

BUCS GENERAL REGULATIONS – SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2025-26 (VERSION 1)

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SUMMARY

This document highlights some of the changes to BUCS' General Regulations for the 2025-26 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 1.1 (FORMERLY REG 1.3)	REG 1.3 By affiliating to BUCS and/or entering any BUCS competitions, a Member or any other organisation or individual permitted to participate in BUCS competitions agrees to be bound by and to comply with the BUCS general and sport specific regulations.	REG 1.1 Application of the Regulations As a condition of subscription to BUCS and/or entry into any BUCS Competition, a Member, Participant, or any other organisation agrees to be bound by and to comply with the BUCS General and Sport Specific Regulations.	Terminology updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 1 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association.
REG 1.2-REG 1.3 (FORMERLY REG 1.1- REG1.2)	REG 1.1 All BUCS regulations are determined by the BUCS Executive and subsequently endorsed by the Board. REG 1.2 At any point, an issue not covered by BUCS' regulations shall be referred to the BUCS Executive or the Board for a decision, depending on the nature of the query.	REG 1.2 Amendment to these Regulations In the event that the BUCS Executive determines that the BUCS General or Sport Specific Regulations should be amended, the BUCS Executive shall, following such consultation with Members and/or third-party experts as it deems necessary or desirable, draft a revised version of the Regulation(s) in question. Such Regulation(s) shall be deemed adopted and incorporated into the relevant Regulations once the appropriate steps in the Board ratified Regulation Scheme of Delegation have been followed. REG 1.3 Issues not addressed by these Regulations In the event that any issue arises that is not addressed in these Regulations any Member may refer the issue to the BUCS Executive for resolution. Where the issue involves the acts or omissions of the BUCS Executive, the issue shall be referred to the BUCS Board for resolution.	<p>It was recognised that it was not correct to state that all regulations were "endorsed" by the Board, as they were not being asked by the BUCS Executive to specifically endorse each and every amendment to them.</p> <p>To require the board to review and endorse all amendments would not be practical and there are important and significant differences between those BUCS regulations that might be considered more corporate regulations and those which are more competition, or sport, specific.</p> <p>As per the Articles of Association, the BUCS Board may choose to delegate decision-making and responsibility to the BUCS Executive. The Board may also revoke delegation in whole, or in part, at any time following majority agreement of the Board. There is now a Board approved Regulation Scheme of Delegation in place to clarify where authority has been delegated to the BUCS Executive for the setting and amending of BUCS's General and Sport Specific Regulations and where it has not.</p> <p>As well as clarifying the responsibility of the Executive in terms of what can be amended, and how, the new regulations provide more clarity on the role and</p>

			responsibility of the Board and how Members can raise concerns.
REG 1.4	REG 1.4 A breach of any BUCS general or sport specific regulations shall render the Member or other organisation or individual permitted to participate in BUCS competitions at fault liable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any specific sanction outlined in the specific regulation. - The match appeal process of REG 15 and any sanctions as a result of this. - The disciplinary process of REG 5 and any sanctions as a result of this. 	REG 1.4 Breach of Regulations A breach of any BUCS Regulations shall render the Member/other organisation and/or Participant liable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any specific sanction outlined in the specific regulation. • The match appeal process of REG 15 and any resulting sanctions. • The disciplinary process of REG 5 and any resulting sanctions. 	Terminology updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 1.
REG 1.5	REG 1.5 Disclaimer BUCS cannot accept any liability for any death, accident, injury or loss of property sustained by a Board member, Executive Group member, Technical Representative or others acting on behalf of the Association.	REG 1.5 Definitions for REG 1 BUCS: British Universities and Colleges Sport the organising body for higher education sport in the United Kingdom; BUCS Competition: any sports competition organised by BUCS from time to time; Member: Any organisation that has a formal relationship with BUCS through satisfying the relevant membership eligibility criteria; Participant: Any guest entrant, or person representing a Member in any BUCS Competition, whether individually or as part of a team.	Disclaimer removed in alignment with BUCS's understandings of its responsibilities. Definitions added to provide clarity where these terms are used under REG 1.
REG 2.1	REG 2.1 In accordance with the BUCS Articles of Association and British Company Law, an organisation applying to become or to remain as a Member of the Company (BUCS) must fulfil the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered Legal Entity • Be a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE) 	REG 2.1 In accordance with BUCS's Articles of Association, the Board have the authority to determine the eligibility criteria for membership of BUCS as well as the processes and conditions for admitting and maintaining organisations as members. The Board requires that, to become or remain an Education Institution Member of the Company (BUCS), an organisation must meet the following eligibility criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered Legal Entity in the UK • Be a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE) 	Terminology updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 2 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association.
REG 2.2	REG 2.2 Applying to become a Member An organisation interested in applying to become a Member must contact the Company Secretary	REG 2.2 Applying to become an Education Institution Member An organisation interested in applying to become an Education Institution Member must contact the Company Secretary who	Terminology updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 2 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association.

	who will provide a copy of the required membership application form for submission.	will provide a copy of the required membership application form for submission.	
REG 2.4	REG 2.4 Member Representatives In accordance with the BUCS Articles of Association, each Member Institution is required to declare two Member Representatives each year. One of these Representatives must be a student or a member of the Member's Student Union or Athletic Union, and the other a non-student of the Member. Member Representatives must be named annually by 1 October, failure to do so will lead to suspension of the Member until the representatives are declared. BUCS cannot be held responsible where an institution has failed to keep their details up to date.	REG 2.4 Member Representatives In accordance with BUCS's Articles of Association, each Education Institution Member is required to declare two Member Representatives each year. One of these Member Representatives must be a volunteer or member of the executive team of the Education Institution or their Students' Union with responsibility or oversight of BUCS related activities. The other must be a student enrolled on a course at the Education Institution who is participating in BUCS activities, or a Sabbatical Officer at the Education Institution's Students' Union. Member Representatives must be named annually. Should a change in Member Representatives be needed, a current Member Representative must contact the Company Secretary who will provide details of the process by which to do so.	Terminology updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 2 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association.
REG 2.5	REG 2.5 Member finance contact(s) Members are responsible for keeping their finance contact details up to date. Should any change be required, this should be notified to BUCS via e-mail to finance@bucs.org.uk . BUCS cannot be held responsible where an institution has failed to keep their details up to date.	REG 2.5 Member finance contact(s) Members are responsible for keeping their finance contact details up to date. Should any change be required, this should be notified to BUCS via e-mail to finance@bucs.org.uk . BUCS cannot be held responsible where a Member has failed to keep their details up to date.	Reference to "institution" replaced with "Member" for consistency of terminology.
REG 2.6	REG 2.6 How Members participate in BUCS' domestic sports programmes Once an institution becomes a Full BUCS Member, definition must be established on how the Member is to function within BUCS' domestic sports programmes. The definition is regarded as a Member's Playing Entity or Playing Entities. All Members of BUCS function as either a single or a combination of five 'Playing Models'. Each model has implications regarding the entitlements of individual student-athletes, BUCS Points, AGM voting rights, fees, etc. The playing models and their implications are as	REG 2.6 How Education Institution Members participate in BUCS' domestic sports programmes Once an institution becomes an Education Institution Member, definition must be established on how the Education Institution Member is to function within BUCS' domestic sports programmes. The definition is regarded as an Education Institution Member's Playing Entity or Playing Entities. All Education Institution Members function as either a single or a combination of five 'Playing Models'. Each model has implications regarding the entitlements of individual student-athletes, BUCS	Terminology throughout updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 2 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association. REG 2.6.7: Updated to reflect that Squash, Table Tennis and Tennis now have their own team selection regulations that supersede REG 11.1. Appendix 3 has previously referenced that "late applications may not be accepted". The regulation wording has therefore been updated to

