

IUCAA Annual Sports Events (IASE)

Rules for Unavailability of Player / Team

To ensure fair play, smooth scheduling, and transparency across all events, the following rules shall apply in cases where a player or team is unavailable at the scheduled match time. All participants are expected to familiarize themselves with these guidelines in advance.

1. Walkover Policy

For indoor events (Badminton, Table Tennis, Carrom, and Chess), a maximum waiting time of **15 minutes** from the scheduled match start time will be permitted.

- If a player or team does not report within this period, the match may be declared a walkover in favour of the opponent.
- The event coordinator will make the decision based on the recorded arrival time and the match conditions.

2. Rescheduling Policy

Requests for rescheduling will be considered only under exceptional circumstances, such as:

- Official duty
- Clash with another scheduled match
- Medical emergency

Such requests must be informed to the coordinators at least **24 hours in advance** of the scheduled match.

Approval of rescheduling is subject to:

- Availability of courts / slots
- Consent of the opponent
- Same-day rescheduling is not permitted, except in cases of sudden medical emergencies supported by valid proof.
- If a participant sustains an injury during a scheduled match, a maximum of **two additional days** will be granted to reschedule the match. Beyond this period, a walkover may be awarded to the opponent.

3. Forfeiture Policy

A match will be marked as forfeited under the following conditions:

- A player abandons the match mid-game without a valid medical reason.
- A player or team is unable to play due to non-compliance with equipment or venue requirements (e.g., non-regulation racket, improper footwear).
- Intentional delay or refusal to play despite being present and reported.
- In doubles events, absence of even one partner will be treated as a team absence.
- The opponent will be awarded a win (e.g., 1 point).
- The forfeiting team/player will receive a loss (e.g., 0 points).

4. Reporting Policy

- Players are responsible for promptly informing the coordinators about any expected delays, conflicts, or issues.
- Coordinators will document such instances and report repeated violations to the Sports Core Committee.
- Participants must ensure they are aware of:
 - Event rules
 - Venue regulations
 - Equipment guidelines applicable to their sport

5. Sport-Specific Exceptions / Relaxations

Badminton & Table Tennis

- A 5-minute warm-up will be allowed only when both players are present.
- In case of minor equipment issues, a maximum of 2 minutes will be allowed for replacement.

Carrom

- An additional grace period of up to 5 minutes may be provided if striker replacement or board adjustment is required.

Marathon

- Being a mass-start event, no delay or rescheduling will be permitted.
- Late participants may start the run; however, official timing will begin from the event start time.
- Any time loss due to late arrival will be the participant's responsibility.

6. Decision-Making

- All decisions will be taken in a neutral, consistent, and transparent manner.
- Every effort will be made to ensure fairness and to avoid disputes through proper documentation.

A. Conduct & Fair Play

- Abusive language or misconduct may lead to point penalty or disqualification.
- Referee's decision is final and binding.

B. Coordinator Procedure

Coordinators shall record:

- Arrival time of participants
- Reasons for delay or absence
- Decisions taken (walkover, rescheduling, forfeiture)

Wherever possible, maintain a separate record sheet for each match, capturing:

- Arrival time
- Match start time
- Match end time
- Individual scores
- Signatures of the respective participants

All walkover and rescheduling cases must be reported to the Sports Core Committee within **24 hours**.