

BUCS – Know the Game

BUCS Wednesdays

You must have your **Score Card, Playing Under Protest Form and Team Sheet** pitch side at all times.

These are available via your pigeon hole in the Activities Centre 1st Floor NUSU from the Friday midday before your fixture and will have your coach leaving time for away games attached too.

*****Please note BUCS have implemented a new rule where Team Sheets MUST be handed into Emma (Activities Centre 1st Floor NUSU) after every game. These will now be used for appeals and if we do not have ALL Team Sheets for ALL your fixtures you will lose your appeal most likely resulting in a WALKOVER!*****

Please get in touch with Emma csa.union@ncl.ac.uk to discuss the best way to get your Team Sheet to her every Thursday after your game

Coaches

Coaches pick you up on a Wednesday at the Great North Museum layby. When booking a coach for the teams we always go with what is most cost effective due to budget constraints. Sometimes this may mean more than one club/team travelling on a coach.

You will always be provided with a coach automatically every Wednesday. Unless you have told Emma in advance you do not require this coach or Emma has emailed you 2weeks in advance informing you a coach won't be provided.

Own Travel

Emma will inform any smaller team within reason 2weeks in advance if transport (coach) cannot be provided for their fixture.

You will be offered alternative means such as vehicle hire or train which the AU contributes towards e.g. petrol costs or train fair. This is only done if necessary and most cost effective way. If the team are not happy or would struggle then please discuss this with Emma.

Playing Under Protest

As explained above you must have this with you pitch side on Wednesdays. It must be filled out accurately with full details/ reasons on the form.

Both Captains MUST sign this – no captain can refuse to not sign

Reasons to Play Under Protest

- You know or believe an umpire/referee is unqualified or not neutral
- A player for the opposition is ineligible under BUCS standards
- Issues with the facilities e.g. no floodlights, not the correct court markings
- Kit if the home team has not changed their kit meaning you are now playing in the same colour

- Specific sport reasons/ rules or regulations that are not being followed

You can fill this in at the start of a match or during should something occur whilst the team are playing. Again please make sure it is filled in accurately in detail and signed.

It also will be worthwhile you make yourself aware with the BUCS rules and regulations general and for your sport. This is available via the BUCS website www.bucs.co.uk

Appeals

Playing Under Protest can lead to appeals, people normally appeal to get the match re played or for BUCS to change the result of the fixture. If you believe you have grounds to appeal then discuss this with Fraser and Emma so a decision can be made.

All appeals need to be handed in to Caleb at the Activities Centre 1st Floor NUSU Building Thursday (day after your fixture) 9am. This is because the deadline to appeal by BUCS is very tight!

Walkovers

Avoid A Walkover At All Costs! Walkovers mean a loss of BUCS points to your Team, Club and University.

Walkovers can be avoided by communicating with Emma and Fraser sooner rather than later. As 9 times out of 10 those games could be re arranged if not left to last minute.

Officials

Ensure you have the correct umpire/referee for your match qualified at the appropriate level. You can find information on what umpire/referee your team will require via the BUCS website

http://www.bucs.org.uk/block_page.asp?section=17022§ionTitle=Rules+%26+Regulations

Neutral officials must be appointed where stated. BUCS deem anyone who is a student, member of the club, team, AU or a member of staff as **NON Neutral**

No Show

If the umpire/referee does not show or cancels last minute make sure you have everything in writing (via email).

You can then use this as evidence if the opposition appeal that you had booked the umpire/referee and it was yourself who was let down at the last minute. BUCS do see emails as valid evidence when issues/appeals with umpires occur.

Trips Forms/ Accommodation/Finance

This has all been provided in your **Training Guide**. Caleb has now sent this to your clubs via email so you have a copy. Any questions please feel free to ask.

Health & Safety

Your Club has now received all the relevant Health & Safety training from the AU and a **Health & Safety Guide** is now available online www.nusu.co.uk

All clubs must follow their own health & safety policy and risk assessments at all times.

Accidents should **ALWAYS** be reported to Mark Bennett ASAP following an accident/incident using the report forms available on-line www.nusu.co.uk Good practice would be for each club to take copies of these forms with them to training and competition.

Finally if in doubt or something goes wrong please contact Emma Moses, Fraser Kennedy, Nick Beall or Angus Taylor

Communication with ourselves is the best way to make sure we can help you!

Useful Contacts

- **AU Officer** Angus Taylor, au.union@ncl.ac.uk 0191 2393923
- **Activities Manager** Mark Bennett, activitiesmanager.union@ncl.ac.uk 0191 2393977
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