	<p>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Eligible Students of a BUCS Member playing as one entity regardless of geographical spread/campuses, etc. - Main Campus of a BUCS Member playing as one entity. (Similar to 'All Eligible Students') - Satellite Campus of a BUCS Member playing as a separate entity from the 'Main Campus' and/or other campuses of the same institution. - Umbrella Campus/Organisation which is comprised of students from multiple institutions. - Further Education (FE) College offering Higher Education (HE) qualifications provided by another external awarding body. <p>REG 2.6.1 All Eligible Students Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.1 Eligible to be and is a Full BUCS Member. (Meets the requirements of the BUCS Articles of Association).</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions regardless of number of campuses and geographical spread. Teams to be ranked sequentially regardless of origin. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brighton Women's Hockey 1st - Brighton Women's Hockey 2nd - Brighton Women's Hockey 3rd <p>REG 2.6.1.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7). For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brighton Women's Hockey 1st (Eastbourne) - Brighton Women's Hockey 2nd - Brighton Women's Hockey 3rd (Eastbourne) <p>REG 2.6.1.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity.</p>	<p>Points, fees, etc. The playing models and their implications are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Eligible Students of an Education Institution Member playing as one entity regardless of geographical spread/campuses, etc. - Main Campus of an Education Institution Member playing as one entity. (Similar to 'All Eligible Students') - Satellite Campus of an Education Institution Member playing as a separate entity from the 'Main Campus' and/or other campuses of the same Education Institution Member. - Umbrella Campus/Organisation which is comprised of students from multiple Education Institution Members. - Further Education (FE) College offering Higher Education (HE) qualifications provided by another external awarding body. <p>REG 2.6.1 All Eligible Students Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.1 Eligible to be and is an Education Institution Member.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions regardless of number of campuses and geographical spread. Teams to be ranked sequentially regardless of origin. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brighton Women's Hockey 1st - Brighton Women's Hockey 2nd - Brighton Women's Hockey 3rd <p>REG 2.6.1.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7). For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brighton Women's Hockey 1st (Eastbourne) - Brighton Women's Hockey 2nd - Brighton Women's Hockey 3rd (Eastbourne) <p>REG 2.6.1.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per</p>	<p>reflect the fact that late entries can be accepted, at the discretion of the BUCS Executive, given that they do not have any bearing on the building of provisional leagues or the creation of fixtures and ultimately Ring Fencing just needs to be in place before fixtures start. Generally updated to improve readability and provide more context.</p>
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	<p>REG 2.6.1.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2 Main Campus Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.1 Eligible to be and is a Full BUCS Member (Meets the requirements of the BUCS Articles of Association and REG 2.1) and required to pay annual affiliation fee for institution, including any satellite campus (REG 3.1.1).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be ranked sequentially. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 1st - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 2nd - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 3rd <p>REG 2.6.2.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity, separate to that of any 'Satellite Campus'.</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity, 'Main Campus' only.</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity. (Separate to that of any 'Satellite Campus').</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4). Students defined as being within the auspices of this playing entity are only eligible to participate for this entity within BUCS competitions and may not compete for any 'Satellite Campus'.</p> <p>REG 2.6.3 Satellite Campus Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.3.1 Not eligible to be a BUCS Member, falls under the membership of 'Main Campus', but required to pay playing entity fee (REG 3.1.1.1)</p> <p>REG 2.6.3.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be ranked sequentially. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UWTSD: Carmarthen Men's Football 1st 	<p>tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity.</p> <p>REG 2.6.1.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2 Main Campus Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.1 Eligible to be and is an Education Institution Member and required to pay the Annual Subscription Fee for the institution, including any satellite campus (REG 3.1.1).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be ranked sequentially. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 1st - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 2nd - UWTSD: Swansea Men's Football 3rd <p>REG 2.6.2.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7).</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity, separate to that of any 'Satellite Campus'.</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity, 'Main Campus' only.</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity. (Separate to that of any 'Satellite Campus').</p> <p>REG 2.6.2.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4). Students defined as being within the auspices of this Playing Entity are only eligible to participate for this entity within BUCS competitions and may not compete for any 'Satellite Campus'.</p> <p>REG 2.6.3 Satellite Campus Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.3.1 Not eligible to be an Education Institution Member, falls under the membership of 'Main Campus', but required to pay Playing Entity fee (REG 3.1.1.1).</p> <p>REG 2.6.3.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be</p>	
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	<p>but with multiple contributing 'parent' institutions.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.1.2.1 If not unanimous, BUCS will consider each application on a case by case basis.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.1.2.2 Institutions must be able to demonstrate that they have a defined way of identifying eligible students should the component institutions not be in agreement.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be ranked sequentially. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medway Men's Football 1st - Medway Men's Football 2nd - Medway Men's Football 3rd <p>REG 2.6.4.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity, separate to that of any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity, 'Umbrella Campus/Organisation' only, and cannot be combined with, or divided amongst, any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity. (Separate to that of any 'parent' institution(s)).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4). Students defined as being within the auspices of this playing entity are only eligible to participate for this entity within BUCS competitions and may not compete for any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.5 FE College Offering HE Qualifications Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.5.1 Eligible to be and must be a Full BUCS Member; otherwise may instead be listed as either 'Satellite Campus' of a 'Main Campus' or covered as part of an 'All Eligible Students' model.</p> <p>REG 2.6.5.1.1 If HE students are awarded</p>	<p>essentially becomes deemed as a 'satellite campus' but with multiple contributing 'parent' institutions.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.1.2.1 If not unanimous, BUCS will consider each application on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.1.2.2 Institutions must be able to demonstrate that they have a defined way of identifying eligible students should the component institutions not be in agreement.</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.2 All teams named as appropriate, one entity within BUCS competitions. Teams to be ranked sequentially. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medway Men's Football 1st - Medway Men's Football 2nd - Medway Men's Football 3rd <p>REG 2.6.4.3 Some Ring Fencing of teams granted pending approval of application made alongside team entries each year. (See REG 2.6.7).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.4 All teams administered via a single BUCS Play entity, separate to that of any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.5 BUCS Points attributed to single entity, 'Umbrella Campus/Organisation' only, and cannot be combined with, or divided amongst, any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.6 Restrictions on allowance of teams per tier, per gender, of a particular sport are applicable as per REG 8.3.1 to single entity. (Separate to that of any 'parent' institution(s)).</p> <p>REG 2.6.4.7 Standard application of individual eligibility criteria (REG 4). Students defined as being within the auspices of this Playing Entity are only eligible to participate for this entity within BUCS competitions and may not compete for any 'parent' institution(s).</p> <p>REG 2.6.5 FE College Offering HE Qualifications Model</p> <p>REG 2.6.5.1 Eligible to be and must be an Education Institution Member; otherwise may instead be listed as either 'Satellite Campus' of a 'Main Campus' or covered as part of an 'All Eligible Students' model.</p>	
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	<p>qualification from another current BUCS Member, said another BUCS Member will relinquish ability for those students to compete for them; as per BUCS regulations an individual may only represent one institution/Playing Entity per season. Should an FE College fulfil the criteria and is successful in becoming a Full BUCS Member then any HE students studying at that College will only be able to compete for that College/Member; not for the institution that awards their qualification.</p> <p>REG 2.6.6 Requests for changes to an institution's Playing Entity/Playing Entities must be submitted to the BUCS Executive prior to team entries being opened for the following season.</p> <p>REG 2.6.7 Ring Fencing Each Playing Entity can also apply for Ring Fencing within their teams. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard BUCS Team Selection regulations (REG 11.1) within the BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to identify separate groupings of student-athletes such as 'Medics'. A Playing Entity wishing to have Ring Fenced teams must complete the BUCS Ring Fenced Teams Pro Forma (Appendix 3) and submit it to the BUCS Executive prior to team entries being closed for the following season.</p>	<p>REG 2.6.5.1.1 If HE students are awarded qualification from another current Education Institution Member, said other Education Institution Member will relinquish ability for those students to compete for them; as per BUCS regulations an individual may only represent one institution/Playing Entity per season. Should an FE College fulfil the criteria and is successful in becoming an Education Institution Member then any HE students studying at that College will only be able to compete for that College/Education Institution Member; not for the institution that awards their qualification.</p> <p>REG 2.6.6 Requests for changes to an Education Institution Member's Playing Entity/Playing Entities must be submitted to the BUCS Executive prior to team entries being opened for the following season.</p> <p>REG 2.6.7 Ring Fencing</p> <p>REG 2.6.7.1 Each Playing Entity can also apply for Ring Fencing within their teams. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard BUCS Team Selection regulations (REG 11.1/SQU 7/TAB 7/TEN 9) 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. Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets as part of the team's name, for example Cardiff Men's 3 (Medics).</p> <p>REG 2.6.7.2 To apply to have Ring Fenced teams, a Playing Entity should complete the BUCS Ring Fenced Teams Pro Forma (Appendix 3) and submit it to the BUCS Executive by the Team Entry closing date for approval. The BUCS Executive may, at their discretion, accept late requests for Ring Fencing.</p> <p>REG 2.6.7.3 Playing Entities failing to appropriately apply for teams to be designated as Ring Fenced, or having their application rejected, will not be eligible</p>	
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		for the student-athlete movement variations outlined in REG 11.1.5/SQU 7.5/TAB 7.5/TEN 9.5.	
REG 2.8	REG 2.8 Insurance Member institutions are responsible for the provision of appropriate insurance cover for their representative individual participants in all BUCS competitions. By entering BUCS competitions an institution is agreeing to this requirement and indicating they are adequately insured with an active policy.	REG 2.8 Insurance Education Institution Members are responsible for the provision of appropriate insurance cover for their representative individual participants in all BUCS competitions. By entering BUCS competitions an Education Institution Member is agreeing to this requirement and indicating they are adequately insured with an active policy.	"Member institutions" replaced with "Education Institution Members" to reflect the terminology of BUCS's updated Articles of Association.
REG 2.9	REG 2.9 SSS Members and BUCS competitions An Institution of Tertiary Education in Scotland which holds Full Membership of SSS, but which is not a Member of BUCS, shall be permitted to enter teams into BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) subject to the following: REG 2.9.1 They are an Associate of BUCS and have completed the required process by the relevant deadline. Note: They will not be required to pay the Associate fee normally required by REG 3.1.2). REG 2.9.2 They will be subject to BUCS' general and sport specification regulations. REG 2.9.3 They will be subject to BUCS' processes and deadlines regarding team entries and payment. REG 2.9.4 They will not be eligible to compete higher than Scottish Tier 1 in any programme. REG 2.9.5 They will not be eligible to compete in any National Championship, National Trophy or National Shield knockout competition. REG 2.9.6 They will not be eligible to compete in any programme where there is not a Conference exclusively for teams from Scottish institutions.	REG 2.9 SSS Members and BUCS competitions An Institution of Tertiary Education in Scotland which holds Full Membership of SSS, but which is not an Education Institution Member of BUCS, shall be permitted to enter teams into BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) subject to the following: REG 2.9.1 They are affiliated with SSS and have completed the required BUCS documentation by the relevant deadline. Note: They will not be required to pay a membership fee to BUCS . REG 2.9.2 They will be subject to BUCS' general and sport specification regulations. REG 2.9.3 They will be subject to BUCS' processes and deadlines regarding team entries and payment. REG 2.9.4 They will not be eligible to compete higher than Scottish Tier 1 in any programme. REG 2.9.5 They will not be eligible to compete in any National Championship, National Trophy or National Shield knockout competition. REG 2.9.6 They will not be eligible to compete in any programme where there is not a Conference exclusively for teams from Scottish institutions. REG 2.9.7 They will have free movement	Updated to align with other changes to regulations under REG 2 and with BUCS's updated Articles of Association.

	<p>REG 2.9.7 They will have free movement throughout a league structure (bearing in mind point REG 2.9.4 above) as per any BUCS member.</p> <p>REG 2.9.8 They will not be eligible to accumulate BUCS Points. Teams from BUCS members involved in a league or knockout competition with such teams will be awarded the BUCS Points associated with their own finishing position/progress. I.e., BUCS will not withdraw such teams when calculating BUCS Points.</p> <p>REG 2.9.9 For the avoidance of doubt, they will not be permitted to enter any BUCS Individual and Team Championships (Events).</p>	<p>throughout a league structure (bearing in mind point REG 2.9.4 above) as per any Education Institution Member of BUCS.</p> <p>REG 2.9.8 They will not be eligible to accumulate BUCS Points. Teams from Education Institution Members of BUCS involved in a league or knockout competition with such teams will be awarded the BUCS Points associated with their own finishing position/progress. I.e., BUCS will not withdraw such teams when calculating BUCS Points.</p> <p>REG 2.9.9 For the avoidance of doubt, they will not be permitted to enter any BUCS Individual and Team Championships (Events).</p>	
REG 3.1	<p>REG 3.1 Annual Subscription (Affiliation Fee)</p> <p>REG 3.1.1 Members will be charged a fee calculated in part per capita and in part based on their participation in BUCS' domestic sports programmes.</p> <p>REG 3.1.1.1 Should a Member have opted to operate any Satellite Campus or Umbrella Campus/Organisation Playing Entities (REG 2.6), they shall be charged an additional £500 per Playing Entity.</p> <p>REG 3.1.2 Associates will be charged a fixed £50 fee.</p> <p>REG 3.1.3 Annual Subscription invoices will be raised on 1 August annually and must be paid by 30 September each year. Any member who has made payment by 30 August, has no outstanding debt on account, and has provided the information on both member representatives, will be eligible to</p>	<p>REG 3.1 Annual Subscription Fee</p> <p>REG 3.1.1 Education Institution Members will be charged an annual subscription fee in accordance with BUCS's Articles of Association.</p> <p>REG 3.1.1.1 Should an Education Institution Member have opted to operate any Satellite Campus or Umbrella Campus/Organisation Playing Entities (REG 2.6), they shall be charged an additional £500 per Playing Entity.</p> <p>REG 3.1.2 Annual Subscription invoices will be raised on 1 August annually, or the first working day following this if it falls on a weekend, and should be paid within 30 days of the invoice being raised. Any member who has made payment within 30 days of the invoice being raised, has no outstanding debt on account, and has confirmed details relating to their membership, will be eligible to request a 2% rebate on their Annual Subscription. This must be requested via email to finance@bucs.org.uk.</p>	<p>REG 3.1 and REG 3.1.1 updated, and old REG 3.1.2 removed, to reflect changes to BUCS's Articles of Association. Vague reference to how annual subscription fees are calculated removed as does not provide sufficient detail to be of benefit to the reader and this detail is communicated to prospective and/or current Education Institution Members through separate means.</p> <p>Wording of REG 3.1.3 updated to better align with wording used on invoices.</p>

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REG 3.5	REG 3.5 Expense Claims REG 3.5.1 Travel and subsistence expense claims for Board members, Executive Group members, Technical Representatives, and others acting on behalf of BUCS, shall be submitted only on the current BUCS Volunteer Expense Form. REG 3.5.2 Expense forms must be submitted within 28 days of the event/the expense being incurred and amounts claimed must be within the limits set out on the form and accompanied by the appropriate evidence of expenditure.	REMOVED	Content contained within old REG 3.5 now housed elsewhere in separate policy documentation.
REG 4.3	REG 4.3 Transgender athletes The participation of a transgender athlete in competitive sport must not be restricted unless it is proportionate to the aim of securing safe and/or fair competition. The following sub-regulations outline the processes for determining eligibility for each sport. REG 4.3.1 Where the National Governing body for the sport where the activity is taking place has a policy on transgender participation in sport this shall be followed. If the National Governing Body does not have a policy on transgender participation the International Federation policy on transgender participation shall be followed. Where both the National Governing Body and International Federation have no such policy, REG 4.3.2 through to REG 4.3.3 shall apply. REG 4.3.2 Transgender athletes not taking	REG 4.3 Gender eligibility REG 4.3.1 For all BUCS Competitions, the gender eligibility criteria will be determined by where the activity is taking place. REG 4.3.2 Where the relevant National Governing body for the sport where the activity is taking place has a policy or has communicated to BUCS a position on gender eligibility, this shall be followed. If the relevant National Governing Body does not have a policy and has not communicated to BUCS a position on gender eligibility, the relevant International Federation policy or position as communicated to BUCS on gender eligibility shall be followed. For example, if the relevant National Governing body for a sport in England has a policy/position, this shall be applied to all activity taking place in	The Supreme Court judgement delivered on 16 April 2025 has resulted in a number of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) changing their position on gender eligibility and required a review of our own REG 4.3 and REG 4.4. As a result, we have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the old REG 4.4 • Updated REG 4.3 to reflect developments in gender eligibility criteria that cover more than just trans participation

