, REG 10.6.4.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 10.6.4.1 shall apply with references to "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". REG 10.6.4.4 An institution/Playing Entity wishing to report a potential breach of REG 10.2 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	
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	teams, then the totals of these will be combined and counted against the lowest ranked of these teams' total league fixtures scheduled for the season. If this would result in them establishing normality for this team, then they are no longer eligible to be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for any lower ranked team in the same Championships in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season. REG 11.1.2.2.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a lower ranked team than one they have established 'normality' for: REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. REG 11.1.2.2.1.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 has been identified before the following round, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture. REG 11.1.2.2.1.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.2.1.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date"	normality for a particular team based on being fielded (including as an unused substitute) for this team alone, but has been fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple higher ranked teams, then the totals of these will be combined and counted against the lowest ranked of these teams' total league fixtures scheduled for the season. If this would result in them establishing normality for this team, then they are no longer eligible to be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for any lower ranked team in the same Championships in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season. REG 11.1.2.2.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a lower ranked team than one they have established 'normality' for: REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 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. REG 11.1.2.2.1.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 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. REG 11.1.2.2.1.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 shall apply with references to "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the	REG 11.1.2.2.1.3 updated to reflect changes to REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 and REG 11.1.2.2.1.2.
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	REG 11.1.2.2.1.4 A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 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 REG 11.1.2.2 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	relevant playoff deadline". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.2.1.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 11.1.2.2.1.1 shall apply with references to "the relevant League Result Submission Deadline" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline". REG 11.1.2.2.1.4 A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 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 REG 11.1.2.2 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.	
REG 11.1.5	REG 11.1 Team selection REG 11.1.5 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 BUCS Team Selection regulations within the BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to identify separate groupings of student-athletes such as 'Medics' and as a result have separate groupings to which the Team Selection regulations shall apply. The below is an illustration of how team selection/student-athlete movement operates when a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.	REG 11.1 Team selection REG 11.1.5 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 BUCS Team Selection regulations within the BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to identify separate groupings of student-athletes such as 'Medics' and as a result have separate groupings to which the Team Selection regulations shall apply.	Illustration removed due to issues with its interpretation.
REG 11.2.11	REG 11.2 Team sheets REG 11.2.11 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in Appendix 11 ('BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines') and in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the	REG 11.2 Team sheets REG 11.2.11 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with	Reference to Appendix 11 removed as this is now the "BUCS Misconduct Sanctions Policy For Members" which only relates to Misconduct charges, so is no longer relevant to be referenced in this regulation. Points deductions under REG 11.2.11.1 and

	BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows: REG 11.2.11.1 Spot Checks The BUCS Executive will undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season. A team will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team: - 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS. - 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one-point deduction in their league competition. - 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets – a three-point deduction in their league competition. Any missing/incomplete knockout competition or playoff team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for knockout competition or playoff matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this. REG 11.2.11.2 Issues raised through appeals/by other institutions If the BUCS Executive become aware of missing/incomplete team sheets, either through a BUCS Match Appeals Process or via a report from another institution, then sanctions will be applied. Any issues to be raised must be lodged with the BUCS Executive prior to the respective league results submission deadline for a team, unless being raised as part of a match appeal which is in progress or for which an appeal submission or response deadline extension has been granted. If any breaches are found, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team: - 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS. - 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one-point	specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows: REG 11.2.11.1 Spot Checks The BUCS Executive will undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season. A team will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team: - 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS. - 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one-point (three-point for squash) deduction in their league competition. - 4+ missing/incomplete team sheets – a three-point (10-point for squash) deduction in their league competition. Any missing/incomplete knockout competition or playoff team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for knockout competition or playoff matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this. REG 11.2.11.2 Issues raised through appeals/by other institutions If the BUCS Executive become aware of missing/incomplete team sheets, either through a BUCS Match Appeals Process or via a report from another institution, then sanctions will be applied. Any issues to be raised must be lodged with the BUCS Executive prior to the respective league results submission deadline for a team, unless being raised as part of a match appeal which is in progress or for which an appeal submission or response deadline extension has been granted. If any breaches are found, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team: - 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS. - 3 missing/incomplete team sheets – a one-point (three-point for squash) deduction in their league competition.	REG 11.2.11.2 amended for squash in recognition of the number of points that can be scored from each match and so to make these sanctions meaningful.
