

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

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SUMMARY

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

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

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

Regulation Number	Previous Regulation	New Regulation	Reason
Appendix 2a/2b	Please also note that each League Results Submission Deadline is 23:59 of the day after the respective League Deadline listed below.	Please also note that each League Results Submission Deadline is 23:59 of the first working day after the respective League Deadline listed below.	To cover situations where the league deadline may be followed by a weekend day or bank holiday, ensuring institutions still have a working day to sort all results by.
REG 2.2	<p>REG 2.2 Applying to become a Member The application process to become a new Member will require a membership consultation with the BUCS Executive and the completion of a membership application form. Once all requirements of membership are met, the new Member will be voted in by an existing Member vote at the next AGM. A representative from the new member must attend the applicable AGM at which the application is being voted on by members. Where an application is made mid-season, the new Member may be provisionally approved by BUCS Board pending a formal vote at the next AGM.</p>	<p>REG 2.2 Applying to become a Member An organisation interested in applying to become a Member must contact the Company Secretary who will provide a copy of the required membership application form for submission.</p>	Updated to avoid duplication of information contained in the Articles of Association, to reflect that there is no formal 'consultation' required, and to remove contradiction with the Articles regarding a Member being able to be "provisionally approved". The Articles do not permit for a Member to be "provisionally approved". An institution can become an Associate, but the Articles state that all applications to be an Associate have to be approved by existing Members, just like applications to be a Member.
REG 5.1-REG 5.3 (FORMERLY REG 5.1)	<p>REG 5.1 Each BUCS member institution/Playing Entity and its clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that its student-athletes, officials and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers conduct themselves in an orderly fashion whilst attending or taking part in BUCS competitions. They shall also be responsible for ensuring that its student-athletes, officials and all persons purporting to be its representatives do not conduct themselves in a way, or print/have published any material, which will bring the company into disrepute, including on social media platforms.</p> <p>REG 5.1.1 Failure to adhere to this regulation may render the institution/Playing Entity and its club(s) liable to a charge of misconduct for failing to fulfil its said responsibilities and an additional charge of bringing BUCS into disrepute. Examples for which BUCS would deem an institution and its clubs liable to a charge of misconduct and/or bringing BUCS</p>	<p>REG 5.1 Each BUCS member institution/Playing Entity shall be responsible for ensuring that its student-athletes, officials, employees, representatives and anyone purporting to be its supporters or followers conduct themselves in an orderly fashion whilst attending or taking part in any BUCS Competition, BUCS Competition Event(s) and BUCS Organised Activity. For the purpose of this regulation, BUCS Organised Activity includes but is not limited to any conferences, events, meetings and residential organised by BUCS.</p> <p>REG 5.1.1 Examples of conduct for which BUCS would deem an institution/Playing Entity in breach of REG 5.1 include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative, conduct or language • Disregarding requests/instructions of Tournament Directors or appointed officials 	<p>Previous REG 5.1 and sub-regulations have been restructured and reworded for ease of reading and more clarity on the responsibility of institutions/Playing Entities and what they may face a charge for.</p> <p>References to "clubs" removed as BUCS does not have any direct/formal relationship with clubs and charges are always raised against the institution/Playing Entity.</p> <p>New REG 5.1 has been expanded to cover "BUCS Organised Activity" to provide clarity that the same expectations on conduct apply for events delivered by BUCS outside of our league/knockout and events programmes. This means that BUCS may take action for misconduct at such activities. The information relating to who individuals who would be considered to be the responsibility</p>

	<p>into disrepute are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative, conduct or language; - Disregarding requests/instructions of Tournament Directors or appointed officials; - Encroachment on the playing area by spectators or unauthorised persons, save for reasons of safety; - Throwing missiles, bottles or other potentially harmful or dangerous objects at, onto or adjacent to the playing area; - Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a BUCS competition while in possession of recreational drugs; - Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a BUCS competition while in possession of a flare, smoke bomb or firework. <p>REG 5.1.2 The consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs (in addition to substances covered under REG 4.5) by competitors will not be tolerated. Competitors at any BUCS event or fixture found to be consuming such substances will be automatically disqualified and may face further disciplinary action under this regulation.</p> <p>REG 5.1.3 Where the conduct in question is solely that of a supporter or follower who is not a current member (whether player, coach, official, student or other member) of the member institution/Playing Entity, that responsibility shall be absolved if the member institution/Playing Entity can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the BUCS Executive and, if relevant, the BUCS Disciplinary Panel, that it had no reasonable means of controlling or advising on the conduct of the supporter or follower.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment on the playing area by spectators or unauthorised persons, save for reasons of safety • Throwing missiles, bottles or other potentially harmful or dangerous objects at, onto or adjacent to the playing area • Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a BUCS competition while in possession of recreational drugs • Entering, or attempting to enter the venue of a BUCS competition while in possession of a flare, smoke bomb or firework • Consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs (in addition to substances covered under REG 4.5) by competitors. Competitors at any BUCS event or fixture found to be consuming such substances will be automatically disqualified. <p>REG 5.1.2 It shall be a defence to a charge in relation to REG 5.1 if an institution/Playing Entity can show that the conduct in question was solely that of a supporter (or anyone purporting to be its supporter or follower) who is not a current member (whether a student, employee, representative or other member) of the member institution/Playing Entity and that it had no reasonable means of controlling or advising on the conduct of the supporter or follower</p> <p>REG 5.2 Each BUCS member institution/Playing Entity shall be responsible for ensuring that its student-athletes, officials, and all persons purporting to be its representatives do not conduct themselves in a way, or print/have published any material, which brings, or has the potential to bring, BUCS into disrepute, including on social media platforms.</p> <p>REG 5.3 Failure to adhere to the provisions of REG 5.1 and/or REG 5.2 may render the institution/Playing Entity liable to a charge of misconduct for failing to fulfil its said responsibilities.</p>	<p>for the member has been updated to provide clarity that this would include employees and other representatives such as volunteers (which previously could have been considered under 'officials').</p> <p>Wording regarding consumption of alcohol or drugs by competitors updated to remove potential interpretation that "further disciplinary action" may be taken against the individual, as charges under REG 5.1 can only be raised against the institution/Playing Entity.</p> <p>New REG 5.2 has changed from "will bring" BUCS into disrepute to "brings, or has the potential to bring" as it cannot be certain that something "will" bring but can be evidenced that it has brought, or can be reasonably considered by an independently chaired BUCS Judiciary Panel, that it could bring, BUCS into disrepute.</p>
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<p>REG 6.3</p>	<p>REG 6.3 Trophy presentation policy All trophies awarded for BUCS competitions and at the annual BUCS Awards remain the property of BUCS. Unless specifically indicated, all trophies must be returned to a BUCS representative immediately following the conclusion of any presentation (with allowance for photographs).</p> <p>REG 6.3.1 Any institution found to have vacated a venue with a BUCS trophy in their possession, without permission, will be issued an automatic fine of £300 and may face further disciplinary action. Furthermore, should the trophy not be returned, or is damaged, the institution responsible shall incur the cost of repair/replacement. Institutions are to be advised that many of the historical trophies currently in use have a value in excess of £4000.</p> <p>REG 6.3.2 Institutions contravening REG 6.3 will also be responsible for any costs incurred in the return of said trophies, including appropriate insurance cover.</p>	<p>REG 6.3 Trophy presentation policy</p> <p>REG 6.3.1 All perpetual trophies awarded for BUCS competitions and at the annual BUCS Awards remain the property of BUCS.</p> <p>REG 6.3.2 Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all perpetual trophies must be returned to a BUCS representative (or a representative of the host organisation where a BUCS representative is not present) immediately following the conclusion of any presentation (with allowance for photographs).</p> <p>REG 6.3.3 Any institution found to have vacated a venue with a perpetual trophy in their possession, without permission, will incur a fine of £300 if the trophy is not returned within 10 working days of its return being requested in writing by BUCS. The institution shall be responsible for any costs incurred in the return of said trophy, including appropriate insurance cover. Furthermore, should the trophy not be returned, or is damaged, the institution responsible shall incur the cost of repair/replacement. Institutions are advised that some of the historical trophies currently in use have a value in excess of £4000.</p>	<p>Updated to cover events where it might not be considered that there is a "BUCS representative" present, such as an event being delivered by a Third Party or Conference Finals being hosted by an institution.</p> <p>Clarity added that this regulation only applies to perpetual trophies (those used repeatedly) and not trophies that may be given as a one-off.</p> <p>Fine sanction no longer automatic and instead connected to whether the institution returns the trophy in a reasonable time frame.</p> <p>General improvements made to regulation wording and structure for ease of understanding.</p>
<p>REG 8.3.3.1</p>	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>REG 8.3.3 New teams All new teams will be placed in the lowest tier.</p> <p>REG 8.3.3.1 Although, as per REG 8.3.3, new teams should expect to be entered in to the lowest tier of the competition structure, as an organisation BUCS acknowledges the potential safety issues when severe performance imbalances occur and cause potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore new teams within recognised 'collision sports' (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation to enter the competition structure at a higher tier league (excluding any National league) by submitting a written case evidencing the reasons</p>	<p>REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p>REG 8.3.3 New teams All new teams will be placed in the lowest tier.</p> <p>REG 8.3.3.1 Although, as per REG 8.3.3, new teams should expect to be entered into the lowest tier of the competition structure, as an organisation BUCS acknowledges the potential safety issues when severe performance imbalances occur and cause potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore, new teams within recognised 'collision sports' (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation to enter the competition structure at a higher tier league (excluding any National league). The set of criteria upon which an application should be made, and the</p>	<p>Since this regulation was introduced five years ago, the BUCS Executive have refined the process and created more detailed information on the criteria which has been made available in the appendices of the regulations for the past two years, along with deadlines set to fit more appropriately with the timelines for team entries and the creation of the provisional leagues for the following season.</p>