	<p>hormone treatment Any transgender athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in BUCS competitions in accordance with their gender as assigned at birth.</p> <p>REG 4.3.2.1 A trans male (female to male) who is not taking testosterone relating to gender transition may participate in male or female competition. However they may not compete in both categories within 1 BUCS season. For example, if a trans male chooses to compete in male competition, they may not compete in any female competition in any sport in the same season.</p> <p>REG 4.3.2.2 A trans female (male to female) who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may not compete in female competition, but may participate in a male competition.</p> <p>REG 4.3.3 Transgender athletes undergoing hormone treatment for gender transition The following will determine in which category a transgender athlete is eligible to compete.</p> <p>REG 4.3.3.1 A trans male (FTM) who has received medical treatment with testosterone related to gender transition may compete in male competition but is no longer eligible to compete in female competition.</p> <p>REG 4.3.3.2 A trans female (MTF) being treated with testosterone suppression medication related to gender transition is eligible to compete in male competition and is not eligible to compete in female competition until completing 1 calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.</p> <p>REG 4.3.4 Mixed events A transgender athlete will be eligible to compete in mixed competitions in their affirmed gender, subject to REG 4.3.2 through to REG 4.3.3.</p> <p>REG 4.3.5 Medical evidence BUCS may request medical evidence in order to ascertain the eligibility of a transgender athlete to compete in a category. Such medical evidence will be treated</p>	<p>England. Similarly, if the relevant National Governing body of the same sport in Scotland does not have a policy/position, then the relevant International Federation policy/position shall be applied to all activity taking place in Scotland.</p> <p>REG 4.3.3 It is the responsibility of institutions/Playing Entities and Participants to ensure that they are aware of the relevant policy/position prior to participating in any BUCS Competition. To aid institutions/Playing Entities and Participants with confirming the relevant policy/position, BUCS will maintain a list of known policies/positions here, however this information can only be considered as accurate at the time of publication and is subject to change.</p> <p>REG 4.3.4 Definitions for REG 4.3</p> <p>BUCS: British Universities and Colleges Sport the organising body for higher education sport in the United Kingdom;</p> <p>BUCS Competition: Any sports competition organised by BUCS from time to time;</p> <p>Gender Eligibility: Refers to the requirements an individual must meet to compete within a gender category. The information on gender eligibility is particularly relevant for any trans+ students interested in competing.</p> <p>Participant: Any guest entrant, or person representing a Member in any BUCS Competition, whether individually or as part of a team.</p>	
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	<p>confidentially. Any costs associated with obtaining such information cannot be covered by BUCS.</p> <p>REG 4.3.6 Anti-Doping Drug testing procedures and prohibitions, as outlined in REG 4.5, also apply to athletes who identify as transgender. Any athlete receiving treatment involving a Prohibited Substance or Method, as described on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List, should apply for a standard Therapeutic Use Exemption.</p>		
REG 4.4	<p>REG 4.4 Under no circumstances may a player be permitted to compete for a team of the opposite sex, with the exception of athletes falling under REG 4.3, specific mixed sex Championships or those listed as allowing mixed teams in the Sport Specific Regulations.</p>	REMOVED	<p>The Supreme Court judgement delivered on 16 April 2025 has resulted in a number of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) changing their position on gender eligibility and required a review of our own REG 4.3 and REG 4.4. As a result, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the old REG 4.4 • Updated REG 4.3 to reflect developments in gender eligibility criteria that cover more than just trans participation
REG 4.4 (FORMERLY REG 4.5)	<p>REG 4.5 Anti-Doping All BUCS participants are subject to the Anti-Doping rules of their sport's National Governing Body, and as such are subject to testing.</p> <p>REG 4.5.1 Any individual who is serving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation will not be eligible to participate in any BUCS competitions.</p> <p>REG 4.5.2 Disqualification of results in competitions subsequent to sample collection or commission of an Anti-Doping rule violation In addition to the automatic disqualification of the results in the competition which produced the positive Sample, all other competitive results of the individual obtained from the date a positive sample was collected (whether in-competition or out-of-competition) shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be disqualified, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals,</p>	<p>REG 4.4 Anti-Doping</p> <p>REG 4.4.1 All BUCS participants are subject to the Anti-Doping rules of their sport's National Governing Body, and as such are subject to testing.</p> <p>REG 4.4.2 Any individual receiving treatment involving a Prohibited Substance or Method, as described on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List, should apply for a standard Therapeutic Use Exemption.</p> <p>REG 4.4.3 Any individual who is serving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation will not be eligible to participate in any BUCS competitions.</p> <p>REG 4.4.4 Disqualification of results in competitions subsequent to sample collection or commission of an Anti-Doping rule violation In addition to the automatic disqualification of the results in the competition which produced the positive sample, all other competitive results of the individual obtained</p>	<p>Regulation numbering changed due to removal of old REG 4.4.</p> <p>New REG 4.4.2 contains wording previously contained in old REG 4.3.6 due to changes to REG 4.3 and relevance of this element to all participants.</p>

	<p>points and prizes.</p> <p>REG 4.5.3 If more than two team members in a team sport are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during an event period, BUCS shall impose the appropriate sanction which will be determined by the disciplinary panel, in line with REG 5.</p>	<p>from the date a positive sample was collected (whether in-competition or out-of-competition) shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be disqualified, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.</p> <p>REG 4.4.5 If more than two team members in a team sport are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during an event period, BUCS shall impose the appropriate sanction which will be determined by the disciplinary panel, in line with REG 5.</p>	
REG 6.1.2.1.3	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.3 The number of BUCS Points which can be accrued by an institution/Playing Entity for eligible 'individual' categories will be dependent on the restrictions imposed by the specific event. Restrictions will be clearly stated in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information.</p>	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.3 The number of sets of BUCS Points which can be earned by an institution/Playing Entity for eligible 'individual' categories will be dependent on the restrictions imposed by the specific event. Restrictions will be clearly stated in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information.</p>	<p>Wording updated to be clearer and more consistent with other regulations under REG 6.</p>
REG 6.1.2.1.4	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.4 Institutions/Playing Entities can only accrue one set of overall/extracted team BUCS Points, regardless of their finishing</p>	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.4 Institutions/Playing Entities can only earn one set of overall/extracted team BUCS Points, regardless of their finishing positions, unless stated</p>	<p>Wording updated to be clearer and more consistent with other regulations under REG 6.</p>

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REG 6.1.2.1.5	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.5 Where individuals/teams are tied on finishing position, BUCS Points will be split according to their joint position and distributed equally to the joint institutions/Playing Entities. For example, if two individuals tie for 2nd place the BUCS Points for 2nd and 3rd place will be combined and split equally among them.</p>	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1.5 Where individuals/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 individuals 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.</p>	Wording updated to be clearer and more consistent with other regulations under REG 6.
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	principle, which shall continue to be applied until all BUCS Points are allocated.	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 individuals/teams eligible to earn BUCS Points that have not earned a set.	
REG 6.1.2.1.7	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>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 scores to extract a team score. Where the minimum number has been reached an individual/team (except for overall/extracted teams) must have beaten another individual/team to score BUCS Points. For example, if three individuals/teams compete in an event, only two will score BUCS Points. To be classed as beaten 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 receive BUCS Points.</p>	<p>REG 6.1 BUCS Points</p> <p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.1 Individual Championships</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Updated to clarify that in situations where the minimum number of individuals/teams is four or fewer, if there is a tie for the last place, whilst they won't have beaten another individual/team, they will be eligible to earn BUCS Points for having competed and tied with them.</p> <p>Also updated to clarify that if an individual/team has only beaten or tied with guest entrants, they are not eligible to earn BUCS Points.</p>
REG 6.1.2.2	REG 6.1 BUCS Points	REG 6.1 BUCS Points	REG 6.1.2.2.4 added, which is an equivalent regulation to REG 6.1.2.1.6, as the same

	<p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.2 Team Championships REG 6.1.2.2.1 At Championship level, institutions/Playing Entities can only accrue 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.</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.2.2 At Trophy and Shield levels, institutions/Playing Entities may accrue 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.</p> <p>REG 6.1.2.2.3 Where teams are tied on finishing position, BUCS Points will be split according to their joint position and distributed equally to the joint institutions/Playing Entities. For example, if two teams tie for 2nd place the BUCS Points for 2nd and 3rd place will be combined and split equally among them.</p>	<p>REG 6.1.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 2nd and 3rd place will be combined and the total amount of BUCS Points split equally among them.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>principle applies for Team Championships (Events) as for Individual Championships (Events).</p> <p>Wording across REG 6.1.2.2 updated to be clearer and more consistent with other regulations under REG 6.</p>
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REG 6.2.1.1	<p align="center">REG 6.2 BUCS Medals</p> <p align="center">REG 6.2.1 Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts)</p> <p>REG 6.2.1.1 BUCS Medals are not awarded in Team Championships (Leagues). League winning teams will receive a BUCS League Plaque for their institution/Playing Entity to keep to commemorate their success.</p>	<p align="center">REG 6.2 BUCS Medals</p> <p align="center">REG 6.2.1 Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts)</p> <p>REG 6.2.1.1 BUCS Medals are not awarded in Team Championships (Leagues). League winning teams will receive a digital BUCS League Plaque for their institution/Playing Entity to commemorate their success.</p>	<p>Updated to reflect that as part of the Sport Review Implementation Group (SRIG) Reward and Recognition Review, physical league plaques are no longer going to be provided, with digital league plaques being introduced in their place.</p>
REG 6.2.2	<p align="center">REG 6.2 Medals</p> <p align="center">REG 6.2.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.1 BUCS Medals for eligible categories at Individual and Team Championships are distributed to the top three individuals/teams.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.1.1 BUCS Medals are only awarded for the overall/extracted team results at Individual Championships where the team consists of a fixed number of individuals.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.2 The number of BUCS Medals which can be accrued by an institution/Playing Entity will be dependent on the restrictions imposed by the specific event. Restrictions will be clearly stated in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.3 Where individuals/teams are tied on finishing position, BUCS Medals will be awarded according to their joint position. For example, if two individuals tie for 2nd place, they will both receive a Silver Medal and no Bronze Medal will be awarded.</p> <p>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</p>	<p align="center">REG 6.2 Medals</p> <p align="center">REG 6.2.2 Individual and Team Championships (Events)</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.1 BUCS Medals for eligible categories at Individual and Team Championships are distributed to the top three individuals/teams.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.1.1 BUCS Medals are only awarded for the overall/extracted team results at Individual Championships where the team consists of a fixed number of individuals.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.2 The number of BUCS Medals which can be earned by an institution/Playing Entity will be dependent on the restrictions imposed by the specific event. Restrictions will be clearly stated in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, entry information and/or pre-event information.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.3 Where individuals/teams are tied on finishing position, BUCS Medals will be awarded according to their joint position. For example, if two individuals tie for 2nd place, they will both receive a Silver Medal and no Bronze Medal will be awarded.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>REG 6.2.2.5, which is an equivalent regulation to REG 6.1.2.1.6, as the same principle applies for BUCS Medals as for BUCS Points.</p> <p>Wording across REG 6.2.2 updated to be clearer and more consistent with other regulations under REG 6.</p>

	<p>only two individuals/teams compete in an event, both Gold and Silver medals will be awarded.</p> <p>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 disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to receive a BUCS Medal.</p>	<p>and Silver medals will be awarded.</p> <p>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 disqualified or listed as 'DNF' will not be eligible to receive a BUCS Medal.</p> <p>REG 6.2.2.5 Where an individual/team not eligible to earn a BUCS Medal finishes in a position allocated a BUCS Medal, the BUCS Medal allocated to this position shall be reallocated to the next position occupied by an eligible individual/team. If that next position had an allocated BUCS Medal, this will be reallocated following the same principle, which shall continue to be applied until all affected BUCS Medals have been reallocated and/or there are no remaining individuals/teams eligible to earn a BUCS Medal that have not earned one.</p>	
REG 7.1	<p>REG 7.1 A complete list of Individual and Team Championship events is contained in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'). Amendments and additions to this list can only be made with the endorsement of the CEO of BUCS, on the recommendation of the relevant Sports Advisory Group (SAG), Event Management Group (EMG) or BUCS Competitions Group.</p>	<p>REG 7.1 A record of BUCS's Individual and Team Championships (Events) on offer is contained in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'). Amendments to the Individual and Team Championships (Events) on offer and/or the categories offered within them will be made in accordance with the Making Changes to BUCS Competitions - Framework.</p>	<p>Updated to reflect the introduction of the "Making Changes to BUCS Competitions - Framework" which has been implemented to enable BUCS and its members to meet the ever-changing demands and interests of the current and the next generation of students.</p>
REG 8.1	<p>REG 8.1 The BUCS Executive reserves the right to make final decisions on the structures of all competitions, based on the geographical location of the teams eligible to compete at that level and the number of entries received.</p>	<p>REG 8.1 A record of BUCS's Team Championships (Leagues and Knockouts) on offer is contained in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'). Amendments to Team Championships (Leagues and Knockouts) on offer will be made in accordance with the Making Changes to BUCS Competitions - Framework.</p> <p>REG 8.1.1 The BUCS Executive reserves the right to make final decisions on the structures of all competitions, based on the geographical location of the teams eligible to compete at that level and the number of entries received.</p>	<p>Previous REG 8.1 changed to become REG 8.1.1 sitting under new REG 8.1 which has been created to reflect the introduction of the "Making Changes to BUCS Competitions - Framework" which has been implemented to enable BUCS and its members to meet the ever-changing demands and interests of the current and the next generation of students.</p>