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REG 12.3	REG 12.3 The following essential information must be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form: • Fixture information (Name of institution/Playing Entity 'Playing Under Protest', Sport, league/knockout competition name, date and time of fixture, venue, home team name, away team name) • The specific grievance(s) and, where known, the correlating regulation(s) alleged to have been contravened	REG 12.3 The following essential information must be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form: • Fixture information (Name of institution/Playing Entity 'Playing Under Protest', sport, league/knockout competition name, date of fixture, scheduled start time of fixture, home team name, away team name) • The specific grievance(s) and, where known, the correlating regulation(s) alleged to have been contravened	Venue removed from the list of essential fixture information required as not considered necessary and Appendix 8 ('BUCS Playing Under Protest Form') updated accordingly and with other formatting changes to make it easier for the form to be correctly completed.

	• Name and signature of the captain of the team raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of signing • Any opposition response to the grievance(s) (Optional) • Name and signature of the opposition captain, as well as the time of signing (They cannot refuse to sign the form, note REG 12.3.3) REG 12.3.1 It is recommended that the end of each statement from each captain is initialled by both captains to note its conclusion. REG 12.3.2 A Playing Under Protest Form that does not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will be rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and therefore insufficient to support any subsequent match appeal. REG 12.3.3 If an opposition captain refuses to sign a Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to submit the Playing Under Protest Form should inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or equivalent) should then inform both the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this. Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been logged appropriately at the time. REG 12.3.3.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.	• Name and signature of the captain of the team raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of signing • Any opposition response to the grievance(s) (Optional) • Name and signature of the opposition captain, as well as the time of signing (They cannot refuse to sign the form, note REG 12.3.3) REG 12.3.1 It is recommended that the end of each statement from each captain is initialled by both captains to note its conclusion. REG 12.3.2 A Playing Under Protest Form that does not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will be rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and therefore insufficient to support any subsequent match appeal. REG 12.3.3 If an opposition captain refuses to sign a Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to submit the Playing Under Protest Form should inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or equivalent) should then inform both the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this. Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been logged appropriately at the time. REG 12.3.3.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.	
REG 13.6	REG 13.6 False results Institutions/Playing Entities must not agree to the entering and/or approval of, or enter and/or approve, false results on BUCS Play. If the BUCS Executive deems that an Institution/Playing Entity has agreed to the entering and/or approval of, or has entered and/or approved, a result for a fixture which has not taken place, or a deliberately incorrect result, they will be	REG 13.6 Deliberately incorrect results Institutions/Playing Entities must not agree to the entering and/or approval of, or deliberately enter and/or approve, incorrect results on BUCS Play. If the BUCS Executive deems that an institution/Playing Entity has: - agreed to the entering and/or approval of a result for a fixture which has not taken place, or; - agreed to the entering and/or approval of a	Wording updated to be clear that a misconduct charge will not be raised if an incorrect result has been accidentally entered and/or approved.

	subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5.	deliberately incorrect result, or; - deliberately entered and/or approved a result for a fixture which has not taken place, or; - deliberately entered or approved an incorrect result; they will be subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5.	
