

FAQs

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 and contact Sport Brighton who will be able to advise ASAP.

Please never contact the BUCS office directly regarding any of the matters below or any other reason. Always go through the Sports Office at the University. If in doubt phone us! (01273 64 28 71)

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

I think we need longer to get to a venue than has been organised?

- Contact Sport Brighton! We will happily discuss why we have made the booking that way and are open to adapting it to suit the team. Please note that such adaptations will be the responsibility of the team.

Sport Brighton have organised travel for our team but we want to make our own way there, can we claim back costs?

- You need to let Sport Brighton know that you wish to make your own arrangements ASAP (otherwise we will book for you and may not be able to get a refund. We can then talk about the budget for that event and how much you may be eligible to claim back.

Our coach has not arrived to pick us up, what should we do?

- Whenever possible you will have been given a driver's phone number, ring that as he may just be parked somewhere else or caught in traffic. Ring the office if the driver doesn't pick up/you are concerned.

One of our players has had to go to a hospital near our away venue what should we do as we are due to travel back?

- Someone should stay with the injured player if possible. Sport Brighton will refund train tickets/reasonable travel back. It's important you get in touch with Sport Brighton when an injury happens so that we can liaise and advise you.

Another team is not following the travel code and I am worried it will reflect poorly on our club, what should we do?

- Tell Sport Brighton what happened, where possible get the name of the club/team/individuals involved. Feel free to text/call the office during the journey if you are concerned. We can then get in touch with the bus company and investigate.

Issues with venue? Safety concerns?

- If it is a match day/training venue and you have a concern ahead of time (floodlights, times...) contact Sport Brighton so that we can talk about options. We don't know about issues unless you voice them!
- If it is a game day and you are concerned about safety ring the office. We can talk to oppositions. Please note that we can't overrule a qualified official so if they say it is safe to play then we can't dispute it.

Opposition have same colour kit as us?

- The home team need to change colours. Whenever possible Beth will have alerted and opposition or given our team a kit clash kit. Always a good idea to have bibs of the same colour with you home or away so there is the option!

We are struggling to get club members to buy SF cards/we don't know who has them.

- Be honest at the beginning of the year about what they need to pay and when by. A good system is for clubs to enforce a 'no card, no play' system, where if the coach/captain hasn't seen the card then that player is not on the team sheet.
- You can ask Sport Brighton to give you a list, however you will need to give us a list of names to check in order to do this.
- If you are struggling, Sport Brighton are happy to come to a training session and explain to players why they need to be bought.

No / Not appropriate officials

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.

What should we do?

The decision is yours:

- 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'.
- Rearrange the fixture.
- See REG 15.

We have been advised after setting off/on arrival that the opposition does not have any officials, or officials of the appropriate standard/neutrality.

What should we do?

The decision is yours:

- Play the fixture accepting the conditions as they stand.

- 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.
- Rearrange the fixture, noting that you will have to travel again if the home team can prove that they have been let down.
- See REG 15.

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?

- Call the sports office on 01273 642871 as soon as you can and we will, 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.
- 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.

Lateness

The opposition have not turned up, how long should we wait?

- As long as you and the officials (if there are any) possibly can, especially if you know the opposition are on their way!
- 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.
- 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.

Ineligible Players

- We believe that a player fielded by the opposition is not eligible under BUCS Regulations, what should we do?
- Get as much information about that player as possible and contact the sports office on 01273 642871 and provide the information gathered.
- 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.

Other issues

The opposition are claiming a walkover for the fixture but we think it is unfair because..... (this could be for numerous reasons!)

What should we do?

- If you can get the fixture 'Played Under Protest' then do so and resolve any disputes afterwards.

- If that is not going to happen then contact the sports office on 01273 642871 how will then contact the BUCS office who will be able to confirm whether the circumstances validate the walkover.
- If you are unsure, you should appeal against the walkover result by the appeal deadline (12pm on the day following the fixture)

Rearranging Fixtures Note:

- If a fixture needs to be rearranged then please contact the sports office on 01273 642871 giving plenty of notice. Fixtures should only be rearranged if it is really difficult for you to field a team.
- Please note that in some cases it might not be possible to rearrange a game, please note cup games have additional restrictions to making rearrangements.

Submitting an Appeal:

Appeals can only be submitted by an institution's Athletic Union/Sports Office (or equivalent.). BUCS will not accept appeals from players or team captains. In order to submit an appeal please contact the office as soon as you can after the fixture.

If you have a problem... call the office: 01273 642871. If an appeal is being submitted please advise us asap so we can prepare.

Spirit of BUCS Sport:

Wherever possible BUCS wishes to see fixtures played - and if needs be this can be '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'.

LINKED SECTIONS

Contacts