<p>REG 8.3.4</p>	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 by emailing fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Entry fees will not be charged for teams withdrawn during this window.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.3.2 A team can be withdrawn prior to the relevant withdrawal deadline below; however, the entry fee will still be charged/will not be refunded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>REG 8.3.4.5 (formerly REG 8.3.4.3.4) updated so that all withdrawn teams will be treated the same, regardless of whether they have fulfilled any fixtures. Rather than being removed from the competition structure and treated as a new team for the following season they will be relegated by one tier, except where there is no such tier below the following season. Whilst the majority of withdrawals currently come from teams in the lowest tier of their structures, there can be cases where a team being withdrawn sits higher up a structure, which they feel is not an appropriate level for them, but a move to the bottom of the whole structure would result in a similar outcome, with them being too strong for teams around them.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.6 added to clarify that an institution/Playing Entity cannot withdraw a team whilst a lower ranked team of theirs remains in the competition structure, taking into account any Ring Fencing of teams. This is a principle that is already applied by BUCS.</p>
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	<p>fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 withdrawn prior to six of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. <p>REG 8.3.4.3.2.1 Exceptions to these deadlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's and Women's Dodgeball • Mixed Softball • Women's Outdoor Ultimate • Mixed Wheelchair Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.3.4 Teams withdrawing having not completed any fixtures in a season will be</p>	<p>fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 withdrawn prior to six of their scheduled league fixtures, as they were originally scheduled by the BUCS Executive, having passed. <p>REG 8.3.4.3.2.1 Exceptions to these deadlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's and Women's Dodgeball • Mixed Softball • Women's Outdoor Ultimate • Mixed Wheelchair Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.3.4 If a withdrawal is permitted under REG 8.3.4.3, it should be requested by contacting</p>	
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	<p>removed from the competition structure and treated as a new team (note REG 8.3.3) should they wish to re-enter in future seasons. Teams withdrawing having completed at least one fixture in a season will be relegated to the tier below should they wish to re-enter the following season. If they do not re-enter the following season, then at any future point they wish to re-enter they will be treated as a new team (note REG 8.3.3).</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.3.5 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.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.4 Where a team is no longer permitted 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>REG 8.3.4.4 Where a team is no longer permitted 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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	
REG 8.3.8.2- REG 8.3.8.3	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.2 Elective non-promotion A team finishing in a position which results in automatic promotion for the following season may not elect to avoid promotion. Only instances of exceptional</p>	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.2 Elective non-promotion</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.2.1 A team finishing in a position which results in automatic promotion for the following season can request elective non-promotion by</p>	<p>Elective non-promotion and elective relegation requests to be treated the same as no clear reason for this not being the case. Requests can be made for either, with the BUCS Executive determining in all cases whether there is a justification and if there is, whether the request can and should be accommodated, for example will there be a</p>

	<p>circumstance would be granted consideration by the BUCS Executive. A team finishing in a position at the conclusion of a league which results in them being required to participate in playoffs may elect to opt out of participation (and therefore promotion) as per REG 8.3.8.5.1.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3 Elective relegation A team which has not finished in a position which results in automatic relegation for the following season can request elective relegation to the BUCS Executive. Any request will be required to provide a justification for the request which shall be considered by the BUCS Executive on a case by case basis and approval is not guaranteed. Special consideration will be given in instances where health and safety may be of concern; e.g. Rugby Union.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3.1 BUCS reserves the right to take any incidences of elective relegation deemed as an attempt to manipulate league position to the BUCS Disciplinary Panel for review and possible disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3.2 Requests for elective relegation received by the BUCS Executive after leagues and fixtures have been published will incur an administration fee (equivalent to the original team entry fee).</p>	<p>emailing fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Any request will be required to provide a justification for the request which shall be considered by the BUCS Executive on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed. Special consideration will be given in instances where health and safety may be of concern, for example within recognised 'collision sports' (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union).</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.2.2 A team finishing in a position at the conclusion of a league which results in them being required to participate in playoffs may elect to opt out of participation (and therefore promotion) as per REG 8.3.8.5.1.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.2.3 Requests for elective non-promotion received after the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window has closed (dates communicated on an annual basis when the Team Entry Window is opened) will be subject to an administration charge of £25 per team.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3 Elective relegation</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3.1 A team which has not finished in a position which results in automatic relegation for the following season can request elective relegation by emailing fixtures@bucs.org.uk. Any request will be required to provide a justification for the request which shall be considered by the BUCS Executive on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed. Special consideration will be given in instances where health and safety may be of concern, for example within recognised 'collision sports' (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union).</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.3.2 Requests for elective relegation received after the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window has closed (dates communicated on an annual basis when the Team Entry Window is opened) will be subject to an administration charge of £25 per team.</p>	<p>team suitable and willing to take their place in the structure.</p> <p>Old REG 8.3.8.3.1 wording removed as review of request should establish the reasons for request and if these are appropriate, but also unclear what "attempt to manipulate league position" there could be and what benefits it might bring.</p> <p>Admin fees now in place for both types of request made after the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window has closed, but with the amount reduced from being the same as the entry fee to a standardised £25 per team.</p>
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<p>REG 8.3.8.5.4</p>	<p>REG 8.3.8.5.4 Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), if three teams are involved, they shall be placed in a round robin format, each team having one 'home' and one 'away' fixture. The winner(s) being the best performing team(s) in the mini league produced from these results, who will then be promoted for the following season. <u>All fixtures should be played only to the end of 'normal time' with draws being permitted, with the exception of Basketball (see BAS 9).</u> However, at the conclusion of each fixture, specific tiebreaker penalties shall be undertaken in the following sports in case these should be required to break any ties in the mini league:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football (Penalty shootout as per IFAB LAW 10.3) - Futsal (Penalty shootout as per FIFA LAW 10.3) - Hockey (Penalty strokes as per HOC 9) - Water Polo (Penalty shootout as per FINA WP 12.3) <p>Please note: For these sports, the score at the end of normal time is what should be put on BUCS Play. The result of the tiebreaker penalties is not utilised, other than to assist with determining the winner(s) as part of the process outlined in REG 8.3.8.5.4.1. As such, the tiebreaker penalties information should be e-mailed by the home institution to fixtures@bucs.org.uk and the away institution in case this should be required.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.1 Process for separating tied teams REG 8.3.7, or where applicable the relevant sport specific regulations for calculating final league positions, shall be followed. However, in the sports of Football, Futsal, Hockey and Water Polo,</p>	<p>REG 8.3.8.5.4 Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), if three teams are involved, they shall be placed in a round robin format, each team having one 'home' and one 'away' fixture. The winner(s) being the best performing team(s) in the mini league produced from these results, who will then be promoted for the following season. <u>All fixtures should be played only to the end of 'normal time' with draws being permitted, with the exception of Basketball (see BAS 9).</u> However, at the conclusion of each fixture, specific tiebreaker penalties shall be undertaken in the following sports in case these should be required to break any ties in the mini league:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football (Penalty shootout as per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game) - Futsal (Penalty shootout as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game) - Hockey (Penalty shootout as per HOC 9.1) - Water Polo (Penalty shootout as per the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations) <p>Please note: For these sports, the score at the end of normal time is what should be put on BUCS Play. The result of the tiebreaker penalties is not utilised, other than to assist with determining the winner(s) as part of the process outlined in REG 8.3.8.5.4.1. As such, the tiebreaker penalties information should be e-mailed by the home institution to fixtures@bucs.org.uk and the away institution in case this should be required.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.1 Process for separating tied teams REG 8.3.7, or where applicable the relevant sport specific regulations for calculating final league</p>	<p>References to other rules/regulations for tiebreaker penalties updated due to changes to ensure no incorrect references.</p>
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	<p>if a tie still exists after REG 8.3.7.3.2.2/REG 8.3.7.4.3, then the tiebreaker penalty results will be used before progressing to REG 8.3.7.2.5/REG 8.3.7.4.6, see REG 8.3.8.5.4.2.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.2 In the sports of Football, Futsal, Hockey and Water Polo, if a tie still exists after REG 8.3.7.3.2.2/REG 8.3.7.4.3, then the tiebreaker penalty results will be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiebreaker penalties head-to-head (where two teams are tied) / Tiebreaker win-loss record (where three teams are tied) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiebreaker penalties goal difference - Tiebreaker penalties goals conceded - If teams are still tied at this point, then REG 8.3.7.2.5/REG 8.3.7.4.6 shall be applied. <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.3 Playoff fixtures that no longer have a bearing on determining promotion and/or relegation (dead rubbers) do not need to be completed but desire to withdraw from said fixtures must be communicated to the BUCS Executive and the affected team(s) as soon as possible in advance of the fixture. Sanctions for conceding may not apply in such instances, if reasonable notice is given. REG 9.7 still applies in that affected teams may claim any costs incurred from the opposition.</p>	<p>positions, shall be followed. However, in the sports of Football, Futsal, Hockey and Water Polo, if a tie still exists after REG 8.3.7.3.2.2/REG 8.3.7.4.3, then the tiebreaker penalty results will be used before progressing to REG 8.3.7.2.5/REG 8.3.7.4.6, see REG 8.3.8.5.4.2.</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.2 In the sports of Football, Futsal, Hockey and Water Polo, if a tie still exists after REG 8.3.7.3.2.2/REG 8.3.7.4.3, then the tiebreaker penalty results will be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiebreaker penalties head-to-head (where two teams are tied) / Tiebreaker win-loss record (where three teams are tied) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiebreaker penalties goal difference - Tiebreaker penalties goals conceded - If teams are still tied at this point, then REG 8.3.7.2.5/REG 8.3.7.4.6 shall be applied. <p>REG 8.3.8.5.4.3 Playoff fixtures that no longer have a bearing on determining promotion and/or relegation (dead rubbers) do not need to be completed but desire to withdraw from said fixtures must be communicated to the BUCS Executive and the affected team(s) as soon as possible in advance of the fixture. Sanctions for conceding may not apply in such instances, if reasonable notice is given. REG 9.7 still applies in that affected teams may claim any costs incurred from the opposition.</p>	
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REG 8.4.1	<p align="center">REG 8.4 Knockout competitions</p> <p>REG 8.4.1 Alongside the annual league programmes (and as part of the same entry for each team), BUCS will offer knockout competitions, where entry levels permit.</p> <p>REG 8.4.1.1 Teams from BUCS member institutions in Northern Ireland wishing to be considered for inclusion in a BUCS National Championship knockout competition must submit a written request to the BUCS Executive at the time team entries are submitted for the following season.</p> <p>REG 8.4.1.2 A Knockout Opt-Out Window will be provided on an annual basis, during which teams competing in leagues at Tier 1 and below may opt out of participating in the knockout competition(s) associated with their league, without penalty. Any teams who do not opt out and subsequently do not fulfil a scheduled knockout competition fixture will be liable to concede a voluntary walkover and subject to sanctions as per REG 13.7.5.2.</p>	<p align="center">REG 8.4 Knockout competitions</p> <p>REG 8.4.1 Alongside the annual league programmes (and as part of the same entry for each team), BUCS will offer knockout competitions, where entry levels permit.</p> <p>REG 8.4.1.1 Teams from BUCS member institutions in Northern Ireland wishing to be considered for inclusion in a BUCS National Championship knockout competition must submit a written request to the BUCS Executive at the time team entries are submitted for the following season. Requests shall be considered by the BUCS Executive on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed.</p> <p>REG 8.4.1.2 A Knockout Opt-Out Window will be provided on an annual basis, during which any team may opt out of participating in the knockout competition(s) associated with their league, without penalty. Any teams who do not opt out and subsequently do not fulfil a scheduled knockout competition fixture will be liable to concede a voluntary walkover and subject to sanctions as per REG 13.7.5.2. The Knockout Opt-Out Window will close in alignment with the initial Provisional Leagues Feedback Window, except for Baseball, Softball and Outdoor Ultimate, for which it will close in alignment with the relevant league deadline.</p>	<p>Clarity added to REG 8.4.1.1 that such requests are subject to the approval of the BUCS Executive, which is not guaranteed.</p> <p>REG 8.4.1.2 updated to reflect the "Proposal for Change - Knockout Opt-Out - Post-Season Competitions" and "Proposal for Change - Knockout Opt-Out - Premier Tier" papers supported by National Competitions Group on 25 March 2025.</p>
REG 8.4.3	<p align="center">REG 8.4 Knockout competitions</p> <p>REG 8.4.3 The qualification criteria for all knockout competitions is contained in Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout information').</p> <p>REG 8.4.3.1 When there is the requirement to establish the next best first team or best performing team across multiple leagues the following processes will be used:</p> <p>REG 8.4.3.1.1 Where the teams to be compared were all scheduled the same number of league</p>	<p align="center">REG 8.4 Knockout competitions</p> <p>REG 8.4.3 The qualification criteria for all knockout competitions is contained in Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout information').</p> <p>REG 8.4.3.1 When there is the requirement to establish the next best first team or best performing team across multiple leagues the following processes will be used:</p> <p>REG 8.4.3.1.1 Where the teams to be compared were all scheduled the same number of league fixtures, league points accumulated will be</p>	<p>The proposed change to REG 8.4.3.1.2 for dealing with situations where the teams being compared have not all been scheduled the same number of leagues fixtures is due to there being several cases where the existing method does not work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American Football: Depending on league sizes, not all teams within the same tier (at Tier 1 and Tier 2) are scheduled to play each other twice, and in some cases they play some teams once and others twice, so