REG 14.1.1	REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called off up to and including the day of the match, due to: - Bad weather - Ground conditions - Bad light - Unforeseeable facility issues - Force majeure - Any national, regional, or local Public Health guidance in place at the time which advises against a team's involvement in the fixture. REG 14.1.1.1 For fixtures where match officials are required, if, when both teams and any match official(s) (appropriate for the match as per REG 10) are present at a fixture, there is disagreement between the teams as to whether a match should proceed on the grounds of safety, the match official(s) shall (taking into account the advice of any grounds/facility staff as appropriate) determine whether the match should proceed or should be postponed. Where it is determined that a match should proceed, if a team declines to participate, their opposition shall be entitled to claim a walkover. If a walkover is claimed, the institution/Playing Entity conceding the walkover shall have the opportunity to request that it is deemed involuntary using the process detailed in REG 13.7.3.	REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called off up to and including the day of the match, due to the following: • Bad weather • Ground conditions • Bad light • Unforeseeable facility issues • Force Majeure Events preventing a team from hosting or travelling to a match. (Force Majeure Events include Acts of God; flood, drought, earthquake, or other natural disaster; epidemic or pandemic; acts of terrorism or acts of war; any law or any action taken by a government or public authority; fire, explosion, or accident; and other similar events beyond the reasonable control of the impacted institution/Playing Entity.) • Any national, regional, or local Public Health guidance in place at the time which advises against a team's involvement in the fixture. • A team being delayed by a factor, or factors, that are wholly out of the team's control (for example a flight being cancelled or a privately hired coach breaking down on the day of the fixture) to such a degree that it would not be possible for the match to be completed either in full or reduced in any way permitted by BUCS's general or sport specific regulations, subject to this being backed up by professional and independent evidence (for example written confirmation of a flight cancellation from the	The reasons why a match can be postponed have been updated to provide more clarity regarding what might be considered "force majeure" and to ensure that teams travelling to matches are treated fairly.

		airline or of a breakdown from a coach hire company). • A team's departure location being in an area which the Met Office has issued a red weather warning for. REG 14.1.1.1 For fixtures where match officials are required, if, when both teams and any match official(s) (appropriate for the match as per REG 10) are present at a fixture, there is disagreement between the teams as to whether a match should proceed on the grounds of safety, the match official(s) shall (taking into account the advice of any grounds/facility staff as appropriate) determine whether the match should proceed or should be postponed. Where it is determined that a match should proceed, if a team declines to participate, their opposition shall be entitled to claim a walkover. If a walkover is claimed, the institution/Playing Entity conceding the walkover shall have the opportunity to request that it is deemed involuntary using the process detailed in REG 13.7.3.	
REG 14.1.2– REG 14.1.3	REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.2 It would be expected that if the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity have any concerns that a match may be postponed (for example where there has been bad weather affecting a pitch, there is further bad weather forecast, and so there are concerns that the pitch may be pronounced unfit for play) that they would inform the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity as early as possible. However, if the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity have concerns that a match may be postponed (for example heavy rain is forecast) and have not been contacted by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity, they should ask that a decision be made about whether the match will take place before their team's intended departure time (note REG 9.5). REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the	REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.2 It would be expected that if an institution/Playing Entity has any concerns that a match may be postponed (for example where there has been bad weather affecting a pitch, there is further bad weather forecast, and so there are concerns that the pitch may be pronounced unfit for play) that they would contact the other institution/Playing Entity involved in the fixture as early as possible to inform them of these concerns and to provide the opportunity for the two institutions/Playing Entities to agree when a decision will be made on if the match will be postponed for these reasons. REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the institution/Playing Entity requiring the postponement must notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or equivalent) contact of the other institution/Playing Entity involved in the fixture. It	Updated in line with the proposed change to REG 14.1.1, recognising that it will not always be the first named (host) institution/Playing Entity that requires a postponement.

	first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or equivalent) contact of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. It would be expected, especially in cases of a late postponement (within 48 hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays, of the fixture start time), that the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity would also make efforts to contact the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity via telephone to confirm that notification of the postponement has been received. The first named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall also be responsible for notifying the match official(s).	would be expected, especially in cases of a late postponement (within 48 hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays, of the fixture start time), that the institution/Playing Entity requiring the postponement would also make efforts to contact the other institution/Playing Entity involved in the fixture by telephone to confirm that the notification of the postponement has been received. The first named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall also be responsible for notifying any match official(s).	