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

	<p>REG 8.3.7.3.2.2 The higher number of Goals/Sets/Points/Rubbers scored (Games in Golf).</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.2.3 In the sports of Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis and Tennis, where the higher placed team cannot be determined by REG 8.3.7.3.1 – REG 8.3.7.3.2.2 above, then the team with the higher ‘Games’ difference (not Rubbers/Matches) or equivalent shall be deemed the higher placed team. As per sport specific regulations for Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis and Tennis, institutions will be responsible for supplying full records of all matches in these sports on official scorecards, if requested by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.2.4 In the sport of Volleyball, where the higher placed team cannot be determined by REG 8.3.7.3.1 – REG 8.3.7.3.2.2 above, then the team with the higher ‘Points’ difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If this still does not determine the higher placed team, then the team with the higher ‘Points’ scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. As per sport specific regulations for Volleyball, institutions will be responsible for supplying full records of all matches on official score sheets, if requested by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.2.5 If the higher placed team cannot be determined from the system above, then this shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4 Tie between three or more teams</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied on points, a table shall be formed to calculate the higher placed team from the results between the relevant teams.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.2 Goal/Set/Point/Rubber difference as applicable to each sport (Games in Golf) in the mini league.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.3 The higher number of Goals/Sets/Points/Rubbers scored (Games in Golf) in the mini league.</p>	<p>used.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.3 The team with the higher Goal (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Water Polo)/Match (Golf)/Point (Basketball, Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubber (Badminton)/Total Point (Gaelic Football) difference shall be the higher placed team. If a tie still exists;</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.4 The team with the higher number of Goals (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Water Polo)/Matches (Golf)/Points (Basketball, Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubbers (Badminton))/Total Points (Gaelic Football) for shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists;</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.3.5 If the higher placed team cannot be determined from the system above, then this shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4 Tie between three or more teams</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.1 Where three or more teams are tied on points, a table shall be formed to calculate their final league positions using the results between the relevant teams as per REG 8.3.7.4.2 – REG 8.3.7.4.4.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.2 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated (the higher the better). If a tie still exists;</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.3 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goal (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Water Polo)/Match (Golf)/Point (Basketball, Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubber (Badminton)/Total Point (Gaelic Football) difference (the higher the better). If a tie still exists;</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on Goals (Football, Futsal, Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Water Polo)/Matches (Golf)/Points (Basketball, Fencing, Rugby League, Rugby Union)/Rubbers (Badminton)/Total Points (Gaelic Football) for (the higher the better). If a tie still exists;</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.5 If a tie cannot be broken using the system above, then the final league positions of any</p>	
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	<p>REG 8.3.7.4.4 In the sports of Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis and Tennis, where the higher placed team cannot be determined by REG 8.3.4.7.1 – REG 8.3.7.4.3 above, then the team with the higher ‘Games’ difference (not Rubbers/Matches) or equivalent in the mini league shall be deemed the higher placed team. As per sport specific regulations for Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis and Tennis, institutions will be responsible for supplying full records of all matches in these sports on official scorecards, if requested by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.5 In the sport of Volleyball, where the higher placed team cannot be determined by REG 8.3.4.7.1 – REG 8.3.7.4.3 above, then the team with the higher ‘Points’ difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If this still does not determine the higher placed team, then the team with the higher ‘Points’ scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. As per sport specific regulations for Volleyball, institutions will be responsible for supplying full records of all matches on official score sheets, if requested by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 8.3.7.4.6 If the higher placed team cannot be determined from the system above, then this shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.</p>	<p>teams still tied shall be determined by the toss of a coin by the BUCS Executive.</p>	
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<p>REG 8.3.8.6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.6 As an organisation BUCS acknowledges the potential safety issues when severe performance imbalances occur and cause potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore existing teams within recognised ‘collision sports’ (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation to be promoted to a higher tier league (excluding any National league) in the relevant competition structure for the following season by submitting a written case evidencing the reasons why the request should be considered. Upon request, the set of criteria upon which the written request should be based will be provided by BUCS. All requests must be received prior to the annual league entry deadline each year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REG 8.3 Leagues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REG 8.3.8 Promotion and relegation</p> <p>REG 8.3.8.6 As an organisation BUCS acknowledges the potential safety issues when severe performance imbalances occur and cause potential risks to the safety of players. Therefore, existing teams within recognised ‘collision sports’ (American Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union) can apply to BUCS for special dispensation to be promoted to a higher tier league (excluding any National league) in the relevant competition structure for the following season. The set of criteria upon which an application should be made, and the associated deadlines, are listed in Appendices 15a–15d.</p>	<p>Since this regulation was introduced five years ago, the BUCS Executive have refined the process and created more detailed information on the criteria which has been made available in the appendices of the regulations for the past two years, along with deadlines set to fit more appropriately with the timelines for team entries and the creation of the provisional leagues for the following season.</p>
<p>REG 8.4.1</p>	<p style="text-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 style="text-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</p>	<p>REG 8.4.1.2 created to provide a permanent reference to the ability for teams to opt out of knockout competitions after this option was introduced for the start of the 2021-22 season.</p>

		<p>be liable to concede a voluntary walkover and subject to sanctions as per REG 13.7.5.2.</p>	
<p>REG 8.4.3</p>	<p>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 leagues involved are all the same size/the same number of fixtures were scheduled, league points attained will be compared. If this does not determine an individual team the appropriate performance indicator(s) to the sport will be used.</p> <p>REG 8.4.3.1.2 Where the leagues involved are of differing sizes/differing numbers of fixtures were scheduled, a mini league table consisting of the relevant teams' results against the top three teams of their respective league will be created for comparison. If this does not produce a single team then the teams that are 'performance tied' shall have the top four teams per league compared, then top five teams and so on until a clear 'best performer' is determined.</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>	<p>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 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 	<p>The current wording of REG 8.4.3.1 and sub-regulations was introduced for the 2019-20 (without any member consultation) in an attempt to provide more clarity, however it actually changed how the regulations applied.</p> <p>The wording prior to 2019-20 was:</p> <p>REG 5.4.1.1.2 When establishing the next best first team or best performing team the following process will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A mini league table consisting of the relevant teams' performance against the top 3 teams (excluding the team in question) of each respective league will be created for comparison. - If this does not produce a single team then the teams that are 'performance tied' shall have the top 4 teams per league compared, then top 5 teams and so on until a clear 'best performer' is determined. <p>REG 5.4.1.1.2.1 An exception to the application of REG 5.4.1.1.2 will be if teams involved in calculations to establish the best performer from opposing leagues have completed the same number of league fixtures. The performance from those league fixtures will supersede the need to create a mini league, initially using league points attained. If this does not determine an individual team the appropriate performance indicator to the sport will be used.</p> <p>The new wording of REG 8.3.4.1 and sub-regulations more closely aligns with the wording from prior to 2019-20, but with some amendments to provide clarity as</p>

