

UniSport Australia Guideline

Breach of competition requirements

Introduction

The purpose of this guideline is:

- To impose a financial incentive to ensure that participants and members undertake their competition requirements
- To ensure that resources that have been allocated to the event by the organiser are not wasted
- To endeavour to provide equable competition environment for all participants
- To reward good team management by universities

This guideline applies to all UniSport events unless otherwise notified.

1. Schedule of fines

- 1.1. The below schedule of fines will be enforced should a university's participants fail to fulfil requirements as outlined by the event organiser in the competition draw, or as listed in the relevant competition guidelines and policies.

Requirements not fulfilled	Pool matches & progressions	Finals matches*
Playing requirements, i.e. team forfeit (fine applies per registered individual in the team)	\$30.00 per player	\$50.00 per player & relegated to last place (see 1.3)
Team duty requirements	\$20.00 per duty required	
Uniform requirements	First offence: breach notice issued Subsequent offences: \$40.00 for each player that has committed a breach	

* Finals matches are games that determine a final placing/ranking.

1.2. Examples

- *Example 1:* If a football team forfeits a pool match and has 15 registered players in their team the fine is \$450.00.
- *Example 2:* If a baseball team forfeits a finals fixture and has 13 registered players in their team the fine will equal \$650.00.
- *Example 3:* If a volleyball team fails to fulfil their team duty requirements, assuming they are required to provide four people, the fine will equal 4 x \$20.00 = \$80.00.

- 1.3. Forfeiture of games in the last round of competition (i.e. play offs for any final placing) will result in the team being relegated to last place in the overall competition rankings as well as incurring the appropriate fine. Where multiple teams commit such a breach, their order of placings will be determined by their preliminary results.

- 1.4. Breach of uniform requirements notices will be issued in writing by UniSport to the University Team Manager. The notice will outline the period during which the uniform breach is to be rectified. Should the issue not be fixed, the above schedule of fines will apply to any subsequent breaches.

2. Special circumstances

- 2.1. There may be some special circumstances where a team or individual may be unable to fulfil their competition requirements, and therefore the fees, point deduction or relegation may not be fully applied. The following will apply as special circumstances:
 - a) Prior notice of withdrawal from competition: Should an individual competitor or a team withdraw after the closing date of the competition the registration fee will NOT be refunded however the schedule of fines will not apply provided that notification is provided at least five days prior to the commencement of the event.
 - b) Prior notice of duty requirement being swapped: Whereby a university swaps their duty requirement with another university and documentation signed by the university team manager / sport specific team manager of this agreement is provided at least one hour notice to event organisers.
 - c) Under some special circumstances, UniSport reserve the right to waive the breach of competition fines at their discretion.
- 2.2. Failure to undertake competition commitments due to inappropriate travel arrangements, transport failure, reading the draw incorrectly or not knowing when a game is to be played are not considered special circumstances and will incur the scheduled fine/s.

3. Procedure for organisers and participants

- 3.1. Request for special circumstances: The request for special circumstances must be submitted in writing by the University Team Managers or appropriately authorised person, to the organiser within the outline timeframe with all relevant documentation.
- 3.2. Documentation: All breaches of competition requirements will be documented by the competition manager or event organiser. Event organisers are required to outline the offence to the University Team Manager.
- 3.3. Payment: The team/individual will be required to pay the total fine at the Nationals HQ by close of business that evening. In the case where a team has forfeited the final game of an evening schedule, the forfeit fine must be paid prior to any scheduled competition the following day.
- 3.4. Outside timeframe: If none of the actions described are executed by the required timeframe in which the forfeit was incurred, another forfeit and subsequent fine may result. If a team or individual or team forfeits two consecutive fixtures the team or individual may be brought before the UniSport Disciplinary Committee. The penalties/jurisdiction of this committee is outlined in the UniSport 'Disciplinary and Disputes' guideline.

Previous amendments

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