	<p>fixtures, league points accumulated will be compared. However, should there be any ties on points that need splitting, this shall be done as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists; - The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport as used for separating ties within a league under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific regulations shall be used. Where any team has more walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures than another team being compared to them, the appropriate performance indicator(s) will be averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team. <p>REG 8.4.3.1.2 Where the teams to be compared were not all scheduled the same number of league fixtures, a mini league table consisting of the relevant teams' results against the highest finishing three teams (excluding the team in question) of their respective league will be created for comparison. The first comparison will be leagues points. Should there be any ties on league points that need splitting, this shall be done as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists; - The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport as used for separating ties within a league under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific regulations shall be used. Where any team has more walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures than another team being compared to 	<p>compared. However, should there be any ties on points that need splitting, this shall be done as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A team tied on points who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists; - The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport as used for separating ties within a league under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific regulations shall be used. Where any team has more walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures than another team being compared to them, the appropriate performance indicator(s) will be averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team. <p>REG 8.4.3.1.2 Where the teams to be compared were not all scheduled the same number of league fixtures, average league points per game will be compared. However, should there be any ties on average league points per game that need splitting, this shall be done as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A team tied on average league points per game who has conceded at least one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists; - The appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport as used for separating ties within a league under REG 8.3.7 or any equivalent sport specific regulations shall be used on an average per game basis. Where any team has more walkovers (conceded to them) and/or void fixtures than another team being compared to them, the appropriate performance indicator(s) will be averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team. 	<p>comparing results against the highest finishing three teams etc. would not be comparing the same number of fixtures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Squash: In Tier 1, Scottish 1A the teams only play each other once, so historically BUCS has doubled their 'stats' as a workaround. - Any programmes where a difference in league size means some leagues being compared have had teams scheduled on a 'home' and 'away' basis and others have had teams just scheduled on a 'home' or 'away' basis, so comparing results against the highest finishing three teams etc. would not be comparing the same number of fixtures. - Any programmes where there is just a single tier of competition, such as Baseball, and so three team leagues are permitted (REG 8.3.2.2) and in such a case for those leagues there would only be results against a highest finishing two teams to use. <p>Rather than introduce this as a third method to be used in just these cases, which may cause some confusion as to the applicable method, it is proposed to replace the existing REG 8.4.3.1.2 method.</p>
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	<p>them, the appropriate performance indicator(s) will be averaged across the total number of fixtures fulfilled and conceded as a voluntary walkover by each team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should there still be any ties that need splitting, the above process will be repeated using the results against the highest finishing four teams (excluding the team in question) and so on as required. <p>REG 8.4.3.1.3 The processes of REG 8.4.3.1.1 and REG 8.4.3.1.2 shall also be used in relation to other regulations where a best performing team requires establishing.</p>	<p>REG 8.4.3.1.3 The processes of REG 8.4.3.1.1 and REG 8.4.3.1.2 shall also be used in relation to other regulations where a best performing team requires establishing.</p>	
REG 9.3.4.7	<p>REG 9.3.4 Duration of matches</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>REG 9.3.4 Duration of matches</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>REG 9.3.4.7.2 updated to clarify what would be the case when at least 75% of normal time has been played, but the result would be a draw, which was omitted when the regulation was updated following member ahead of the 2024-25 season, despite the reason for the change published stating "where the scoreline is a draw, then a result would not be able to be taken, so a replay will take place".</p> <p>Duplicated wording removed from the end of REG 9.3.4.7.2.</p>

	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/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 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.	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.	
REG 10.1	REG 10.1 Officials requirements for each sport, including neutrality and level of qualification can be found in Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements').	REG 10.1 Match officials requirements for each sport can be found in Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements').	Unnecessary wording removed.
REG 10.2	REG 10.2 It is the responsibility of the home institution to arrange all appropriate match officials.	REG 10.2 It is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to arrange all appropriate match officials, except for: - National Championship/Vase/Trophy Finals, for which the BUCS Executive shall be responsible for arranging officials; - Conference Finals which are being hosted as part of a centralised Conference Finals event, for which the host(s) shall be responsible for arranging officials; - Fixtures in leagues where, as per REG 9.2.4, the league has been agreed to be hosted in a central venue/tournament format, for which the host(s) shall be responsible for arranging officials.	Updated to clarify that there are circumstances where the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity will not be responsible for arranging match officials.

REG 10.5	<p>REG 10.5 Definition of neutrality Neutral shall be taken to mean not being a current student, a member of staff (full-time or part-time), a member of the team, club* or Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the institution/Playing Entity concerned, or, being closely related to any member of the club. *A member of the club shall be taken to mean any player, coach, elected officer or team official.</p> <p>REG 10.5.1 Internationally qualified or Governing Body appointed officials Where an official is qualified to officiate to Senior International Level by the appropriate international federation, or, has been appointed by an appropriate Governing Body regional or national officials' appointment board, the neutrality regulation shall not apply.</p>	<p>REG 10.5 Neutrality</p> <p>REG 10.5.1 Neutral in Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements') shall be taken to mean not being a current student, a member of staff (full-time or part-time), a member of the team, club* or Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the institution/Playing Entity concerned, or, being closely related to any member of the club. *A member of the club shall be taken to mean any player, coach, elected officer or team official.</p> <p>REG 10.5.2 Internationally qualified match officials Notwithstanding REG 10.5.1, where a match official is qualified to officiate to Senior International Level by the appropriate International Federation (IF), they shall be considered neutral.</p> <p>REG 10.5.3 Governing Body appointed match officials Notwithstanding REG 10.5.1, where a match official is appointed by an appropriate Governing Body regional or national official's appointment board, they shall be considered neutral, with the exception of National Championship/Vase/Trophy finals unless REG 10.5.2 is applicable. In the case of National Championship/Vase/Trophy finals, agreement in writing to the appointment of a match official not considered neutral under REG 10.5.1 or REG 10.5.2 shall be required from the institutions/Playing Entities involved.</p>	<p>Proposal from a member institution following a situation where a National Championship final was officiated by a current student of one of the institutions with a team in the final which they felt could call into question the integrity of the finals and professional integrity of the appointed official.</p>
REG 10.6-REG 10.7	<p>REG 10.6 Failure to obtain officials Failure to obtain the appropriate officials, as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'), may lead to the forfeiture of the affected match, unless there is written notification from the appropriate officials appointments body that they were unable to provide officials and this is communicated at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time, or where officials withdraw from the fixture within 48 hours of the fixture start time (written evidence required, refer to REG 10.6.3).</p>	<p>REG 10.6 Failure to provide the appropriate match officials</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>For the 2021-22 season, basketball's equivalent sport specific regulation had the reference to 'written notification from the appropriate officials appointments body that they were unable to provide officials' removed as there is no such body for BUCS basketball. There are very few BUCS programmes for which there is such a body and so this element is being removed from REG 10.6. This means that where institutions/Playing Entities fail to provide the appropriate match officials for any</p>