		<p>one voluntary walkover shall automatically be placed below any other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers. If a tie still exists;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirming what "appropriate performance indicator(s)" for each sport are - In REG 8.3.4.1.1, taking into consideration the impact of walkovers (which could have previously been considered as "completed" fixtures and void fixtures, treating these in a similar way as to when there are ties within a league. - In REG 8.3.4.1.2, considering the fact that some/one, rather than none/neither or all/both of the teams being compared may actually be one of the highest x finishing teams, to ensure that teams are being compared on as similar and fair as possible sets of data. Also taking into consideration the impact of walkovers and void fixtures, treating these in a similar way as to when there are ties within a league.
REG 8.4.5.4.6	<p>REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield</p> <p>REG 8.4.5.4.6 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield Finals shall be hosted at the venue of the first named (home) team unless otherwise instructed by the BUCS Executive or agreed by the respective Conference in advance (see REG 8.4.5.4.6.1).</p> <p>REG 8.4.5.4.6.1 Should a Conference wish to host all relevant Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield finals at a central venue that Conference must unanimously agree to do so. This agreement will be communicated to the BUCS Executive by the respective Regional Chair(s) no later than 31 October each year. Once agreement is obtained, institutions are bound to attend the finals (if qualifying) at the central venue unless otherwise specified by the Conference as an exception in advance of the scheduled finals.</p>	<p>REG 8.4.5.4 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield</p> <p>REG 8.4.5.4.6 Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield Finals shall be hosted at the venue of the first named (home) team unless otherwise instructed by the BUCS Executive or agreed by the respective Conference in advance in accordance with REG 8.4.5.4.6.1.</p> <p>REG 8.4.5.4.6.1 The process and associated deadline(s) for communicating to the BUCS Executive the decision of a Conference to host any finals as part of a centralised Conference Finals event shall be communicated by BUCS on an annual basis. Once a host has been confirmed, teams are bound to attend the finals (if qualifying) at the host's venue unless otherwise agreed with the host and any opposition.</p>	<p>Updated to reflect that there has been a new process for the last few seasons, but keeping specific detail out of the regulation wording to allow more flexibility in changing the process and/or deadline(s).</p>

REG 9.3.1	<p align="center">REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.1 It is the responsibility of the host institution to provide the correct conditions and time availability for a match (as laid down in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, or where there is no BUCS regulation, in the appropriate rules of the International/National Governing Body of the sport concerned (as identified in the sport specific regulations)) to take place. This includes facilities (including appropriate changing rooms), equipment, first aid cover and playing time. This is especially prevalent in matches where extra time may be required.</p>	<p align="center">REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.1 It is the responsibility of the host institution to provide the correct conditions and time availability for a match (as laid down in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations, or where there is no BUCS regulation, in the appropriate rules of the International/National Governing Body of the sport concerned (as identified in the sport specific regulations)) to take place. This includes facilities (including changing rooms, which can be shared unless otherwise stated in sport specific regulations or minimum operating standards), equipment, first aid cover and playing time. This is especially prevalent in matches where extra time may be required.</p>	<p>To clarify that institutions are not required to provide private/separate changing rooms for each team (unless this is specified in the relevant sport specific regulations or minimum operating standards) following a query that was raised and discussed at the National Competitions Group meeting on 05/12/2023.</p>
REG 9.3.1.1 (FORMERLY REG 9.3.2)	<p align="center">REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.2 Access to facilities should be free of charge to student-athletes from opposition teams. Where charges exist, they are the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity as part of its hosting obligations, unless stipulated in the sport specific regulations or agreed previously by the institutions/Playing Entities involved.</p>	<p align="center">REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.1.1 Access to facilities should be free of charge to opposition teams. Where charges exist, they are the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity as part of its hosting obligations, unless stipulated in the sport specific regulations or agreed previously by the institutions/Playing Entities involved. Note: This does not include travel expenses (such as tolls, congestion charges and parking fees) for which institutions/Playing Entities shall be responsible for covering their own costs incurred, unless otherwise agreed by the institutions/Playing Entities involved.</p>	<p>To clarify that travel expenses (tolls, congestion charges and parking fees) are not considered to fall under facility costs.</p> <p>Moved to sit under REG 9.3.1 as it relates to this regulation and there is another REG 9.3.2.</p>

<p>REG 9.3.5</p>	<p>REG 9.3.5 Start times No league or knockout match may start before 13:00 on a weekday (except for Cricket, Golf and Tennis; for those exceptions please see the relevant sport specific regulations) or 10:00 on a weekend, or after 20:00 without the written consent of both institutions/Playing Entities. The BUCS Executive reserves the right to determine as they see fit the times for any Finals hosted by BUCS. Please note REG 9.3.5.1 for Premier Tier, National Championship and National Vase start times.</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.1 Premier Tier, National Championship and National Vase start times No Premier Tier, Championship or Vase fixture may start before 11:00 or after 20:00 without the written consent of both institutions/Playing Entities.</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.2 The time stated on BUCS Play will be the match time, unless specified otherwise in the sport specific regulations.</p>	<p>REG 9.3.5 Start times</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.1 Premier Tier leagues and National Championship and National Vase knockout competitions No match may be scheduled to start before 11:00 or after 20:00 without the written consent of both institutions/Playing Entities.</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.2 All other leagues and knockout competitions No match may be scheduled to start before 13:00 on a weekday (except for Cricket, Golf and Tennis; for those exceptions, please see the relevant sport specific regulations) or 10:00 on a weekend, or after 20:00 without the written consent of both institutions/Playing Entities.</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.3 Notwithstanding REG 9.3.5.1 and REG 9.3.5.2, the BUCS Executive reserves the right to determine as they see fit the start times for any Finals hosted by BUCS and the host of any centralised Conference Finals event shall have the right to determine as they see fit (but no earlier than 10:00 and no later than 20:00) the start times for any Finals hosted at said event.</p> <p>REG 9.3.5.4 The time stated on BUCS Play will be the match time, unless specified otherwise in the sport specific regulations.</p>	<p>Regulation restructured for ease of reading.</p> <p>Hosts of centralised Conference Finals given the same right as BUCS in the regulations to determine as they see fit the start times of any finals they are hosting to support with logistics and planning of these events, which in practice is already happening.</p>
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<p>REG 9.3.6.4</p>	<p>REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.6.4 In the case of knockout competition fixtures released/confirmed at the conclusion of a league, or after the first knockout round matches have taken place, the venue and start time should be on BUCS Play at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture (regardless of the level of the competition).</p>	<p>REG 9.3 Venues and timings</p> <p>REG 9.3.6.4 In the case of knockout competition fixtures released/confirmed at the conclusion of a league, or those for which the first named (home) team is not confirmed until a previous round match has a result, the venue and start time should be on BUCS Play at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture (regardless of the level of the competition).</p>	<p>Updated so that where a team has a bye in the first round of a knockout competition that is drawn pre-season, and therefore they know they are required to host well in advance, they will be required to have a venue and start time on BUCS play 14 days in advance (in accordance with REG 9.3.6) rather than just 48 hours before.</p> <p>In cases where REG 9.3.6.4 does apply, it is hoped that venues and start times will be uploaded as far in advance of the fixture as possible to assist travelling teams with making arrangements, particularly where keeping transport costs down is a big priority for many, with IAs of travelling teams encouraged to reach out as early as possible to IAs of home teams to raise any particular challenges/request as early as possible confirmation where applicable.</p> <p>For 2024-25, the first fixture week in which such a fixture this change will affect is schedule to take place is the week commencing Monday 6 November.</p>
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<p>REG 9.4</p>	<p>REG 9.4 Playing colours Each institution/Playing Entity is responsible for informing its opposition of the colours of its playing kit as part of the notification of fixture process of REG 9.5. Should there be a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to change its kit. For BUCS hosted fixtures (for example a final taking place at BUCS Big Wednesday), the first named team will be asked to change kit by the BUCS Executive in the event of a colour clash.</p> <p>REG 9.4.1 Any amendments to kit colours following their initial confirmation MUST be agreed in writing by both institutions/Playing Entities.</p>	<p>REG 9.4 Playing colours Each institution/Playing Entity is responsible for informing its opposition of the colours of its playing kit as part of the confirmation of fixture process of REG 9.5. Should there be a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity to change its kit. For BUCS hosted fixtures (for example a final taking place at BUCS Big Wednesday), teams will be required to provide the BUCS Executive with images of the kit they intend to wear at least 48 hours in advance of the fixture, following which if the BUCS Executive deem there to be a clash of colours, the first named team will be instructed to change its kit.</p> <p>REG 9.4.1 Any amendments to kit colours following their initial confirmation must be agreed in writing by both institutions/Playing Entities, and in the case of BUCS hosted fixtures, also by the BUCS Executive.</p>	<p>Updated to provide clarity that for BUCS hosted fixtures, the BUCS Executive will determine if there is a clash of colours, considering factors such as potential impact on live streaming and spectator experience, as well as on competitors and match officials, and instruct teams if they must change their kit accordingly. Requirement added for images of kit to be shared with BUCS Executive in advance to aid this process.</p>
<p>REG 11.1</p>	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2 In order to be selected in a team, all individuals must be registered on BUCS Play as a participant.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (for example Men's Football) it would be expected that the first team would always be the strongest team available to represent that Playing Entity, followed by the second team and so on, with consideration to establishment of 'normality*', and teams must be selected as if all teams are playing on a given day, at the same time, and in a match of equal importance. For example, if the first team does not have a match but the second team do, players who would normally* represent the first team are NOT eligible to be selected for the second team.</p> <p>*Normally is defined by an individual establishing</p>	<p>REG 11.1 Team selection</p> <p>REG 11.1.1 All individuals in a team must be from the same Playing Entity and meet the individual eligibility requirements of REG 4.</p> <p>REG 11.1.2 Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (for example Men's Football) it would be expected that when making team selections that their first team would always be the strongest team available to represent them, followed by the second team and so on, and that they are selecting teams on each day any of them has a fixture as if all their teams in the Championships are playing on that same day, at the same time, and in a match of equal importance, even if they are not. Playing entities need to have reasonable flexibility in managing their team selections, and what may be considered a fair team selection is subjective and challenging to regulate, so the following restrictions shall be enforced to help support the principle of fair team selection:</p> <p>REG 11.1.2.1 Individuals may not be fielded</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Team Selection" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>Team selection regulations (REG 11.1 and sub-regulations) have been discussed at National Competitions Group several times in recent years and during the window for members to submit proposed regulation changes to BUCS during the 2023-24 season, institutions from across the membership gave feedback on these regulations, with various changes proposed. For the July 2023 meeting of National Competitions Group meeting, a paper was shared on team selection and team sheets. As part of this paper, the BUCS Executive attempted to provide clarity on the application of the current regulations, how</p>

