

AUS GUIDELINE

Forfeit of competition requirements

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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

DEFINITIONS

Competition requirements: Participation in competition ie: no show to event or game and/or team duty requirements

Forfeit: Failure to undertake playing or duty requirements as outlined by the event organiser

Application: All AUS events – national, regional and other sanctioned events.

1. SCHEDULE OF FINES

1.1. The below schedule of fines will be automatically enforced should a university's participants forfeit their playing requirements as outlined by the event organiser in the competition draw. The application of the offence is per each sporting competition division.

- Offences in pool and progression games: \$30 GST inclusive per registered individual within the team
- Offences in finals: \$50 GST inclusive per registered individual within the team. Finals are games which determine a final placing/ranking

EXAMPLE: If a team forfeits a football fixture with 15 registered players in a pool or progression match the fine is \$450. If a baseball team forfeits a baseball finals fixture with 13 registered players the fine will equal \$650.

1.2. The below schedule of fines will be automatically enforced should a university's participants forfeit their duty requirements as outlined in the duty schedule for that competition.

- Offences across all match/game types: \$20 per player capped at the number of duty personnel required for that sport.

EXAMPLE: If a team forfeits their team duty in volleyball, the fine will equal $4 \times \$20 = \80 assuming they are required to provide four people for duty requirements

1.3. Forfeiture of games in the last round of competition (ie play offs for any final placing) will result in the team being relegated to last place in the overall competition as well as incurring the appropriate fine.

1.4. Should a division one team forfeit a match due to unacceptable reasoning they will incur the relevant forfeit fine and lose their place in division one for the following year resulting in them having to re qualify for the event (AUG only).

2. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.1. There may be some special circumstances where a team or individual may be unable to fulfill 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 entry 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 / sports specific team manager of this agreement is provided at least one (1) hour notice to the organisers.
- 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 forfeit of participation in competition and team duty 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 Games centre by 6pm that evening
- 3.4. Outside timeframe: If none of the actions described are executed by 6pm of that day the forfeit was incurred, another forfeit and subsequent fine may result. If a team or individual or team forfeits two consecutive fixtures the team may be brought before the AUS disciplinary Committee. The penalties/jurisdiction of this committee is outlined in the AUS disputes and disciplinary guideline.

PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS

March 2011 | March 2009 | May 2006 | April 2012 | May 2014