

# 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**.