	<p>'normality' by being selected for a majority (more than 50%) of a particular team's total league fixtures. In the rare case that an individual has been selected for multiple higher ranked teams, then the totals of these will be combined and counted against the lowest of these teams' total league fixtures to identify if they are eligible to represent any lower ranked team. 'Normality'/majority is established through league fixtures only, however this regulation still applies to knockout competition fixtures unless specifically stated otherwise.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.1 Where a Playing Entity has more than one fixture scheduled across its teams in a Championships on a given day, priority must be given to the highest ranked team and then in descending order through their teams should the Playing Entity be unable to fulfil all scheduled fixtures. Matches played in contravention of this regulation will be awarded to the opposition, or in certain circumstances, be voided. For example, an institution/Playing Entity may NOT concede a walkover at second team level, while continuing to field a lower ranked team on the same day.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.1.1 For possible exceptions to REG 11.1.3.1 due to 'Ring Fencing' of teams, refer to REG 11.1.8.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.1.2 Involuntary walkovers may be granted if applied for in accordance with walkover regulations in REG 13 meaning that REG 11.1.3.1 would be suspended in some instances, for example on health and safety grounds. Application to suspend REG 11.1.3.1 must be made to the BUCS Executive in advance of affected fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.3.2 Where an institution/Playing Entity is found to have fielded (including as an unused substitute) an individual for a team below one which they have established 'normality' for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of a league match: If a breach of REG 11.1.3 has been identified before the relevant league deadline date as identified in 	<p>(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. Reports deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information may result in disciplinary action. <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</p>	<p>'normality' is established, and what establishing 'normality' for a particular team then means for an individual.</p> <p>As well as proposed changes to the regulations being made, there has also continued to be concerns raised that the existing regulation are not easy to understand, particularly for student-athletes. The BUCS Executive have therefore revisited the wording of the regulations to make them clearer and easier to understand, this includes providing more clarity regarding selections for knockout competitions and playoffs and how 'normality' affects these, including the regulation specific to "Knockout round robins" being removed as the only ones that formally exist now are at the end of the league season (such as the Ultimate Outdoor National Finals), not those such as the old 'Final 8s' elements of some knockout competitions which the regulation was written for at the time when after these there would potentially still have been other league or knockout competition fixtures for lower teams in these sports.</p> <p>Requirement for an individual to be registered on BUCS Play as a participant removed from REG 11.1 as is covered by Team Sheet regulations under which it will not be possible for them to be listed unless they have registered. With this removed, if an individual has not registered, a match could go ahead with hard copy team sheets being completed and then when the team sheet information is transferred to BUCS Play, they will be registered at this point.</p>
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	<p>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 11.1.3 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. NOTE: An institution/Playing Entity wishing to report a breach of REG 11.1.3 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 against the institution/Playing Entity. <p>REG 11.1.4 Individuals may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams in the same sport on the same day. Where an institution/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 11.1.4 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 11.1.4 has been identified before the following round, the fixture shall be 	<p>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. 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 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. 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 	<p>Appendix 6 ('BUCS Team Selection Guide') still exists as a guidance tool containing example scenarios, but has been updated in line with these regulation changes.</p>
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	<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: The first fixture an individual is fielded for is not affected as at this point REG 11.1.4 has not been breached, only any subsequent fixture(s) shall be affected. <p>REG 11.1.5 Knockout competition team selection Standard team selection regulations apply (REG 11.1.1 – REG 11.1.4) with the below additional restrictions specifically for knockout competitions:</p> <p>REG 11.1.5.1 Knockout round robins Teams may use an extended squad, including individuals from lower tiered teams at tournament style knockout competitions. However, once an individual is selected (listed on a team sheet) for more than 49% of tournament fixtures they are ‘cup-tied’ and may not move back down to their ‘normal’ team. For example, if the knockout round robin consists of four games, an individual may only be selected (listed on a team sheet) for one game outside of their ‘normal’ team.</p> <p>REG 11.1.5.2 Medical exemptions Medical exemptions (REG 11.1.7) are not permitted for knockout competition fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.6 Playoff team selection Standard team selection regulations apply (REG 11.1.1 – REG 11.1.4) with the below additional restrictions specifically for playoff fixtures:</p> <p>REG 11.1.6.1 Medical exemptions Medical exemptions (REG 11.1.7) are not permitted for playoff fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.7 Medical exemptions Individuals returning from injury who have established majority for a team may be authorised to be</p>	<p>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> <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 11.1.4 Medical exemptions</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.1 Individuals returning from injury who have established normality for a team may be authorised to be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a lower ranked team by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) for league fixtures only.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.2 A medical exemption form, completed and verified by an Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative prior to the fixture, must be presented at the league fixture in question when team sheets are being verified and must be retained and available upon request until the official BUCS season close each year. The date of the BUCS season close will be the first day of BUCS Conference each</p>	
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	<p>selected (listed on a team sheet) for a lower ranked team by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) for league fixtures only. A medical exemption form, completed and verified by an Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative prior to the fixture, must be presented at the league fixture in question when team sheets are being verified and 'M.E.' marked against the name(s) of the applicable individual(s) on the team sheet to indicate their status. For a copy of a medical exemption form, please see Appendix 4 ('BUCS Medical Exemption Pro Forma').</p> <p>REG 11.1.7.1 Exemptions only apply to one league fixture in a lower ranked team while returning to fitness.</p> <p>REG 11.1.7.2 An individual may only be granted a medical exemption if they are returning following a period of absence from competition, they cannot take part in successive fixtures. I.e. they must have been unable to take part in a fixture due to injury prior to the medical exemption being required.</p> <p>REG 11.1.7.3 Medical exemptions may only be applied if the return from injury is being overseen by an acceptable medical professional.</p> <p>REG 11.1.7.3.1 Institutions/Playing Entities are advised that BUCS may request a formal letter from said medical professional(s) to verify the validity of the exemption. In doing so no confidential details will be required. Named medical professionals must therefore be prepared to confirm validity of the exemption.</p> <p>REG 11.1.7.3.2 The named individual must be prepared to permit the treating medical professional identified on the medical exemption form to verify that they are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating the individual, and; • It is upon their medical advice the individual is acting. <p>REG 11.1.7.4 Multiple medical exemptions Where an individual requires an extended period to return</p>	<p>year. For a copy of a medical exemption form, please see Appendix 4 ('BUCS Medical Exemption Pro Forma').</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.3 Exemptions only apply to one league fixture in a lower ranked team while returning to fitness.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.4 An individual may only be granted a medical exemption if they are returning following a period of absence from competition, they cannot take part in successive fixtures. I.e. they must have been unable to take part in a fixture due to injury prior to the medical exemption being required.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.5 Medical exemptions may only be applied if the return from injury is being overseen by an acceptable medical professional.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.6 Playing Entities are advised that BUCS may request a formal letter from said medical professional(s) to verify the validity of the exemption. In doing so no confidential details will be required. Named medical professionals must therefore be prepared to confirm validity of the exemption.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.7 The named individual must be prepared to permit the treating medical professional identified on the medical exemption form to verify that they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating the individual, and; • It is upon their medical advice the individual is acting. <p>REG 11.1.4.8 Where an individual requires an extended period to return to fitness, within a season, their Athletic Union (or equivalent) can apply to the BUCS Executive for clearance. Such an application must be made before the individual in question participates in any further fixtures. An extended period is anything beyond one fixture.</p> <p>REG 11.1.4.9 Medical exemptions are not permitted for knockout competition or playoff fixtures.</p> <p>REG 11.1.5 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named</p>	
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	<p>to fitness, within a season, their Athletic Union (or equivalent) can apply to the BUCS Executive for clearance. Such an application must be made before the individual in question participates in any further fixtures. An extended period is anything beyond one fixture.</p> <p>REG 11.1.8 Ring Fenced teams Ring Fenced teams will be denoted by their specific group being named in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard BUCS Team Selection regulations within the BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to identify separate groupings of student-athletes such as 'Medics' and as a result have separate groupings to which the Team Selection regulations shall apply. The below is an illustration of how team selection/student-athlete movement operates when a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.</p>	<p>in brackets, e.g. (Medics). Information on how to apply for Ring Fencing can be found in REG 2.6.7. Ring Fencing of teams allows for a variation to the standard BUCS Team Selection regulations within the BUCS Team Championships (Leagues/Knockouts) by allowing a Playing Entity to identify separate groupings of student-athletes such as 'Medics' and as a result have separate groupings to which the Team Selection regulations shall apply.</p> <p>The below is an illustration of how team selection/student-athlete movement operates when a Playing Entity has Ring Fenced teams.</p>	
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	<p>Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative that has verified the identification: Position, name (printed), signature, and date of verification.</p> <p>REG 11.2.4 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 11.2.4.1 If either captain finds that any individuals on the opposition team are unable to provide identification, they should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing this grievance and 'dispute' the team sheet on BUCS Play. Time and date stamped photographs should be taken on the day of the individuals in question in order to enable post-fixture verification with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s). Any individual refusing to have their photograph taken should be noted on the Playing Under Protest Form. These photographs must be used only for the purpose of verifying eligibility. Misuse of these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.5 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 BUCS (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</p>	<p>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 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</p>	
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	<p>REG 11.2.7.3 Both team lists must be completed and verified before the fixture 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 sheet) - An indication for each individual that their ID has been seen and verified by the opposition captain (note the following point) - An indication of any specific players to be queried further <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any individuals with a medical exemption authorised by their Athletic Union (or equivalent) as per REG 11.1.6 Failure to capture the minimum information required may invalidate any appeal in this regard. <p>REG 11.2.7.4 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 11.2.7.4.1 If a copy of a photographic identification is provided there must be confirmation that the original identification has been seen by the individual's Athletic Union (or equivalent) and that this copy is a valid and true representation of the original. This copy 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.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.5 The two teams should review the list of names on their opposition's match team sheet</p>	<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. 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 11.2.10.6.1 Photographs taken in accordance 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</p>	
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	<p>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 11.2.7.5.1 If either captain finds that any individuals on the opposition team are unable to provide identification, they should complete a Playing Under Protest Form (REG 12) detailing this grievance as well as noting on the team sheet the individual(s) unable to be verified. Time and date stamped photographs should be taken on the day of the individuals in question in order to enable post-fixture verification with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s). Any individual refusing to have their photograph taken should be noted on the Playing Under Protest Form. These photographs must be used only for the purpose of verifying eligibility. Misuse of these photographs could lead to disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.6 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 BUCS (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 11.2.7.6.1 If either captain has concerns over the eligibility of individuals on the opposition team, they should complete a Playing Under Protest</p>	<p>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 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</p>	
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	<p>Form (REG 12) detailing this grievance as well as noting on the team sheet the individual(s) unable to be verified. Verification should then be sought post-fixture with the appropriate Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative(s).</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.7 Opposition verification Once a captain has checked the opposition's team sheet and followed the above steps, they must sign the team sheet (and record the time of signing). Any captain querying any individuals on a team sheet must correctly complete a Playing Under Protest Form to detail why they are being queried.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.8 Upload to BUCS Play and retention Following the fixture, each team should return their copy of the team sheet to their Athletic Union (or equivalent) who will then be responsible for transferring this information to BUCS Play and either 'approving' or 'disputing' the team sheet depending on whether any issues were raised. A scan or photograph of the team sheet can also be uploaded to evidence the original hard copy. All hard copy team sheets must be retained and available upon request until the official BUCS season close each year. The date of the BUCS season close will be the first day of BUCS Conference each year.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.9 Data protection All institutions/Playing Entities should be adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Hard copy team sheets should be retained for your institution/Playing Entity's records (note REG 11.2.7.8), and if required submitted to opposition Athletic Unions (or equivalent) or BUCS for verification and must be kept securely in line with current data protection regulations. Should BUCS request a copy, the data provided on the team sheet will only be used for the specific purpose of individual eligibility and team selection verification and used in line with BUCS' Privacy Policy.</p> <p>REG 11.2.7.10 Alternative team sheets If a team</p>	<p>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 will undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season. A team will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 missing/incomplete team sheet(s) – written warning from BUCS. 	
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	<p>does not have a BUCS Team Sheet Pro Forma with them, any equivalent paperwork used/produced must meet the requirements of REG 11.2.7.3.</p> <p>REG 11.2.8 A team not completing the steps of REG 11.2.7 adequately cannot appeal in this regard. The Playing Under Protest and appeal regulations apply – as soon as a grievance is noted before or during a fixture a Playing Under Protest Form must be completed immediately. Only when adequate steps have been taken and a grievance comes to light post-fixture is an appeal valid without a Playing Under Protest Form.</p> <p>REG 11.2.9 Institutions/Playing Entities not completing team sheets adequately will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in Appendix 11 ('BUCS Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines') and in these regulations. Checks will be conducted by the BUCS Executive throughout the season to monitor compliance, with specific correlating sanctions for breaches identified through these checks as follows:</p> <p>REG 11.2.9.1 Squad Size Checks On the dates listed in Appendix 18 ('BUCS Squad Size Check Dates'), the BUCS Executive will run an export from BUCS Play to assess the current numbers of participants registered to each team's squad. If the number of participants in a team's squad is less than the minimum number of participants required to start the fixture as per the Sport Specific Regulations, then the team will receive a one-point deduction in their league competition.</p> <p>REG 11.2.9.2 Spot Checks The BUCS Executive will undertake spot checks on individual teams' team sheets throughout the season (after the dates of the squad size checks - SEE REG 11.2.9.1). A team will not be spot checked after their league's results submission deadline has passed. If any breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for knockout competition matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this.</p> <p>REG 11.2.13.2 Issues raised through appeals/by other institutions If the BUCS Executive become aware of missing/incomplete team sheets, either through a BUCS Match Appeals Process or via a report from another institution, then sanctions will be applied. Any issues to be raised must be lodged with the BUCS Executive prior to the respective league results submission deadline for a team, unless being raised as part of a match appeal which is in progress or for which an appeal submission or response deadline extension has been granted. If any breaches are found during spot checks, then the following sanctions will be applied to the team:</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 team sheets will not count towards the above sanctions, but teams not correctly completing team sheets for knockout competition matches could still face consequences such as not being able to appeal or losing appeals because of this.</p> <p>REG 11.2.13.3 End of Season Review The BUCS Executive will undertake a review of team sheet compliance on a team-by-team basis. Institutions with teams found to have completed less than 60% of their league team sheets throughout the season,</p>	
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	<p>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 11.2.9.5 For the purposes of REG 11.2.9.2-REG 11.2.9.4, an "incomplete team sheet" shall be one which has named on it less than the minimum number of participants required to start the fixture as per the Sport Specific Regulations. However, teams should be following REG 11.2 and listing all individuals selected for a fixture and may lose appeals or face other disciplinary action for not having done so.</p> <p>REG 11.2.10 Should team sheets be required post-fixture to resolve a dispute and an Athletic Union (or equivalent) be unable to provide adequate records to meet the request, they shall automatically lose any correlating appeal and may face further disciplinary action.</p>		
REG 12.3	<p>REG 12 Playing Under Protest</p> <p>REG 12.3 The following essential information must be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture information (Name of institution/Playing Entity 'Playing Under Protest', Sport, league/knockout competition name, date and time of fixture, venue, home team name, away team name) • The specific grievance(s) and, where known, the correlating regulation(s) alleged to have been contravened • Name and signature of the captain of the team raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of signing 	<p>REG 12 Playing Under Protest</p> <p>REG 12.3 The following essential information must be captured on a Playing Under Protest Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture information (Name of institution/Playing Entity 'Playing Under Protest', Sport, league/knockout competition name, date and time of fixture, venue, home team name, away team name) • The specific grievance(s) and, where known, the correlating regulation(s) alleged to have been contravened (The end of each statement from each captain should be initialled by both captains to note its conclusion) 	<p>Wording added recommending that captains initial the end of each statement - which is already something noted on the Playing Under Protest Pro Forma - to encourage this practice which helps avoid situations such as accusations of things being added to form after it has been signed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any opposition response to the grievance(s) (Optional) • Name and signature of the opposition captain, as well as the time of signing (They cannot refuse to sign the form, note REG 12.3.2) <p>REG 12.3.1 A Playing Under Protest Form that does not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will be rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and therefore insufficient to support any subsequent match appeal.</p> <p>REG 12.3.2 If an opposition captain refuses to sign a Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to submit the Playing Under Protest Form should inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or equivalent) should then inform both the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this. Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been logged appropriately at the time.</p> <p>REG 12.3.2.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and signature of the captain of the team raising the grievance(s), as well as the time of signing • Any opposition response to the grievance(s) (Optional) • Name and signature of the opposition captain, as well as the time of signing (They cannot refuse to sign the form, note REG 12.3.3) <p>REG 12.3.1 It is recommended that the end of each statement from each captain is initialled by both captains to note its conclusion.</p> <p>REG 12.3.2 A Playing Under Protest Form that does not meet the requirements of REG 12.3 will be rejected by BUCS as being incomplete and therefore insufficient to support any subsequent match appeal.</p> <p>REG 12.3.3 If an opposition captain refuses to sign a Playing Under Protest Form, the team wishing to submit the Playing Under Protest Form should inform their Athletic Union (or equivalent) of the refusal immediately. The Athletic Union (or equivalent) should then inform both the opposition Athletic Union (or equivalent) and the BUCS Executive of the refusal, and BUCS will log this. Playing Under Protest Form claims can still be reviewed if a refusal to sign the form has been logged appropriately at the time.</p> <p>REG 12.3.3.1 Refusal to sign may result in a charge of misconduct being raised against the institution/Playing Entity and appropriate disciplinary action taken in accordance with REG 5.</p>	
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<p>REG 13.1–REG 13.6</p>	<p>REG 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers)</p> <p>REG 13.1 Results of fixtures can be entered on BUCS Play by a 'Captain' or 'Institution Administrator' of either team, but the 'Institution Administrator(s)' of the first named (home) team for each fixture shall be responsible for approving the result.</p> <p>REG 13.2 The results of all league and knockout competition matches must be entered, and approved, on BUCS Play no later than 12:00 on the first working day following the fixture.</p> <p>REG 13.2.1 Where an institution/Playing Entity has not approved a result for a knockout competition match in accordance with REG 13.2 they shall incur a £10 fine.</p> <p>REG 13.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be in contravention of REG 13.2 may face disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 13.3 Whilst institutions/Playing Entities can only approve results of 'home' fixtures on BUCS Play, institutions/Playing Entities are responsible for ensuring that the results of all their matches ('home' and 'away') are correctly recorded on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 13.3.1 If an institution/Playing Entity believes the result of an 'away' match has been recorded incorrectly, or has been omitted, they should contact the 'home' institution/Playing Entity in the first instance and the BUCS Executive thereafter if the 'home' institution/Playing Entity has failed to respond or action their request. Contact with the BUCS Executive MUST be made BEFORE the results submission deadline, as outlined in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines').</p> <p>REG 13.3.1.1 If, within the five working days preceding the results submission deadline, the 'away' institution/Playing Entity is required to request action by the BUCS Executive due to a lack</p>	<p>REG 13 Results and Forfeitures (Walkovers)</p> <p>REG 13.1 Results of fixtures can be entered on BUCS Play by a Captain or Institution Administrator of either team, but the Institution Administrator(s) of the first named (home) team for each fixture shall be responsible for approving the result.</p> <p>REG 13.2 The results of all league and knockout competition matches must be entered, and approved, on BUCS Play no later than 12:00 on the first working day following the fixture.</p> <p>REG 13.2.1 Where an institution/Playing Entity has not approved a result for a knockout competition match in accordance with REG 13.2 they shall incur a £10 fine.</p> <p>REG 13.2.2 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be in contravention of REG 13.2 may face disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 13.3 Whilst institutions/Playing Entities can only approve results of 'home' fixtures on BUCS Play, institutions/Playing Entities are responsible for ensuring that the results of all their matches ('home' and 'away') are correctly recorded on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 13.4 Amending incorrect results</p> <p>REG 13.4.1 Until a result has been approved, it can be corrected by a Captain or Institution Administrator of either team, except in the case of a league fixture where the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) has passed. When institutions/Playing Entities change amend a result in this way, they are encouraged to inform the opposition of this in writing in case there is a disagreement as to the correct result.</p> <p>REG 13.4.2 An Institution Administrator of either team can request that an incorrectly approved result is amended, except in the case of a league fixture where the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) has passed. To do so an Institution Administrator must submit a result change request on BUCS Play. The BUCS Executive will confirm any</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Result Entry, Approval and Amendment (REG 13)" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>Result change requests now permitted to be made by 'home' and 'away' Institution Administrators.</p> <p>Regulations reordered and reworded so as to be easier to follow and to provide more clarity on current deadlines and processes.</p> <p>Clarity added as to what 'disciplinary action' can be taken for falsification of results.</p>
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	<p>of action from the 'home' institution/Playing Entity (and a breach of REG 13.2), the 'home' institution/Playing Entity will incur a £100 fine per fixture.</p> <p>REG 13.4 Falsification of results Institutions/Playing Entities must not falsify results. For example, where a match has not taken place, a result should not be recorded on BUCS Play. In such a scenario, the fixture should be rearranged, left to go void, or a walkover should be claimed/conceded and then recorded on BUCS Play. An institution/Playing Entity proven to have falsified a result on BUCS Play shall face disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 13.5 Process for amending incorrectly approved results In order to amend any incorrectly approved 'home' fixture results, an Institution Administrator must submit a result change request on BUCS Play. Amendments will not be visible until approved by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 13.5.1 League fixtures For league matches other than those affected by the result entry deadline (REG 13.6) there is a two week period within which amendments may be requested free of charge. Amendments to league match results requested beyond the two week period will incur a £10 administrative charge.</p> <p>REG 13.5.2 Knockout competition fixtures Amending incorrectly approved knockout competition match results (after the deadline of REG 13.2 has passed) will incur the following administrative charges (payable by the 'home' institution/Playing Entity unless otherwise indicated):</p> <p>Incorrect score that <u>DOES NOT</u> alter the team progressing to the following round: £5 Incorrect score that <u>DOES</u> alter the team progressing to the following round: £25 if amendment requested more than 10 working days before the following round; £50 if amendment</p>	<p>amendment with both institutions/Playing Entities before changing a result and amendments will not be visible on BUCS Play until approved by the BUCS Executive.</p> <p>REG 13.4.2.1 League fixtures For league matches other than those affected by the results entry/amendment deadline (REG 13.5) there is a 14 day period within which amendments may be requested free of charge. Amendments to league match results requested beyond the 14 day period will incur a £10 administrative charge.</p> <p>REG 13.4.2.2 Knockout competition fixtures Amending incorrectly approved knockout competition match results (after the deadline of REG 13.2 has passed) will incur the following administrative charges (payable by the 'home' institution/Playing Entity unless otherwise indicated):</p> <p>Incorrect score that DOES NOT alter the team progressing to the following round: £5 Incorrect score that DOES alter the team progressing to the following round: £25 if amendment requested more than 10 working days before the following round; £50 if amendment requested within 6-10 working days before the following round; £100 and liable for any fixture costs incurred by the next round opposition if amendment requested within 5 working days before the following round; £250 EACH, liable for any fixture costs incurred by the next round opposition and, where applicable, forfeit of home hosting of next round fixture if NO AMENDMENT REQUESTED BY EITHER INSTITUTION INVOLVED in the fixture in question before the following round.</p> <p>REG 13.4.3 Institutions/Playing Entities persistently found to be approving incorrect results may face administrative charges and/or disciplinary action.</p> <p>REG 13.5 League results entry/amendment deadline</p> <p>REG 13.5.1 Institutions/Playing Entities will not be</p>	
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<p>REG 13.7.1 - REG 13.7.4</p>	<p>REG 13.7.1 An institution/Playing Entity claiming/conceding a walkover must notify the opposition of this, in writing (email), including stating the reason and regulation(s) under which the walkover is being claimed/conceded, before the walkover is entered on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 13.7.2 An institution/Playing Entity has 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) following notification of a walkover being claimed/conceded to appeal against that walkover (REG 15), or to apply to have the walkover deemed involuntary (REG 13.7.3).</p> <p>REG 13.7.3 To request that a walkover be considered involuntary, an institution/Playing Entity must submit a BUCS Involuntary Walkover Pro Forma (Appendix 9), along with any supporting evidence, to discipline@bucs.org.uk no later than 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) after notification of the walkover being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.2.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.1 Extension to the deadline An extension may be requested via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk (before the deadline has passed) if there are reasonable grounds, such as awaiting requested information from a third party.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.2 Institutions/Playing Entities submitting an Involuntary Walkover request are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are comprehensive and concise, and that there is validity to any claims, before they make their submission. Requests deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information to enable a fair ruling may be rejected.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.3 Decisions will be based purely on submissions within the permissible parameters and established precedence. Additional information will be requested by the BUCS Executive if the BUCS Appeals Panel/BUCS Disciplinary Panel deem this necessary and appropriate.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.4 A team deemed to have conceded an</p>	<p>REG 13.7.1 To claim a walkover a recognised Athletic Union (or equivalent) representative of the institution/Playing Entity must send via email to the opposition institution/Playing Entity a correctly completed Walkover Claim Form (Appendix 9) detailing the reason(s) and regulation(s) under which the walkover is being claimed before the walkover is entered on BUCS Play. An institution/Playing Entity conceding a walkover must notify the opposition of this in writing (email) before the walkover is entered on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 13.7.2 An institution/Playing Entity has 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) following notification of a walkover being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.1 to appeal against a walkover claim (REG 15), or to apply to have the walkover deemed involuntary (REG 13.7.3).</p> <p>REG 13.7.3 To request that a walkover be considered involuntary, an institution/Playing Entity must submit a BUCS Involuntary Walkover Request Form no later than 24 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) after notification of the walkover being claimed/conceded as per REG 13.7.2. Submissions shall include a copy of the email in which the walkover was conceded/claimed as well as any supporting evidence.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.1 Extension to the deadline An extension may be requested via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk (before the deadline has passed) if there are reasonable grounds, such as awaiting requested information from a third party.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.2 Institutions/Playing Entities submitting an Involuntary Walkover request are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are comprehensive and concise, and that there is validity to any claims, before they make their submission. Requests deemed to be frivolous or not containing adequate information to enable a fair ruling may be rejected.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.3 Decisions will be based purely on submissions within the permissible parameters and</p>	<p>Updated process for claiming of a walkover due to multiple incidents over the past four season where it was unclear whether or not a walkover had actually been claimed due to the language used and therefore whether the opposition could still try and appeal or submit an involuntary walkover request.</p> <p>Involuntary request form moved to be an online submission form for quicker and easier administration.</p> <p>Added clarity that institutions/Playing Entities who are submitting an involuntary walkover request form need to provide evidence of the walkover being claimed/conceded at this time to show that they are doing so within the required timeframe.</p> <p>Amended so that granting of an involuntary walkover waives all/any associated penalties, not just the loss of league points (where applicable). Essentially, all involuntary walkovers are to be treated the same, as is the case with voluntary walkovers.</p>
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	<p>involuntary walkover will, in normal circumstances, be deemed to have forfeited the match, but in the case of league fixtures will not be deducted any league points (note REG 8.3.6.2). Further penalties outlined in REG 13.7.5.1 – REG 13.7.5.5 may be waived as determined by the BUCS Executive or the BUCS Disciplinary Panel.</p> <p>REG 13.7.4 Where a team has forfeited a league match it is imperative that a walkover is entered and awarded to the appropriate team on BUCS Play by the league result submission deadline (REG 13.6).</p>	<p>established precedence. Additional information will be requested by the BUCS Executive if deemed necessary and appropriate.</p> <p>REG 13.7.3.4 A team deemed to have conceded an involuntary walkover will be deemed to have forfeited the match, however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the case of a league fixture, they will not be deducted any league points (note REG 8.3.6.2 or any equivalent sport specific regulations) and it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1. - In the case of a knockout competition fixture it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.2. - In the case of a playoff fixture, they will not be deducted any league points (where applicable) and it will not count to any tally of walkovers under REG 13.7.5.3. <p>REG 13.7.4 Where a team has forfeited a league match it is imperative that a walkover is entered and awarded to the appropriate team on BUCS Play by the League Result Submission Deadline (REG 13.5).</p>	
REG 13.7.5.1	<p>REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers Unless indicated otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), the following penalties shall apply:</p> <p>Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.* If finish bottom of league table then ineligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.</p> <p>Automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position.; Three or more walkovers = Not eligible to progress to knockout competition. In addition to those listed to the left; loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.1 Leagues walkovers</p> <p>Premier Tier: One walkover = Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position. If finish bottom of league table then ineligible to take part in any potential playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position. Automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position.; Three or more walkovers = Not eligible to progress to knockout competition. In addition to those listed to the left; loss of three* league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.</p> <p>Tier 1: One walkover = Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.; Two walkovers = Further loss of</p>	Updated to provide clarity as to the fact that the sport specific variances would be the league point deductions.