	<p>REG 10.6.1 For all competitions, if at least 48 hours' (outside of weekends and bank holidays) notice ahead of the start time of the fixture has been given and the appropriate written evidence provided, then the away institution/Playing Entity may choose to host the match provided it can supply the appropriate officials and facilities, and notifies the opposition and the BUCS Executive by 11:00 on the last working day before the fixture. In this case the original home institution/Playing Entity is obliged to travel.</p> <p>REG 10.6.1.1 Where the away institution/Playing Entity chooses not to host and agreement cannot be reached between the institutions/Playing Entities for rescheduling, the match shall be replayed at a venue and on a date determined by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 10.6.2 Any institution/Playing Entity failing to notify the opposition of the failure to obtain the appropriate officials at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time will forfeit the match and concede a walkover.</p> <p>REG 10.6.3 Non-provision of officials due to being let down by an appointed/booked official within 48 hours of the fixture start time</p> <p>REG 10.6.3.1 If the away team has arrived at the venue and the home team is let down by an appointed/booked official and can prove in writing that the official was appointed/booked, the original home team will be obliged to travel to a rescheduled match.</p> <p>REG 10.6.3.2 If the away team has not yet travelled, and the home side notifies them that they have been let down by an appointed/booked official within 48 hours of the fixture start time (providing written evidence as per REG 10.6.3.1) the match shall be rescheduled to be played at the original home team venue.</p> <p>REG 10.7 Should the two institutions/Playing</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>reason the impact on the fixture shall be more consistent, but with REG 10.6.2 (formerly REG 10.6.1 and REG 10.6.1.1) still allowing the BUCS Executive to consider why an institution/Playing Entity has failed to provide the appropriate match officials if required to determine a date and venue for a rescheduling, as has been the case for BUCS basketball for four seasons now, or to decide if the match should be awarded as a walkover.</p> <p>Due to concerns being raised regarding the option under the old REG 10.6.1 for the opposition to host the fixture and only needing to give notice of this by 11:00 on the last working day before the fixture, this element has been removed from the new REG 10.6.2. The inclusion of the new option for the BUCS Executive to award a walkover, would hopefully not be an option needing to be regularly used, but may be appropriate in some cases, for example late in the season where there are limited or no options to reschedule and it is clear that reasonable efforts were not made to appoint/book officials. By removing the automatic option for the opposition to host on the same day, there is the chance that this could lead to more of such fixtures being rescheduled, but it is hoped that this removes the concerns regarding the potential for more walkovers from teams unable to sort transport at short notice – or extremely high costs where transport can be arranged, and still enables institutions to work together to find a solution, with the BUCS Executive in place to assist where this doesn't happen.</p>
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	<p>Entities concerned agree in writing beforehand to play with non-neutral, not appropriately qualified and/or the incorrect number of officials, the BUCS Executive will accept the result. Neither team can play under protest or appeal against the result of a match played under these circumstances.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 start time, unless otherwise agreed between the institutions/Playing Entities:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>It is worth noting that institutions/Playing Entities persistently failing to provide the appropriate match officials for reasons deemed to be within their control could have teams withdrawn or restricted from entering future competitions under REG 8.2.</p> <p>REG 10.6 generally restructured and reworded with aim of making it easier to understand and using terms that connect with other related regulations. As part of this, the new REG 10.6.4 replaces the old REG 10.6.2 providing the ability for breaches of REG 10.2 not communicated appropriately to be dealt with outside of the time constraints of the playing under protest and match appeal regulations, as has been the case with team selection breaches under REG 11.1.2.1 and REG 11.1.2.2 since the start of the 2023-24 season, although in this case only by an institution/Playing Entity involved in the specific fixture. This is because where an institution/Playing Entity has not complied with REG 10.6.2 (formerly REG 10.6.1) the situation would currently be that they may go unpenalised for not meeting the requirements, simply because the breach has not been made aware to the opposition and they themselves have not identified this as a problem before the match appeal deadline has passed. It is not something they would reasonably be expected to be able to identify at the fixture as there is no requirement for match officials across all sports to evidence at the fixture that they meet the requirements - this is something the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity should have ensured as part of the appointment/booking</p>
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		<p>following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture.</p> <p>REG 10.6.4.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 10.6.5.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 10.6.5.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 10.6.5.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date".</p> <p>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 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 10.2 may result in a charge of misconduct being raised in accordance with REG 5.</p>	<p>process. Having the appropriate match officials is important for ensuring fair and safe competition, with concerns regarding matches having taken place without the correct officials in place and without teams being informed and in agreement with this in advance having been raised in recent seasons.</p> <p>REG 10.7 removed and new wording including throughout REG 10.6 due the old wording of both REG 10.6 and REG 10.7 having caused some confusion regarding whether there was a need to play under protest in the absence of written agreement in order to subsequently be able to submit a match appeal. REG 10.6.3.3 now clear on the only situation where a team may choose to play under protest if they wish to proceed with a fixture where an appointed/booked appropriate match official withdraws from a fixture within 48 hours of the fixture start time - only if 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.</p> <p>Regulation now refers to a failure to provide the appropriate match officials, rather than obtain them, as in some cases they had been obtained but they subsequently withdrew.</p> <p>It is important to note that within these regulations there is still the ability for the two institutions/Playing Entities to be able to agree to use match officials that do not meet the requirements.</p>
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<p>REG 11.1.2.1</p>	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1 Individuals may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams in the same sport on the same day.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded an individual for multiple teams in the same sport on the same day, the following shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. • In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the following round, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture. • The first fixture an individual is fielded for is not affected as at this point REG 11.1.2.1 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected. • A Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 to the BUCS Executive should do so via email to discipline@bucs.org.uk and will be expected to ensure that there is validity to any claims before they make their report. As such, the Match Appeals process (REG 15) does not have to be used to raise such breaches. Reports deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information may result in disciplinary action. 	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1 Individuals may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams in the same Championships on the same day.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for multiple teams in the same Championships on the same day, the following shall apply:</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1.1 In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines') for the fixture for which there was a breach, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1.2 In the case of a knockout competition match: If a breach of REG 11.1.2.1 has been identified before the following round, the fixture shall be conceded as a walkover win to the opposition. If, due to the proximity to the following round of the breach being identified, the team awarded the walkover win is not able to fulfil the following round fixture, this shall be recorded as an involuntary walkover win to the opposition, unless both teams agree to reschedule the fixture.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1.3 In the case of 'round robin'/'mini league' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.1.1.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date". In the case of 'knockout' format playoff matches, REG 11.1.2.1.1.2 shall apply, except for any playoff 'final' matches for which REG 11.1.2.1.1.1 shall apply with references to the "league deadline date" replaced with "playoff deadline date".</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1.1.4 The first fixture an individual is fielded (including as an unused substitute) for is not affected as at this point REG 11.1.2.1 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be</p>	<p>REG 11.1.2.1.1.3 added as a separate point to clarify that playoff fixtures are covered, having previously being treated as league or knockout fixture depending on the format.</p> <p>Other minor amendments made to wording and structure to provide clarity and consistency.</p>
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REG 11.1.2.2	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.2 Normality An individual establishes normality for a particular team by being selected for a majority (more than 50%) of that team's total league fixtures scheduled for the season and is then no longer eligible to be selected for a lower ranked team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption.</p> <p>In the rare case that an individual has not established majority for a particular team based on selections for this team alone, but has been selected for multiple higher ranked teams, then the totals of these will be combined and counted against the lowest of these teams' total league fixtures scheduled for the season. If this would result in them establishing normality for this team, then they are no longer eligible to represent any lower ranked team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.2.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a team below one which they have established 'normality' for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.2 Normality An individual establishes normality for a particular team by being fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a majority (more than 50%) of that team's total league fixtures scheduled for the season and is then no longer eligible to be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a lower ranked team in the same Championships in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption.</p> <p>In the rare case that an individual has not established 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.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.2.1 Where a Playing Entity is found to</p>	<p>References to being "selected" replaced with references to "being fielded (including as an unused substitute)" to ensure consistency of language across regulations and clarity that this relates to individuals physically attending fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.2.1.3 added as a separate point to clarify that playoff fixtures are covered, having previously being treated as league or knockout fixture depending on the format.</p> <p>Other minor amendments made to wording and structure to provide clarity and consistency.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. Reports deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information may result in disciplinary action. 	<p>have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a lower ranked team than one they have established 'normality' for:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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"</p> <p>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.</p>	
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<p>REG 11.1.3</p>	<p>REG 11.1 Team Selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one fixture scheduled across its teams in a Championships on a given day, priority must be given to the highest ranked team and then in descending order through their teams should the Playing Entity be unable to fulfil all scheduled fixtures. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or in certain circumstances, be voided. For example, a Playing Entity may NOT concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field a lower ranked team on the same day.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.1 For possible exceptions to REG 11.1.3 due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to REG 11.1.5.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that REG 11.1.3 would be suspended in some instances, for example on health and safety grounds. Application to suspend REG 11.1.3 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures.</p>	<p>REG 11.1 Team Selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one fixture scheduled across its teams in a Championships on a given day, they are not permitted to concede a walkover for a higher ranked team while continuing to field one or more lower ranked teams on the same day. For example, a Playing Entity may not concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field their third and fifth teams on the same day. Matches fulfilled in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or where both teams are in contravention, be voided.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.1 For possible exceptions to REG 11.1.3 due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to REG 11.1.5.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that REG 11.1.3 would be suspended in some instances, for example on health and safety grounds. Application to suspend REG 11.1.3 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.3 REG 11.1.3 will not apply where a walkover has been conceded as a result of a Playing Entity being instructed by the BUCS Judiciary or as the outcome of a National Governing Body disciplinary matter that the team has been banned from fulfilling specific fixtures or for a specific period time that could result in them conceding walkovers.</p>	<p>Wording of REG 11.1.3 updated to clarify that it only relates to walkovers and not matches that are left to go void or agreed to be rescheduled (even if after the match date). For example, if an institution is struggling to field all of their teams on a particular date, they can try and reschedule the highest ranked team's fixture, they are not obliged to have to start by trying to reschedule the lowest ranked team's fixture.</p> <p>Circumstance in which a fixture fulfilled in contravention might be deemed void limited and clarified to be only where both teams are in contravention.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.3 added to enable the BUCS Judiciary and/or National Governing Body disciplinary processes (where applicable) to be able to ban a specific team from fulfilling specific fixtures, or for a specific period time that could result in them conceding walkovers, without it having an unintended knock-on impact on the ability of any lower ranked teams to fulfil their fixtures.</p>
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<p>REG 11.2</p>	<p>REG 11.2 Team sheets</p> <p>REG 11.2.1 For all fixtures, teams are required to complete and have the opposition verify (approve or dispute) a team sheet prior to the match starting.</p> <p>REG 11.2.2 Team sheets should be completed and verified on BUCS Play in accordance with REG 11.2.3-11.2.9. However, should it not be possible for this process to be completed on BUCS Play prior to the match starting, for example there is no Wi-Fi or mobile phone reception at the venue, then the teams should follow the process of REG 11.2.10. All teams are advised to carry with them at least two hard copies of the BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma (Appendix 7) so that they are adequately prepared for any such scenario.</p> <p>REG 11.2.3 The overriding principle should always be to complete fixtures. If issues are identified that a team may wish to appeal against (REG 15), they should 'dispute' their opposition's team sheet as detailed in these regulations and complete a Playing Under Protest Form as outlined in REG 12.</p> <p>REG 11.2.4 Each team is responsible for ensuring that all individuals they wish to represent them are selected for the fixture and listed on the match team sheet on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 11.2.5 To enable verification that the individuals representing the team are those listed on the team sheet, all individuals are required to provide photographic identification. Such identification will ideally take the form of a valid student card for their institution.</p> <p>REG 11.2.6 The two teams should review the list of names on their opposition's match team sheet and cross-reference these with the individual photographic identification provided by each member of the team, whilst also checking that the individuals present match the IDs they have provided.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7 If either captain finds that any</p>	<p>REG 11.2 Team sheets</p> <p>REG 11.2.1 For all fixtures, teams are required to complete and have their opposition verify a team sheet prior to the match starting.</p> <p>REG 11.2.2 Team sheets should be completed and verified on BUCS Play. However, should it not be possible for this process to be completed on BUCS Play prior to the match starting, for example there is no Wi-Fi or mobile phone reception at the venue, then paper team sheets can be used. Where paper team sheets are used there must be in some form a minimum of two copies of the team sheet, one for the home team to retain and one for the away team to retain (note REG 11.2.8). Each team is responsible for the correct completion and retention of their own copy. All teams are advised to carry with them at least two hard copies of the BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma (Appendix 7) so that they are adequately prepared for any such scenario. If a team does not have a BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma with them, any equivalent paperwork used/produced must capture the following essential information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture information (Sport, league/knockout competition name, date and time of fixture, venue, home team name, away team name) • The names of all team members being fielded are listed (and only the names of team members being fielded) • Any individuals with a medical exemption authorised by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as per REG 11.1.4 <p>REG 11.2.3 Each team is responsible for ensuring that all team members they are fielding are listed on the team sheet. No other individuals should be listed.</p> <p>REG 11.2.4 To enable verification that the individuals present and representing the team are those listed on the team sheet, all individuals are required to provide photographic identification.</p>	<p>The previously separate regulations covering completion and verification of teams sheets on BUCS Play and those covering the use of paper team sheets have been merged and streamlined to make the regulations easier to follow.</p> <p>Old REG 11.2.8/REG 11.2.10.7 removed as considered that not something done much anymore and such a list can become out-of-date as soon as created and doesn't offer much more assurance than not seeing such a list at the fixture.</p> <p>Clarity added that the only individuals named on a team sheet should be those being fielded and no-one else, to ensure that team sheets are an accurate representation of those actually being fielded.</p> <p>Clarity added regarding disputing a blank team sheet on BUCS Play if the opposition team refuse or are unable to complete it and do not complete a paper team sheet.</p> <p>Regulations updated to reflect that fact that potential breaches of REG 4 and REG 11.1.2.1-REG 11.1.2.4 can be reported outside of the match appeals process, for which it is not a requirement for a team to have played under protest or disputed a team sheet in order for their institution/Playing Entity to submit, but noting that their doing so can help validate any such report.</p> <p>Date until which paper team sheets must be retained changed to a standard date of 31 July each season.</p>
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	<p>individuals on the opposition team are unable to provide identification, or otherwise has any concerns over their eligibility, they should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing any grievances and 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play as per REG 11.2.9. Where individuals are unable to provide identification, time and date stamped photographs should be taken on the day of any individual(s) in question. Any individual refusing to have their photograph taken should be noted on the Playing Under Protest Form. Verification should then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.1 Photographs taken in accordance with REG 11.2.7 must be used only for the purpose of verifying eligibility and any misuse of these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.8 It is advised, to avoid the need for verification post-fixture, that teams should take to all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of individual photographic identification, that has been verified by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as showing only individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of both their institution/Playing Entity and REG 4. This list must capture the following information regarding the Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative that has verified the identification: Position, name (printed), signature, and date of verification. Responsibility shall sit with the Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this list remains valid and correct as the season progresses, making any amendments as required.</p> <p>REG 11.2.9 Once a captain has checked the opposition's team sheet and followed the above steps, they must either 'approve' or 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play. Any captain disputing a team sheet must correctly complete a Playing</p>	<p>Such identification will ideally take the form of a valid student card for their institution.</p> <p>REG 11.2.5 The two team captains should review the list of names of team members on the team sheet (both copies if paper team sheets are being used) and cross-reference these with the individual photographic identification provided by each member of the team, whilst also checking that the individuals present match the IDs they have provided.</p> <p>REG 11.2.6 If either captain finds that any individuals on the opposition team are unable to provide identification, or otherwise has any concerns over their eligibility, they should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing any grievances and if using BUCS Play 'dispute' the team sheet as per REG 11.2.7. Where individuals are unable to provide identification, time and date stamped photographs should be taken on the day of any individual(s) in question. Any individual refusing to have their photograph taken should be noted on the Playing Under Protest Form. Verification should then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).</p> <p>Note: It is not a requirement to have played under protest or disputed a team sheet in order to report potential breaches of REG 4 or REG 11.1.2.1-REG 11.1.2.4, but doing so can help validate any such report.</p> <p>REG 11.2.6.1 Photographs taken in accordance with REG 11.2.6 must be used only for the purpose of verifying eligibility and any misuse of these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7 Once a captain has checked the opposition's team sheet and followed the above steps, they must either 'approve' or 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play, or, if using paper team sheets, sign and record the time of signing on each copy. Any captain who has identified any issues that their team may wish to appeal against (REG 15)</p>	<p>Some typos fixed.</p>
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	<p>Under Protest Form (REG 12) to detail why they team sheet has been disputed.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10 Should it not be possible for Team sheets should be completed and verified on BUCS Play, for example there is no Wi-Fi or mobile phone reception at the venue, then the following steps should be followed for correct completion and verification of hard copy team sheets prior to the match starting. All teams are advised to carry with them at least two hard copies of the BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma (Appendix 7) so that they are adequately prepared for any such scenario. If a team does not have a BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma with them, any equivalent paperwork used/produced must meet the requirements of REG 11.2.10.3.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.1 The overriding principle should always be to complete fixtures. If issues are identified that a team may wish to appeal against (REG 15), they should 'dispute' their opposition's team sheet as detailed in these regulations and complete a Playing Under Protest Form as outlined in REG 12.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.2 There must be in some form a minimum of two copies of the team sheet, one for the home team to retain and one for the away team to retain (note REG 11.2.10.8). Each team is responsible for the correct completion and retention of their own copy.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.3 Team sheets must be completed and verified before the match starts, including being signed by both captains (and recording the time of signing). The following essential information must be captured on each team sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture information (Sport, league/knockout competition name, date and time of fixture, venue, home team name, away team name) • Names of team members (Each team is responsible for ensuring that all individuals they wish to represent them are listed on the team 	<p>should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing these and if using BUCS Play have disputed the team sheet. Note: It is not a requirement to have played under protest or disputed a team sheet in order to report potential breaches of REG 4 or REG 11.1.2.1-REG 11.1.2.4, but doing so can help validate any such report.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.1 If the opposition's team sheet on BUCS Play is blank and they refuse or are unable to complete it and do not complete a paper team sheet, then the blank team sheet should be disputed.</p> <p>REG 11.2.8 Where paper team sheets have been used, following the fixture, each team should return their copy of the team sheet to their Athletic Union (or equivalent) who will then be responsible for transferring this information to BUCS Play and either 'approving' or 'disputing' the team sheet depending on whether any issues were raised. All paper team sheets must be retained and available upon request until 31 July of the respective season.</p> <p>REG 11.2.9 All institutions/Playing Entities should be adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Paper team sheets should be retained for an institution/Playing Entity's records (note REG 11.2.8), and if required submitted to opposition Athletic Unions (or equivalent) or BUCS for verification and must be kept securely in line with current data protection regulations. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet will be used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet will be used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10 Should team sheets be required post-fixture to resolve a match appeal (REG 15) or investigate a report of a potential breach of REG 4 or REG 11.1.2.1-REG 11.1.2.4 and an Athletic Union (or equivalent) be unable to provide adequate records to meet the</p>	
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	<p>sheet)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An indication for each individual that their ID has been seen and verified by the opposition captain (note the following point) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An indication of any specific players to be queried further • Any individuals with a medical exemption authorised by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as per REG 11.1.4 <p>Failure to capture the minimum information required may invalidate any appeal in this regard.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.4 To enable verification that the individuals representing the team are those listed on the team sheet, all individuals are required to provide photographic identification. Such identification will ideally take the form of a valid student card for their institution.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.5 The two teams should review the list of names of their opposition's team members on the team sheet and cross-reference these with the individual photographic identification provided by each member of the team, whilst also checking that the individuals present match the IDs they have provided.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.6 If either captain finds that any individuals on the opposition team are unable to provide identification, or otherwise has any concerns over their eligibility, they should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing any grievances as well as noting on the team sheet the individual(s) unable to be verified.</p> <p>Where individuals are unable to provide identification, time and date stamped photographs should be taken on the day of any individual(s) in question. Any individual refusing to have their photograph taken should be noted on the Playing Under Protest Form. Verification should then be sought post-fixtured with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.6.1 Photographs taken in accordance</p>	<p>request, this will be used against them.</p> <p>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 BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
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	<p>with REG 11.2.10.6 must be used only for the purpose of verifying eligibility and any misuse of these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.7 It is advised, to avoid the need for verification post-fixture, that teams should take to all fixtures a list of individuals, including copies of individual photographic identification, that has been verified by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as showing only individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of both their institution/Playing Entity and REG 4. This list must capture the following information regarding the Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative that has verified the identification: Position, name (printed), signature, and date of verification. Responsibility shall sit with the Athletic Union (or equivalent) to ensure that this list remains valid and correct as the season progresses, making any amendments as required.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.8 Once a captain has checked the opposition's team sheet and followed the above steps, they must sign the team sheet (and record the time of signing). Any captain querying any individuals on a team sheet must correctly complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) to detail why they are being queried.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.9 Upload to BUCS Play and retention Following the fixture, each team should return their copy of the team sheet to their Athletic Union (or equivalent) who will then be responsible for transferring this information to BUCS Play and either 'approving' or 'disputing' the team sheet depending on whether any issues were raised. A scan or photograph of the team sheet can also be uploaded to evidence the original hard copy. All hard copy team sheets must be retained and available upon request until the official BUCS season close each year. The date of the BUCS season close will be the first day of BUCS</p>	<p>any breaches are found, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>REG 11.2.11.3 End of Season Review The BUCS Executive will undertake a review of team sheet compliance on a team-by-team basis. Institutions with teams found to have completed less than 60% of their league team sheets throughout the season, will incur a £100 fine per team, capped at a maximum of £500. As part of this check, the BUCS Executive will not retrospectively apply any sanctions which would have been imposed for missing/incomplete team sheets if found during the season.</p> <p>REG 11.2.11.4 For the purposes of REG 11.2.11.1-REG 11.2.11.3, an "incomplete team sheet" shall be one which has named on it less than the minimum number of participants required to start the fixture as per the Sport Specific Regulations. However, teams should be complying with REG 11.2.3 and ensuring that all team members they are fielding (and no other individuals) are listed on the team sheet for each fixture.</p>	
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	<p>Conference each year.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10.10 Data protection All institutions/Playing Entities should be adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Hard copy team sheets should be retained for your institution/Playing Entity's records (note REG 11.2.10.9), and if required submitted to opposition Athletic Unions (or equivalent) or BUCS for verification and must be kept securely in line with current data protection regulations. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet will only be used for the specific purpose of individual eligibility and team selection verification and used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy.</p> <p>REG 11.2.11 A team not completing the steps of REG 11.2.1–REG 11.2.9/REG 11.2.10 adequately cannot appeal in this regard. The Playing Under Protest and appeal regulations apply – as soon as a grievance is noted before or during a fixture a Playing Under Protest Form must be completed immediately. Only when adequate steps have been taken and a grievance comes to light post-fixture is an appeal valid without a Playing Under Protest Form.</p> <p>REG 11.2.12 Should team sheets be required post-fixture to resolve a dispute and an Athletic Union (or equivalent) be unable to provide adequate records to meet the request, they shall automatically lose any correlating appeal and may face further disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.13 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in Appendix 11 ('BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines') and in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows:</p> <p>REG 11.2.13.1 Spot Checks The BUCS Executive</p>		
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REG 13.6	<p>REG 13.6 Falsification of results</p> <p>Institutions/Playing Entities must not falsify results. If the BUCS Executive deems that an Institution/Playing Entity has falsified a result on BUCS Play, for example entering and/or approving a result for a fixture which has not taken place, or deliberately entering and/or approving an incorrect result, they will be subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 subject to a misconduct charge raised in accordance with REG 5.</p>	<p>Regulation amended to enable action to also be taken against an institution/Playing Entity agreeing to a false result, even if not the institution/Playing Entity that that enters and/or approves it on BUCS Play.</p>

