

## 2021-22 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

### RULE 7: CANCELLATIONS (LEAGUES & CUPS)

- 7.1 A team unable to attend a scheduled game because of an accident, weather or unforeseen circumstances on the day of the match should immediately inform their opponents and the Competition Administration Officer. Each situation will be reviewed on its merits and a decision made as to whether the match should be rearranged. This decision may be appealed through the system laid out in the appeals section.
- 7.2 A match may be cancelled for legitimate reasons only such as: -
- International call ups (two players or a football/hockey goalkeeper).
  - Severe weather conditions which prevent travel.
  - Waterlogged or frozen pitch.
  - Work experience (providing AoC Sport is notified by 30 September).
  - Public Examinations (providing AoC Sport is notified at least seven days before the match).
  - A player contracts COVID-19 resulting in the rest of the team having to go into isolation.
  - Government restrictions prevent travel into or out of an area.
  - The Senior Management Team of an institution put in place restrictions on travel or hosting that result in fixtures having to be cancelled.

Non-legitimate reasons are: -

- Lack of players due to injury, illness (other than Covid 19), holidays, etc.
- Lack of transport
- Clashes with non AoC Sport competitions
- Other arrangements, such as club tours or end of term parties clashing with the competition calendar.
- Work experience of which AoC Sport was not made aware by 30 September.
- Examinations of which AoC Sport was not made aware seven days before the fixture.

- 7.3 Where a match is cancelled for non-legitimate reasons after midday on the day before the match, teams may apply for a walkover by using the form available in the resources section of the AoC Sport website.
- 7.4 Where a team wishes to claim a walkover, the relevant form (available on the AoC Sport website) must be completed and sent to the Competition Administration Officer within 24 hours of a cup match and 7 days of a league match. Walkovers will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.5 It is not acceptable for teams to merely enter a walkover score when an opponent has not fulfilled a fixture or to agree upon a score without playing the match. Where AoC Sport become aware of this practice, the match will be investigated, and the match may become void and no league points will be awarded to either team.
- 7.6 AoC Sport will record the following scores in the event of a successful request for a walkover or where a match is awarded to a team in the event of a transgression of the rules: -
- Badminton: 6-0
  - Cricket: win by 10 wickets
  - Basketball: 20-0
  - Netball and rugby union: 30-0
  - Football, pan-disability football, futsal, hockey and volleyball: 3-0
- 7.7 In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the playing season, all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the league table. For the purposes of this rule, a completed fixture shall include any competition match(es) which has been awarded by the Competition Administration Officer.
- 7.8 If a fixture is agreed to be postponed by both parties, a new date for the match must be agreed and submitted to AoC Sport within seven days of the original fixture.
- 7.9 If after seven days one team has failed to respond to email and telephone communication resulting in no new date being agreed for the fixture postponed in 7.8, their opponent may send the email trail to AoC Sport as

part of a walkover request. This walkover request must be received within 14 days of the original date of the match.

- 7.10 Where teams do not comply with 7.8 and 7.9, a walkover cannot be requested at a later date by either team.
- 7.11 Non-elite teams wishing to play a double header must obtain written permission through the Competition Administrator Officer and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If permission is granted, then the result shall be awarded as follows: the first half will be classed as one match and the second half will be classed as a separate match.
- 7.12 No double headers are permitted in premier leagues.
- 7.13 Where a walkover is claimed for a double header, it will be only recorded for one match, the other being recorded as a 0-0 draw, with no league points added.
- 7.14 If appropriate fixtures can be brought forward or reversed. Please note it is the home team's responsibility to update FA Full Time or Naqoda accordingly.
- 7.15 A no-show occurs when a team wilfully does not show up at a confirmed fixture. Penalties for no shows are as follows: -
- A walkover win to the team not at fault.
  - A 1-point deduction from the league total.
  - The team that is guilty of a 'no show' is precluded from participating in any 'play off' opportunity should they qualify. If this is the case, the next nearest team in terms of league standing will automatically qualify for this privilege.
- 7.16 Throughout the season the Competition Administration Officer will issue an email reminder to all teams who have matches for which no result has been uploaded to FA Full Time or Naqoda.
- 7.17 All matches for which no results have been uploaded to FA Full Time or Naqoda by the end of the season will be recorded as 0-0 draw, with no league points being awarded to either team, as detailed in rule 4.20.

- 7.18 Failure to complete the matches in any season may result in a £400 fine and could result in your application to join the league the following season being rejected.
- 7.19 If you experience any issues with contacting the opposing team it is important that you raise this with AoC Sport immediately so appropriate action can be taken.