REG 14.2	REG 14.2 Abandoned matches REG 14.2.1 Abandoned matches are matches called off, for whatever reason, by the match official(s) once play has begun. REG 14.2.2 When a match has been abandoned, the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless covered under REG 9.3.4.3–REG 9.3.4.6. REG 14.2.3 Notwithstanding REG 14.2.2, if it is reported to the BUCS Executive that a match has been abandoned due to alleged misconduct of anyone covered under REG 5.1, of either or both institutions/Playing Entities, a charge of misconduct may be raised under REG 5 and a BUCS Judiciary Panel hearing such a charge shall be entitled to award the match as a walkover or declare it a void fixture should they deem this appropriate based.	REG 14.2 Abandoned matches REG 14.2.1 Abandoned matches are matches called off, for whatever reason, by the match official(s) once play has begun. REG 14.2.2 When a match has been abandoned, the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless covered under REG 9.3.4.3–REG 9.3.4.7. REG 14.2.3 Notwithstanding REG 14.2.2, if it is reported to the BUCS Executive that a match has been abandoned due to alleged misconduct of anyone covered under REG 5.1, of either or both institutions/Playing Entities, a charge of misconduct may be raised under REG 5 and a BUCS Judiciary Panel hearing such a charge shall be entitled to award the match as a walkover or declare it a void fixture should they deem this appropriate.	REG 14.2.2 updated to reflect numbering changes under REG 9.3.4. Typo at end of REG 14.2.3 removed so that the sentence ends properly.
REG 14.3	REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned league matches REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned league match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer one weekend date and one weekday date in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with the relevant league	REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned league matches REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned league match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer two dates in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with the relevant league deadline date as per Appendix 2	Feedback from Members has suggested that it would be better to allow the offer of any two dates, rather than requiring one to be a weekday date and one a weekend date, with no clear reason for maintaining this requirement.

	deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines'), no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after the scheduled start time of the match. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS fixtures for either team. If the opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have a prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on a date offered, an alternative date must be provided by the host institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, the opposition institution/Playing Entity shall be entitled to claim a walkover. REG 14.3.1.1 If it is not possible to offer both a weekend date and a weekday date, due to there being no such dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, but it is still possible to offer either one weekend date or one weekday date, then an institution/Playing Entity offering one such date and otherwise in compliance with the requirements of REG 14.3.1 shall be deemed to have adhered to the regulation. REG 14.3.1.2 If it is not possible to offer either a weekend date or a weekday date, due to there being no such dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, the fixture shall be declared void with no points being awarded to either side. REG 14.3.1.3 If the host offers more than one weekend date and/or more than one weekday date, the first of these they have written shall be taken as their date(s) offered. REG 14.3.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil the date(s) offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.3.1, they must offer one alternative weekend date and one alternative weekday date in writing for the	('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines'), no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after the scheduled start time of the match. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS fixtures for either team. If the opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have a prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on a date offered, an alternative date must be provided by the host institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, the opposition institution/Playing Entity shall be entitled to claim a walkover. REG 14.3.1.1 If it is not possible to offer two dates, due to there being no two dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, but it is still possible to offer one such date, then an institution/Playing Entity offering one such date and otherwise in compliance with the requirements of REG 14.3.1 shall be deemed to have adhered to the regulation. REG 14.3.1.2 If it is not possible to offer any dates, due to there being no dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, the fixture shall be declared void with no points being awarded to either side. REG 14.3.1.3 If the host offers more than two dates, the first two of these they have written shall be taken as their dates offered. REG 14.3.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil the date(s) offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.3.1, they must offer two alternative dates in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with the relevant league deadline date as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines'), no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the date(s) from the host institution/Playing Entity.	