	<p>Tier 1: One walkover = Loss of three league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position. Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.; Three or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.</p> <p>Tier 2 and below: One walkover = Loss of three league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.; Three or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion. Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.</p>	<p>three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position. Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.; Three or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three* league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.</p> <p>Tier 2 and below: One walkover = Loss of three* league points and half of BUCS Points attained through final league position.; Two walkovers = Further loss of three* league points and all BUCS points attained through final league position.; Three or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three* league points per occurrence and having conceded three walkovers*, an automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion. Ineligible for progression to, or automatic withdrawal from, the knockout competition through an involuntary walkover.</p> <p>*Unless stated otherwise in the relevant BUCS sport specific regulations.</p>	
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<p>REG 13.7.5.2</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.2 Knockout competition walkovers Unless indicated otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), the following penalties shall apply:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One or more walkovers</p> <p>National Championship and National Vase: An automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p> <p>National Trophy: An automatic £500 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p> <p>Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield: An automatic £250 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.2 Knockout competition walkovers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One or more walkovers</p> <p>National Championship and National Vase: An automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p> <p>National Trophy: An automatic £500 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p> <p>National Shield, Conference Cup, Conference Trophy, and Conference Shield: An automatic £250 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.</p>	<p>Updated to clarify where National Shield knockout competition fixtures sit.</p> <p>Wording suggesting these sanctions could be varied in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information') removed as this is not the case.</p>
<p>REG 13.7.5.3</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.3 Playoff walkovers Unless indicated otherwise in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information'), the following penalties shall apply: Playoffs: One walkover = An automatic £300 fine; Two walkovers = An additional £300 fine; Three walkovers = An additional £300 fine.</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.3 Playoff walkovers</p> <p>Playoffs: One walkover = An automatic £300 fine; Two walkovers = An additional £300 fine.</p>	<p>The most playoff fixtures a team can be scheduled, and therefore conceded, is two, so the section of the table relating to conceding three walkovers has been removed.</p> <p>Wording suggesting these sanctions could be varied in sport specific regulations or Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information') removed as this is not the case.</p>