<p>REG 14.3</p>	<p>REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned league matches</p> <p>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 at least two dates in writing for the match to take place, in accordance with the relevant league 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. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and they must avoid other prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the opposition institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on any of the dates 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, they will be deemed to have conceded the match, and the opposition institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.2 If the opposition institution/Playing Entity's team cannot fulfil any of the dates offered by the host institution/Playing Entity under REG 14.3.1, they must offer two alternative dates no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. 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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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>REG 14.3.1 amended so that the host is to only offer two dates. If they offer more, this can result in other steps, such as REG 14.3.4 then not being possible to use. If they offer more than two, the first weekday date and the first weekend date they have written shall be taken as their two dates.</p> <p>Wording of REG 14.3.1 and REG 14.3.2 generally streamlined.</p> <p>Where a lack of compliance with REG 14.3.1 or REG 14.3.2 would lead to a walkover, this has been updated to state that a walkover can be claimed, rather than that it will be awarded. This makes it clear how REG 13.7 and sub-regulations in relation to appealing against the walkover or applying for it to be considered involuntary would apply.</p> <p>REG 14.3.1.1, REG 14.3.1.2, REG 14.3.2.1 and REG 14.3.2.2 added to enable the REG 14.3 process to be used close to league deadlines where there are limited dates remaining resulting in it not being possible to offer both a weekend and weekday date, or perhaps any date. Particularly within the American Football programme, there have been a number of situations like this in recent seasons. In scenarios where there have not been both one weekday date and one weekend date that can be offered, it has been considered that REG 14.3.1 and/or REG 14.3.2 cannot be applied and if the institutions have not mutually agreed to a rearrangement, such fixtures have been declared void, with feedback received that some institutions/Playing Entities knowing this will then not have engaged to try and</p>
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	<p>institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match, and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.3 The host institution/Playing Entity must either accept one of the dates offered under REG 14.3.2, or decline them if their team cannot fulfil them, no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the opposition institution/Playing Entity.</p> <p>REG 14.3.4 If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS fixtures as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, they shall be awarded a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.5 Should the institutions/Playing Entities agree there are substantiated reasons why no rearrangement of a fixture can be made (such as no free dates remain in calendar), they may apply to the BUCS Executive to have the match declared a void fixture. Consideration will be on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>REG 14.3.6 Once a date has been chosen the host institution/Playing Entity must update this on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 14.3.7 Reasonable efforts must be made by both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 match to take place, in accordance with the relevant league 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) following receipt of the date(s) from the host institution/Playing Entity. These dates must avoid any prescheduled BUCS fixtures for either team. If the host 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 opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, the host institution/Playing Entity shall be entitled to claim a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.2.1 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 14.3.2 shall be deemed to have adhered to the regulation.</p> <p>REG 14.3.2.2 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</p>	<p>mutually find a rearrangement date.</p> <p>Wording at the end of REG 14.3.4 regarding how walkover would be applied if one or both teams cannot fulfil the chosen date removed as: 1. It is not possible for both teams to concede a walkover. 2. This is covered by other regulations whereby the fixture would go void (if neither fulfil) or one institution/Playing Entity can claim a walkover if the other cannot fulfil.</p>
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<p>REG 16 (FORMERLY REG 1.6)</p>	<p>REG 1.6 Commercial Assets</p> <p>REG 1.6.1 Each Member:</p> <p>(i) consents to the capture of Content featuring the Member Teams and Participants at or in relation to all BUCS Competitions;</p> <p>(ii) grants to BUCS the right to use and sub-licence the use in perpetuity and free of charge the Member Assets for use in connection with the BUCS Commercial Programme; in accordance with this Regulation [REG 1.6].</p> <p>REG 1.6.2 BUCS shall not use or grant to any BUCS Commercial Partner the right to use (without the express prior written consent of the Member in question):</p> <p>(i) any Member Assets in any manner which implies that any Member, Member Team or Participant endorses a product, service or brand of any commercial entity, or which reflects unfavourably upon the good name and image of the Member; or</p> <p>(ii) any Member Logo on a stand-alone basis, and shall only use any Member Logo alongside or in connection with a minimum of one (1) other Member save in respect of (a) editorial usage by BUCS and/or media outlets; or (b) congratulatory messaging by BUCS and/or any BUCS Commercial Partner</p> <p>REG 1.6.3 Each Member shall support BUCS' media and marketing activities by providing BUCS and the BUCS Commercial partners with access to</p>	<p>REG 16 Commercial and Content Assets</p> <p>REG 16.1 Commercial Assets</p> <p>REG 16.1.1 All Commercial Rights in and to BUCS Events are the exclusive property of BUCS.</p> <p>REG 16.1.2 All Commercial Rights in and to Member Events are the exclusive property of the hosting Member.</p> <p>REG 16.1.3 All Commercial Rights in and to Member Internal Events are the exclusive property of the hosting Member.</p> <p>REG 16.1.4 BUCS shall have no right to any Commercial Rights in National Events.</p> <p>REG 16.1.5 Each Member shall support BUCS in the exploitation of the BUCS Commercial Rights and the activities of any BUCS Commercial Partners by:</p> <p>a) Providing a reasonable number of tickets, free of charge, on request, to any Member Event;</p> <p>b) Providing reasonable assistance (at no Material cost to the Member) in respect of any sponsorship advertising, promotion, publicity, merchandising or other commercial exploitation of the Commercial Rights by or on behalf of BUCS and/or any BUCS Commercial Partner (provided always that such activations do not conflict with any product or service category exclusivity obligation owed to a Member Commercial Partner).</p> <p>REG 16.1.6 BUCS shall have the exclusive right to exploit the BUCS Commercial Rights itself and/or licence the exploitation of the BUCS Commercial Rights to any third party subject to these</p>	<p>Following liaison with members of the BUCS Senior Managers' Network, who raised concerns regarding the existing REG 1.6, its implications for Members, and the ongoing suspension of some elements of this regulation, the BUCS Executive convened a Member-chaired working group in the period January to May 2025 to explore this matter. The group was chaired by the Chair of the BUCS Advisory Group, including 10 further members representing a range of the BUCS Membership, and members of the BUCS Executive and their legal counsel.</p> <p>The Commercial regulations and the Content regulations have been separated for both clarity, and to allow for the differentials in types of rights (i.e. Commercial and Content) and how these can and cannot be exploited by both BUCS Members and the BUCS organisation to be recognised.</p> <p>The changes intend to provide clarity for all parties on the opportunities available and seek to navigate a balance in such opportunities for BUCS Members of any size, focus and scope, and for the BUCS organisation as a non-profit membership</p>

