



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please note that every situation is different and the circumstances often make a huge difference to the interpretation of the rules and the potential response, it is therefore vital that you consider ALL the facts from both sides.

Here are some frequently asked questions that might be of assistance as a guide:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
CONFIRMATION	
<p>The opposition has failed to confirm the fixture with 48 hours notice.</p> <p>Should we travel or not?</p>	<p>Contact the opposition in writing and give them a deadline by which they must contact you, in writing, with details of the fixture. Advise them that if they fail to do so you will be left with no option but to claim a walkover for the fixture due to the lack of confirmation.</p> <p>Usually this will promote a response one way or another.</p> <p>See REG 19.5</p>
48 HOURS NOTICE	
<p>The opposition has advised us, with more than 48 hours notice, that the fixture is cancelled as they can not get a team.</p> <p>Do we have to rearrange?</p>	<p>We would always encourage teams to rearrange if they can. If you can't agree on an alternative date then the original date must stand and the team pulling out will concede a walkover.</p>
<p>The opposition has advised us, with more than 48 hours notice, that the fixture is cancelled as they can't get the relevant officials/have been let down by the officials they had appointed for this fixture.</p> <p>Do we have to rearrange?</p>	<p>Yes, if a team can't get, or has been let down by officials, and has done everything they could to appoint them (you can ask for evidence) then you will have to re-arrange the fixture.</p> <p>See REG 18.11 & 18.12</p>
NO / NOT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS	
<p>We have been advised within 48 hours of the fixture starting and before setting off that the opposition does not have any officials, or officials of the appropriate standard/neutrality.</p> <p>What should we do?</p>	<p>The decision is yours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel and play regardless, so long as safety is not an issue. Please note that if you know the situation before you travel you can't 'Play Under Protest'. 2. Rearrange the fixture. <p>See REG 18.11 & 18.12</p>
<p>We have been advised after setting off/on arrival that the opposition does not have any officials, or officials of the appropriate standard/neutrality.</p> <p>What should we do?</p>	<p>The decision is yours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play the fixture accepting the conditions as they stand. 2. Play the fixture 'Under Protest' noting on the form that the conditions are not as they should be and exactly what regulations have been contravened and how. This reserves you the right to appeal after the fixture if you feel that the conditions unduly affected the result. 3. Rearrange the fixture, noting that you will

	<p>have to travel again if the home team can prove that they have been let down.</p> <p>See REG 18.11, 18.12 & 18.13</p>
LATENESS	
<p>The opposition have not turned up, how long should we wait?</p>	<p>As long as you and the officials (if there are any) possibly can, especially if you know the opposition are on their way!</p> <p>In some sports you may be able to play a reduced fixture and in others the late team should concede any rubbers/weapons that are not played due to the fixture starting late.</p> <p>Always ensure that both captains agree in writing BEFORE the start of the fixture if a reduced fixture is to be played or if rubbers/weapons are to be conceded in order to avoid disputes after the fixture.</p>
OFFICIALS	
<p>The Official(s)/Umpire(s)/Referees(s) were bad/biased and we do not think they are qualified/neutral as is required for this fixture, what should we do?</p>	<p>Contact the institution that booked the officials to raise your concerns. If from their response you are satisfied that they are qualified and/or neutral, whatever the relevant requirements are for this fixture, then no further action can be taken. Remember that BUCS can't overrule a qualified official.</p> <p>If you are unable to get an adequate response, you should submit an appeal to the BUCS Office stating your concerns by 2pm of the day following the fixture.</p>
INELIGIBLE PLAYERS	
<p>We believe that a player fielded by the opposition is not eligible under BUCS Regulations. What should we do?</p>	<p>Get as much information about that player as possible and contact the institution concerned. If from their response you are not satisfied that they are eligible then you should notify the BUCS Office immediately to discuss the next course of action.</p>
OTHER	
<p>The opposition are claiming a walkover for the fixture but we think it is unfair because..... (this could be for numerous reasons!)</p> <p>What should we do?</p>	<p>If you can get the fixture 'Played Under Protest' then do so and resolve any disputes afterwards.</p> <p>If that is not going to happen then contact the BUCS office who will be able to confirm whether the circumstances validate the walkover.</p> <p>If you are unsure, you should appeal against the walkover result by the appeal deadline (2pm on the day following the fixture)</p>

Rearranging Fixture Dates Note:

Fixtures should be rearranged in writing to protect both parties in the event of a dispute.

Once you rearrange a fixture the new date then becomes the fixture date and **MUST** be changed on the web-site. In the event of a dispute the original circumstances surrounding the rearrangement will not be taken into consideration.

Submitting an Appeal:

Appeals can only be submitted by an institution's Athletic Union/Sports Office (or equiv.). BUCS will not accept appeals from players or team captains. In order to submit an appeal please use the guidelines and pro-forma on the Disciplinary Committee webpage on the BUCS web-site (www.bucs.org.uk/disciplinary).

Spirit of BUCS Sport:

Wherever possible BUCS wishes to see fixtures played - and if needs be this can be 'Playing Under Protest'. If you are at all uncertain please contact the BUCS office. Please remember, however, that if a team advises you of a situation and you choose to travel then you are accepting the conditions as advised and do not have the right to 'Play Under Protest'.