<p>REG 13.7.5.4</p>	<p>REG 13.7.5.4 Season total (in addition to those detailed for specific competitions above) Walkovers conceded in leagues and knockout competitions (but not playoffs) will be tallied as a team's Season Total regardless of which competition they were conceded in. Meaning for example, if a team concedes a fixture in a Premier Tier league and in the National Championship, they will be regarded as having conceded two walkovers. Consequently, penalties would be applied as appropriate to conceding two walkovers plus those applicable to the specific competitions.</p> <p>Premier Tier and National Championship/Vase: One walkover = If finish bottom of final league table not eligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated; Two walkovers = Automatically relegated following season regardless of final league position; Three or more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left and above, an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.</p> <p>Tier 1 and National Championship/Vase/Trophy: One walkover = N/A; Two walkovers = N/A; Three of more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left and above, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.</p> <p>Tier 2 and below and Conference Cup/Trophy/Shield: One walkover = N/A; Two walkovers = N/A; Three of more walkovers = In addition to those listed to the left and above, an automatic £50 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.</p>	<p>REMOVED</p>	<p>With all knockout competition walkovers now incurring a fine (as of the 2021-22 season), it does not seem appropriate for these matches to also then count towards a team's season tally which could then incur a further fine on top of this, so any fine sanctions have been removed from REG 13.7.5.4 as teams who concede multiple league fixtures can still incur such fines under REG 13.7.5.1.</p> <p>Having reviewed feedback from institutions shared through National Competitions Group in July 2022, the BUCS Executive have decided to remove this regulation entirely (it was not applied in 2022-23 or 2023-24) so that the remaining sanctions relating to relegation or denial of promotion – which are also possible to incur from solely league walkovers under REG 13.7.5.1 – cannot be incurred as a result of conceding one or more walkovers in a knockout competition.</p>
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REG 13.7.5.5	<p>REG 13.7.5.5 Elective central venue/tournament format walkovers Any team deemed to have conceded walkovers will be subject to the same penalties as outlined in REG 13.7.5.1 – REG 13.7.5.4. There will be no exceptions for walkovers conceded where fixtures are organised in a central venue/tournament format.</p>	REMOVED	Unnecessary regulation - no need to make special mention of such fixtures when all fixtures are treated the same.
REG 14.1	<p>REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called off up to and including the day of the match, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bad weather - Ground conditions - Bad light - Unforeseeable facility issues - Force majeure - Any national, regional, or local Public Health guidance in place at the time which advises against a team's involvement in the fixture. <p>REG 14.1.2 The first named (home) institution/Playing Entity are required to give reasonable notice to the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity if there is any likelihood of the playing area being pronounced unfit for play. However, if the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity have concerns that a match may be postponed (for example heavy rain is forecast), they should ask that a decision be made about whether the match will take place before their team's intended departure time (note REG 9.5).</p> <p>REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or equivalent) contact of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. It would be expected, especially in cases of a late postponement (within 48 hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays, of the fixture start time), that the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity would also make efforts to contact the opposition (away)</p>	<p>REG 14.1 Postponed matches REG 14.1.1 Postponed matches are matches called off up to and including the day of the match, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad weather • Ground conditions • Bad light • Unforeseeable facility issues • Force majeure • Any national, regional, or local Public Health guidance in place at the time which advises against a team's involvement in the fixture. <p>REG 14.1.1.1 For fixtures where match officials are required, if, when both teams and any match official(s) (appropriate for the match as per REG 10) are present at a fixture, there is disagreement between the teams as to whether a match should proceed on the grounds of safety, the match official(s) shall (taking into account the advice of any grounds/facility staff as appropriate) determine whether the match should proceed or should be postponed. Where it is determined that a match should proceed, if a team declines to participate, their opposition shall be entitled to claim a walkover. If a walkover is claimed, the institution/Playing Entity conceding the walkover shall have the opportunity to request that it is deemed involuntary using the process detailed in REG 13.7.3.</p> <p>REG 14.1.2 It would be expected that if the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity have any concerns that a match may be postponed (for example where there has been bad weather affecting a pitch, there is further bad weather</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG 14)" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>REG 14.1.1.1 added to provide clarity that for fixtures where match officials are required, if, when both teams and any match official(s) are present at a fixture, there is disagreement between the teams as to whether a match should proceed on the grounds of safety, the match official(s) shall (taking into account the advice of any grounds/facility staff as appropriate) determine whether the match should proceed or should be postponed and that a refusal to play can result in a walkover being claimed, but this could be requested to be considered involuntary.</p> <p>REG 14.1.2 amended to better reflect expectations for both institutions/Playing Entities if they have any concerns over a fixture potentially being postponed.</p> <p>It would be expected that if the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity have any concerns that a match may be postponed (for example where there has been bad weather affecting a pitch, there is further bad weather forecast, and so there are concerns that the pitch may be pronounced</p>