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	determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer one weekend date and one weekday date in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after the scheduled start time of the match. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS fixtures for either team. If the opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have a prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on a date offered, an alternative date must be provided by the host institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.4.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, the opposition institution/Playing Entity shall be entitled to claim a walkover. REG 14.4.1.1 If it is not possible to offer both a weekend date and a weekday date, due to there being no such dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, but it is still possible to offer either one weekend date or one weekday date, then an institution/Playing Entity offering one such date and otherwise in compliance with the requirements of REG 14.4.1 shall be deemed to have adhered to the regulation. REG 14.4.1.2 If it is not possible to offer either a weekend date or a weekday date, due to there being no such dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to decide the outcome of the fixture. REG 14.4.1.3 If the host offers more than one weekend date and/or more than one weekday date, the first of these they have written shall be taken as their date(s) offered. REG 14.4.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil the date(s) offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.4.1, they must offer one alternative weekend date and	determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer two dates in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) after the scheduled start time of the match. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS fixtures for either team. If the opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have a prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on a date offered, an alternative date must be provided by the host institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.4.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, the opposition institution/Playing Entity shall be entitled to claim a walkover. REG 14.4.1.1 If it is not possible to offer two dates, due to there being no two dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, but it is still possible to offer one such date, then an institution/Playing Entity offering one such date and otherwise in compliance with the requirements of REG 14.4.1 shall be deemed to have adhered to the regulation. REG 14.4.1.2 If it is not possible to offer any dates, due to there being no such dates remaining before the deadline on which neither team has a prescheduled BUCS fixture, the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to decide the outcome of the fixture. REG 14.4.1.3 If the host offers more than two dates, the first two of these they have written shall be taken as their date(s) offered. REG 14.4.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil the date(s) offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.4.1, they must offer two alternative dates in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the date(s) from the host institution/Playing Entity. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS	
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REG 14.5	REG 14.5 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned knockout competition finals REG 14.5.1 Should a National Championship/Vase/Trophy final be postponed or	REG 14.5 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned knockout competition finals REG 14.5.1 Should a National Championship/Vase/Trophy final be postponed or	Regulation wording generally changed to be easier to follow and align with wording in other related regulations, as well as providing more clarity on hosting

	abandoned it shall be replayed on a date and at a venue organised by the BUCS Executive. REG 14.5.2 Should a Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield final be postponed or abandoned it shall be replayed by the final playoff deadline for the sport as stated in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') by following the procedure of REG 14.4 with the host determined by REG 14.1 – REG 14.2. REG 14.5.2.1 Should a Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield final, scheduled to have been held at a central venue (note REG 8.4.5.4.6.1) be postponed or abandoned it shall be hosted by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity.	abandoned it shall be rearranged/replayed on a date and at a venue determined by the BUCS Executive (or an appointed Third Party). The BUCS Executive (or appointed Third Party) shall be responsible for all hosting requirements (including appointment of officials) which would usually sit with the first named (home) team as per REG 8.4.5.1.5/REG 8.4.5.2.6/REG 8.4.5.3.4. REG 14.5.2 Should a Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield final be postponed or abandoned it shall be rearranged/replayed by a deadline of the second Wednesday in May of the respective season, with the exact date determined by following the process of REG 14.4. The host shall be determined as per REG 14.1 – REG 14.2, unless the final was scheduled to have been held at a central venue (note REG 8.4.5.4.6.1), in which case it shall be hosted by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity.	responsibilities. The deadline for postponed/abandoned Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield finals to be rearranged/replayed by has been set as a consistent time of year - by the second Wednesday in May - for all seasons and all sports. This is to make it easier for institutions/Playing Entities to know what deadline they are working with and recognises that not all sports (for example Squash) have a playoff deadline and some can have multiple playoff deadlines. A specific date - for example 1 May - was not chosen, as depending on when this falls, it could reduce the number of dates available to use and "the second Wednesday in May" broadly aligns with when most playoff deadlines have been in recent seasons.
REG 14.6 (NEW)	N/A	REG 14.6 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned playoff matches For 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 14.3 shall apply with references to "the relevant league deadline date" replaced with "the relevant playoff deadline date". For 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 14.4 shall apply, with the addition that all matches must take place by the relevant playoff deadline date as per Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines').	Introduced to provide clarity on the processes and applicable deadlines for the rearrangement of postponed and abandoned playoff matches.