



University of Lincoln Students' Union Walkover and Rearrangements Policy for Sports Clubs and Societies

The University of Lincoln Students' Union has a zero tolerance to Walkovers by Sports Clubs.

The University of Lincoln is a registered charity and has a legal obligation to ensure that its funds are used in the best interests of its members. It is not possible to cancel transports and additional costs when a walkover occurs as the Union incurs costs that have no benefit to the Charity. The Board of Trustees considers this to be inappropriate use of funds and will not tolerate walkovers from a funded team.

BUCS fixtures are published in July each year, all teams get sent the fixtures for the year in August from the Activities Department, this gives the committees the chance to plan and prepare ahead of the season. Committee members, Captains or equivalent bodies/person shall be responsible for the arrangement of club British University & College Sports fixtures in conjunction with and as facilitated by the Activities Department.

Clubs are required to offer at least 3 alternative dates for the opponents to agree to an alternative that works for both parties. If a club is unable to field a team the President/Captain must notify the Activities Department as soon as possible so the Union can assist in mitigating the effects of a potential Walkover.

Rearrangements

Clubs have a responsibility to plan carefully around core times, busy periods, exam weeks or any other potential conflicts which might arise for specific fixture dates during the year, these are key examples of when re-arrangements should be planned and requested to avoid Walkovers.

The Activities Department is responsible for liaising with the external Institutions to agree any changes following club's instructions for reversals or re-arrangements.

Following the release of club fixtures, re-arrangements and reversal requests can then be actioned at any time during the season and should be requested via email to sports@lincolnsu.com by no later than 48 hours prior to the fixture commencing (this does not include weekends or Bank Holidays). Shall this not occur; the Club will be liable for any loss of costs from both institutions as a result of the rearrangement request.

Three Rearrangements in An Academic Year

Should a Club request 3 rearrangements within the academic year, the Club will be withdrawn from BUCS for the remainder of the season and not entered into BUCS the following season.

Walkovers

As well as the financial impact of a walkover, conceding a walkover has an adverse effect on the team and impacts on the overall BUCS total for Lincoln therefore affecting all other teams and the institutions total score and placing.

As per each club's commitment to the aims, objectives, KPI's and developments as set in your respective BUCS Team Applications, Clubs are responsible for ensuring that BUCS procedures and standards are adhered to and followed at all times, by doing this Clubs will eliminate all possibilities of potential Walkovers.



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In the event of a club committing a walkover the following sanctions will be applied without exception.

First Walkover in Academic Year

The Club will be required to cover the costs following the Walkover. The cost will be removed from the club's accounts.

Second Walkover in Academic Year

The Club will be required to cover the costs (including BUCS Fine).

Third Walkover in an Academic Year

The Club will be required to cover the costs (including BUCS Fine) and will not be entered into BUCS for the following season.