	<p>institution/Playing Entity via telephone to confirm that notification of the postponement has been received. The first named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall also be responsible for notifying the match official(s).</p> <p>REG 14.1.4 Should a match have to be postponed, this match shall be rearranged at the venue of the first named (home) team, except in cases where the notification of postponement has not been sent until after the opposition (away) team's intended departure time - subject to this having been communicated as per REG 9.5. In such cases the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity.</p>	<p>forecast, and so there are concerns that the pitch may be pronounced unfit for play) that they would inform the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity as early as possible. However, if the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity have concerns that a match may be postponed (for example heavy rain is forecast) and have not been contacted by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity, they should ask that a decision be made about whether the match will take place before their team's intended departure time (note REG 9.5).</p> <p>REG 14.1.3 Where a postponement is required, the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity must notify, in writing, the main Athletic Union (or equivalent) contact of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity. It would be expected, especially in cases of a late postponement (within 48 hours, outside of weekends and bank holidays, of the fixture start time), that the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity would also make efforts to contact the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity via telephone to confirm that notification of the postponement has been received. The first named (home) institution/Playing Entity shall also be responsible for notifying the match official(s).</p> <p>REG 14.1.4 Should a match have to be postponed, this match shall be rearranged at the venue of the first named (home) team, except in cases where the notification of postponement has not been sent until after the opposition (away) team's intended departure time - subject to this having been communicated as per REG 9.5. In such cases the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity.</p>	<p>unfit for play) that they would inform the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity as early as possible. However, if the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity have concerns that a match may be postponed (for example heavy rain is forecast) and have not been contacted by the first named (home) institution/Playing Entity, they should ask that a decision be made about whether the match will take place before their team's intended departure time (note REG 9.5).</p>
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<p>REG 14.2</p>	<p>REG 14.2 Abandoned matches Abandoned matches are matches called off, for whatever reason, by the match official(s) once play has begun. When a match has been abandoned, the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless covered under REG 9.3.4.4.</p>	<p>REG 14.2 Abandoned matches REG 14.2.1 Abandoned matches are matches called off, for whatever reason, by the match official(s) once play has begun. REG 14.2.2 When a match has been abandoned, the fixture shall be replayed at the venue of the opposition (away) institution/Playing Entity unless covered under REG 9.3.4.2. REG 14.2.3 Notwithstanding REG 14.2.2, if it is reported to the BUCS Executive that a match has been abandoned due to alleged misconduct of anyone covered under REG 5.1, of either or both institutions/Playing Entities, a charge of misconduct may be raised under REG 5 and a BUCS Judiciary Panel hearing such a charge shall be entitled to award the match as a walkover or declare it a void fixture should they deem this appropriate based.</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG 14)" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>Clarification provided that if matches are abandoned due to alleged misconduct, charges can be raised under REG 5 which could result in matches being awarded as a walkover or a void.</p>
<p>REG 14.3</p>	<p>REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned league matches REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned league match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer 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</p>	<p>REG 14.3 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned league matches REG 14.3.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned league match, the host institution/Playing Entity (as determined by REG 14.1/REG 14.2) must offer 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</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG 14)" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>Timeframe added in (REG 14.3.3) for host institution/Playing Entity to either accept one of the dates offered under REG 14.3.2, or decline them if their team cannot fulfil them, to determine when the next step in the process (REG 14.3.4, formerly REG 14.3.3) would kick-in if needed. 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) chosen to match previous steps and to try and help avoid extending the process to the point that there is then no dates left on which the fixture could be played. The host institution/Playing Entity will also have likely already had the opportunity to think about availability for these dates when considering what dates they would offer in REG 14.3.1.</p>