	<p>its Member Teams, Participants, and BUCS Competition Member Events in connection with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any sponsorship advertising, promotion, publicity, merchandising or other commercial exploitation of the Commercial Rights relating to BUCS and/or any BUCS Competition; and (ii) the hosting, conduct, operation, management, filming, recording, broadcast or other distribution of any BUCS Competition Member Event (including the provision of suitable facilities to enable the capture of Content) in each case, without further consent or approval. <p>REG 1.6.4 - *Currently suspended, pending review* <i>Each Member recognises and acknowledges that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) all Commercial Rights in the BUCS organisation, BUCS Competition Events and BUCS Competitions as a whole, including all rights in Content, are wholly owned by BUCS and BUCS is exclusively entitled to exploit such rights;</i> <i>(ii) it shall not itself make any commercial use of the BUCS Logo, name or other BUCS identifying feature;</i> <i>(iii) any use it wishes to make of the BUCS Logo or other reference to BUCS in connection with any BUCS Competition Member Event or otherwise shall be subject to the prior written approval of BUCS.</i> <i>(iv) All rights in Content captured at BUCS Competition Member Events shall be the property of BUCS and the Member hereby assigns such rights to BUCS by way of future copyright. BUCS shall be entitled to licence such Content, and the right to broadcast such Content, (including to broadcasters), as part of the BUCS Commercial Programme and each Member shall observe and comply with any and all exclusivity and other relevant conditions arising from such licence as BUCS may notify to the Member from time to time. Members shall be entitled to broadcast Content captured at BUCS Competition Member via the Member's own platforms with the prior written consent of BUCS and subject to any</i> 	<p>Regulations.</p> <p>REG 16.1.7 When using or licensing the use of Participant Imagery, Member Logos and/or Member Content for commercial purposes BUCS shall ensure that it observes the provisions of these Regulations and shall ensure that the use of such assets does not damage the reputation and good standing of the Participant and/or Member is question, including by association with any product and/or service categories that involve activities contrary to the policies and principles of BUCS (including but not limited to the BUCS Ethical Partner Investment Policy) and student sport in general.</p> <p>REG 16.2 Content Assets</p> <p>REG 16.2.1 All Content Rights in and to BUCS Events are the exclusive property of BUCS.</p> <p>REG 16.2.2 All Content Rights in and to Member Events are the exclusive property of BUCS and BUCS authorises each Member to commercialise such Member Content Rights in accordance with and subject to the provisions of these Regulations.</p> <p>REG 16.2.3 All Content Rights in and to Member Internal Events are the exclusive property of the Member.</p> <p>REG 16.2.4 BUCS shall have no right to any Content in National Events.</p> <p>REG 16.2.5 BUCS shall have the exclusive right to exploit the BUCS Content Rights itself and/or licence the exploitation of the BUCS Content Rights to any third party subject to these Regulations.</p> <p>REG 16.2.6 BUCS shall procure that any BUCS Content Partner is a reputable business in accordance with the BUCS Ethical Partner Investment Policy and meets BUCS's and Members' delivery requirements including those relating to IT security.</p> <p>REG 16.2.7 Without prejudice to each Member's rights under REG 16.2.8, BUCS shall, when negotiating any agreement with a BUCS Content Partner which includes Member Content, procure</p>	<p>organisation to achieve central benefits impacting on all Members.</p>
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<p><i>conditions relating to such broadcast as BUCS may notify to the Member, but the Member shall have no right to licence such Content to any third party broadcaster.</i></p> <p>REG 1.6.5 Definitions</p> <p>(i) BUCS Commercial Partner: any third party to which BUCS has granted any Commercial Rights;</p> <p>(ii) BUCS Commercial Programme: the central BUCS commercial programme comprising all Commercial Rights in BUCS and BUCS Competitions;</p> <p>(iii) BUCS Competition: any sports competition organised by BUCS from time to time;</p> <p>(iv) BUCS Competition Event(s): any BUCS Competition final fixture, playoff or other sports meet wholly staged and organised by BUCS or a third party arranged by BUCS;</p> <p>(v) BUCS Competition Member Event: any sports fixture forming part of a BUCS Competition organised by or on behalf of any Member at a venue owned or occupied by a Member;</p> <p>(vi) BUCS Logo: the names, logos, crests, colours, slogans, symbols, or any other identifying marks used or adopted by BUCS from time to time;</p> <p>(vii) Commercial Rights: any and all rights of a commercial nature, including image rights, broadcasting rights, broadcast sponsorship rights, new media rights, endorsement and official supplier rights, sponsorship rights, merchandising rights, licensing rights, advertising rights and hospitality rights;</p> <p>(viii) Content: all and any videographic, photographic and typographic content;</p> <p>(ix) Member Content: any and all Content captured of, and relating to, the Member Teams and/or Participants at any and all BUCS Competition Member Events;</p> <p>(x) Member Assets: the Member Logos, the Member Branding and the Member Content;</p> <p>(xi) Member Branding: up to fifty per cent (50%) of</p>	<p>the following rights for Members in respect of a Member Event in which the Member participates:</p> <p>a) The right to show live coverage of via the Member's own broadcast platform where the BUCS Content Partner has declined the opportunity to show live coverage of such Member Event via its own platform. BUCS shall notify the Member in question forthwith upon the BUCS Content Partner declining such opportunity;</p> <p>b) The right to show delayed coverage and/or highlights packages via the Member's own broadcast platform;</p> <p>c) The right to use clips in the Member's own marketing activity and to licence the use of such clips to Member Commercial Partners.</p> <p>REG 16.2.8 Each Member may commercialise the Member Content Rights in the Member Events it organises, on an exclusive basis PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:</p> <p>a) each Member grants to BUCS the right, free of charge and in perpetuity, to use Member Content (in the form of clips, highlights and Archive Member Content) for its own commercial and broadcasting purposes and to licence the use of such Member Content to BUCS Commercial Partners and BUCS Content Partners for their commercial and broadcasting purposes; provided always (i) such use features Participants representing more than one Member; and (ii) no such use suggests that any Member endorses the products or services of any BUCS Commercial Partner or BUCS Content Partner;</p> <p>b) where a Member has not commercialised its own Content Rights and that Member provides its consent, BUCS shall be entitled to (i) exploit those Member Content Rights itself and/or (ii) include such Member Content Rights in Content in any Agreement with a BUCS Content Partner.</p> <p>REG 16.2.8 (a) shall not apply in respect of those Member Content Partner agreements which</p>	
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	<p>the in-camera signage and other branding at BUCS Competition Member Events as requested by BUCS from time to time;</p> <p>(xii) Member Logo: the names, logos, crests, colours, slogans, symbols, or any other identifying marks used or adopted by the Member and any Member Team;</p> <p>(xiii) Member Team: any team representing the Member in any BUCS Competition;</p> <p>(xiv) Participant: any individual representing a Member Team and/or the Member in any BUCS Competition.</p>	<p>predate publication of these Regulations, and which do not contain a provision facilitating such grant.</p> <p>REG 16.2.9 Each Member shall support BUCS in the exploitation of the BUCS Content Rights and the activities of any BUCS Content Partners by:</p> <p>a) consenting to the capture of Content by or on behalf of BUCS at each BUCS Event and, in respect of those Members who are not exploiting their own Member Content Rights in accordance with REG 16.2.8, at each Member Event;</p> <p>b) providing such assistance as BUCS may reasonably require in respect of the hosting, conduct, operation, management, filming, recording or broadcast of any Member Event (including the provision of suitable facilities to enable the capture of Content to a standard reasonably required by any BUCS Content Partner, provided always that the Member is not materially disadvantaged or incurs any material costs by providing the same);</p> <p>c) upon written request from BUCS, granting to BUCS the non-exclusive right (where and to the extent that the Member has itself the right), free of charge and in perpetuity, to use Content captured and published by Members from Member Internal Events (in the form of clips and highlights) for its own commercial and broadcasting purposes and to licence the use of such Member Content to the BUCS Commercial Partners and BUCS Content Partners for their commercial and broadcasting purposes.</p> <p>REG 16.3 Participant Image Rights</p> <p>REG 16.3.1 The right for BUCS and Members to use and licence the use of Participant imagery to Commercial Partners and Content Partners shall be secured via the BUCS Play system (or any replacement) and shall be subject to all applicable laws.</p> <p>REG 16.3.2 Each Member shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that each Participant representing the Member (whether as an individual</p>	
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		<p>by BUCS by giving notice to the Members via the Activation Guide.</p> <p>REG 16.6 Commercial Activation Guide</p> <p>REG 16.6.1 BUCS shall, prior to the commencement of each season, issue an Activation Guide to Members, to provide practical implementation advice relating to these Commercial and Content Regulations. The Activation Guide shall be reviewed and updated by BUCS on an annual basis and any proposed updates shall be shared with Members for feedback.</p> <p>REG 16.6.2 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Activation Guide and these Regulations, these Regulations shall take precedence.</p> <p>REG 16.7 Definitions and Life of Commercial and Content Regulations</p> <p>Activation Guide: the guide, issued by BUCS on an annual basis detailing activation best practice in respect of Commercial Rights and Content Rights which shall include, inter alia, notice of any additional Super Competitions for the following season and details of particular BUCS Events;</p> <p>Archive Member Content: Member Content created prior to the operation of these Regulations which is owned and/or controlled by and reasonably accessible to any Member;</p> <p>BUCS: British Universities and Colleges Sport the organising body for higher education sport in the United Kingdom;</p> <p>BUCS Commercial Partner: any third party to which BUCS grants or has granted any Commercial Rights;</p> <p>BUCS Commercial Rights: those Commercial Rights owned and controlled by BUCS in accordance with these Regulations;</p> <p>BUCS Content Partner: any third party to which BUCS grants or has granted any Content Rights;</p> <p>BUCS Content Rights: those Content rights owned and controlled by BUCS in accordance with these Regulations;</p>	
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