

BUCS REGS

This is a cheat sheet for BUCS regs, it has been created to give an idea and guide of the main rules and regs that you are most likely to come into contact with. If any of these concern you please get in touch with the Sports Club Co-ordinator, as they will be best placed to advise on the best way to make sure we are within the rules and will also be able to launch an appeal on your behalf.

REG 6 – Individual Eligibility and Selection

Eligibility

For a student to be eligible to participate in BUCS competitions, they need to be a registered student (including masters and PHD) doing at least 60 credits a year. They need to have paid '*the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription*', **this is your Sports Fed card...you aren't eligible without it!** Allowing ineligible participants to represent an institution will result in appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with REG 17.

There are some special cases, these include Sabbatical officers or a student undertaking PhD study on a full time basis will be eligible to compete provided that they have a Sports Fed card.

Team Selection

For clubs that have more than one team, each team should be selected as though all teams have a fixture that day and that each team is being sent out as strong as possible. If in reality the 1st team do not have a game but the second team do then any 'normal' 1st team players are not eligible to play. BUCS have a definition of 'normal' but it is complex, talk to your Sports Club Co-Ordinator about this.

The first team fixture is the priority. If you are lacking the players in your club to fulfil all your fixtures then you must play the 1st team fixtures first, then the second and so on...Eg. You can't give a walkover in the first team game so the second team can play. If you do the second team will also have been considered to have given a walkover.

Players are cup tied, once they have played for a team in a competition they may not play for another.

Medical Exemptions: Players returning from injury may be authorised to play for a lower tiered team for one game or multiple games by BUCS as part of them returning to fitness. This however requires application from the team before the fixture (as much time as possible is advised) and for the player to be acting under the advice of a medical professional who is willing to put their evidence in writing. A medical exemption is not possible for a cup game. There are further complications so if you would like to consider this option please talk to your Sports Club Co-Ordinator.

REG 6.11 Transgender athletes: BUCS supports equal opportunities in sport for all, to include transgender athletes on the basis of the gender with which they identify. BUCS promotes a zero tolerance approach to transphobia and any person or institution found to be in contravention of this regulation will face disciplinary action under REG 17. The participation of a transgender athlete in

competitive sport must not be restricted unless it is proportionate to the aim of securing safe and/or fair competition.

Team Sheets

'The aim of Team Sheets is twofold; to manage and allow player movement between teams within the same sport in accordance with BUCS regulations (as per REG 6.7), and to ensure that those taking part in BUCS competitions are eligible in accordance with institutional and BUCS requirements (as per REG 6).' Basically it isn't us being boring you need one filled out in order to be able to play! For us they also contain the form you will need should you want to launch an appeal (see further on).

'All teams participating within the BUCS regular leagues format and the knockout competitions directly relating to those leagues are required to complete, have the opposition verify, and retain team sheets for each fixture.'

Individual identification: to enable verification that the participants are those listed, individuals are required to provide identification upon request. Such identification must be photographic, and ideally will take the form of a valid student card for their institution.' We suggest that captains collect in all the Sports Fed cards at a training session and photocopy them at a Sport Brighton reception, this also means you know who isn't eligible to play and can get them to buy their membership!

If a team appeals against us and we don't have a team sheet at the best it is hard for us to fight your case and at worst you could face giving a walkover or disciplinary action. Furthermore, *'institutions who fail to complete, and retain, team sheets will be subject to sanctions by BUCS as detailed in the Sanctions Guideline in Appendix 9. Spot checks will be conducted by the BUCS Office throughout the season to monitor compliance.'* We got audited in the 2016-2017 season so it does happen!

You need to check an opposition's team sheet (and put their details on yours) before each game, if you fail to do this and later have a complaint about their team in some way then you aren't able to protest! Appeals regarding contravention of Player Movement and Eligibility regulations require the naming of specific players and the reason(s) for questioning their legitimacy as a minimum.

REG 12.9.3 Leagues Walkovers

A walkover is the same as conceding a fixture, you cannot give an opposition the game (for whatever reason) without conceding a walkover. Below are the BUCS repercussions (not including our own walkover policy).

Unless indicated otherwise in league notes:

	1 walkover	2 walkovers	3 or more walkovers
National & Premier Leagues	Loss of 3 league points and half overall BUCS Points attained through final league position.* If finishes bottom of league table then	Further loss of 3 league points and all overall BUCS points attained through final league position. Automatically relegated following season regardless	In addition to those listed to the left; loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded 3 walkovers*, an automatic £250 fine,

	ineligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.	of final league position. Not eligible to progress to knockout competition.	increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.
Tier 1	Loss of 3 league points and half overall BUCS Points attained through final league position.	Further loss of 3 league points and all overall BUCS points attained through final league position. Ineligible for progression to or automatic withdrawal from the knockout competition.	In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded 3 walkovers*, an automatic £100 fine, increased by an additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.
Tier 2 and below	Loss of 3 league points and half overall BUCS Points attained through final league position.	Further loss of 3 league points and all overall BUCS points attained through final league position.	In addition to those listed to the left, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded 3 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.

* see 'Season Total – REG 12.9.5

REG 12.9.4 Knockout Walkovers

	1 walkover
Championship	Incur an automatic £750 fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition*
Trophy	Incur an automatic £750 fine for semi-final and final rounds, £300 for all other

	rounds and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition*
Conference Cup/ Plate	Incur an automatic £300 fine for semi-final and final rounds and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition*

* see 'Season Total – REG 12.9.5

REG 12.9.5 Season Total (in addition to those detailed for specific competitions above):

	1 walkover	2 walkovers	3 walkovers	4 or more walkovers
National & Premier League/ Championship	If finishes bottom of final league table not eligible to take part in playoff, i.e. automatically relegated.	Automatic league relegation following season regardless of final league table position.	Automatic £250 fine with additional £100 per subsequent concession.	In addition to those above, loss of three league points per occurrence and having conceded 3 walkovers* an automatic £250 fine, increased by an additional £100 per subsequent concession.
Tier 1/ Trophy	N/A	N/A	Automatic £100 fine with additional £50 per subsequent concession. Not eligible for promotion.	N/A
Tier 2 & below/ Conference Cup/ Plate	N/A	N/A	Automatic £50 fine with additional £50 per subsequent	N/A

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Appeals

If you wish to make an appeal then let Sport Brighton know ASAP. We then need the Captain (or a nominated stand in) to be available Wednesday afternoon and from 9AM on Thursday. This is because we will need to liaise with you on the appeal. On the back of your team sheet there is a playing under protest form that needs to be filled out and signed by the opposition before the end of the fixture. You are allowed to ask to stop the game in order for this to happen. If in doubt phone us and we can advise you! We need to appeal to BUCS by 2PM the day after the game so the faster you talk to us the better! During the 2016-2017 season we had a cup decision overruled in our favour because the team filled out their paperwork and won the appeal against the referee!

This is a cheat sheet not an exhaustive list! Full rules and regulations including the rules of each sport can be found at

<http://bucs.org.uk/athlete.asp?section=19287§ionTitle=Rules+and+Regulations>

LINKED SECTIONS

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