	<p>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 should offer two alternative dates no later than 48 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) following receipt of the dates from the host institution/Playing Entity. One of these dates must be a weekend date and one a weekday date and must avoid other prescheduled BUCS fixtures for both teams. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.3 If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the dates offered as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2 then they must notify the BUCS Executive and independently submit their one preferred date (not previously offered and avoiding other BUCS fixtures as per REG 14.3.1 – REG 14.3.2) via e-mail to discipline@bucs.org.uk, at which point the BUCS Executive will toss a coin to determine which of the submitted preferred dates the fixture shall take place on. If neither institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, both shall concede a walkover. If one institution/Playing Entity can fulfil the chosen date, they shall be awarded a walkover.</p> <p>REG 14.3.4 Should the institutions/Playing Entities agree there are substantiated reasons why no rearrangement of a fixture can be made (such as no</p>	<p>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. If the host institution/Playing Entity can show that their team have another prescheduled BUCS fixture on BUCS Play on either of the dates offered, an alternative date must be provided by the opposition institution/Playing Entity for each instance before progressing to REG 14.3.3. Where the opposition institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded the match, and the host institution/Playing Entity will be awarded a walkover.</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</p>	
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	<p>free dates remain in calendar) and there has been no contravention of regulations, 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 14.3.5 Once a date has been chosen the host institution/Playing Entity must update this on BUCS Play.</p> <p>REG 14.3.6 Reasonable efforts must be made by both institutions/Playing Entities to agree on a rearrangement date by following the process outlined in REG 14.3. Institutions/Playing Entities found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements (for example in the hope of a fixture being declared void) will face disciplinary action.</p>	<p>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 rearrangement date by following the process outlined in REG 14.3. Institutions/Playing Entities found to be purposefully avoiding rearrangements (for example in the hope of a fixture being declared void) will face disciplinary action.</p>	
REG 14.4	<p>REG 14.4 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned knockout competition matches (except for finals)</p> <p>REG 14.4.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned knockout competition 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 REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36 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 14.4.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have</p>	<p>REG 14.4 Rearrangement of postponed and abandoned knockout competition matches (except for finals)</p> <p>REG 14.4.1 When rearranging a postponed, late postponed or abandoned knockout competition 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 REG 9.2.2.1, no later than 36 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 14.4.2. Where the host institution/Playing Entity has failed to adhere to this regulation, they will be deemed to have conceded</p>	<p>Updated following a review of feedback received regarding the "Discussion Point - Postponed and Abandoned Matches (REG 14)" paper and subsequent discussion at Competitions Group (23/07/24).</p> <p>Timeframe added in (REG 14.4.3) for host institution/Playing Entity to either accept one of the dates offered under REG 14.4.2, or decline them if their team cannot fulfil them, to determine when the next step in the process (REG 14.4.4, formerly REG 14.4.3) would kick-in if needed. 24 hours (allowing for weekends and Bank Holidays) chosen to try and help avoid extending the process to the point that there is then no dates left on which the fixture could be played. The host institution/Playing Entity will also have likely already had the opportunity to think about availability for these dates when considering what dates they would offer in REG 14.4.1.</p>

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