

# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION INTER-COLLEGIATE COMPETITION RULES

## SEASON 2009-10

### SECTION A: REGULATIONS – ALL SPORTS

#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All competitions shall abide by their current National Governing Body Rules of Play.
- 1.2 Every member institution and its club shall be responsible for ensuring that its players, officials, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers conduct themselves in an orderly fashion whilst attending or taking part in a match or competition in which it is involved, whether on its own ground or elsewhere. Any of the following actions by the above shall render the institution and its clubs involved liable for misconduct for failing to discharge its said responsibility.
- 1.2.1 Violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language.
- 1.2.2 Encroachment on the playing area by spectators or unauthorised persons, save for safety reasons.
- 1.2.3 Throwing missiles, bottles or other potentially harmful or dangerous objects at, onto or adjacent to the playing area.
- 1.3 The league is administered by ULU, which shall have overall responsibility for discipline and other decisions indicated.
- 1.4 ULU will convene at least two League Meetings per year, one in October prior to the start of the season and one after the end of the season in the summer term. Team Captains will be informed of the meetings and sent the Agendas. Team captains, or a member of their team sent on their behalf, must attend each of the League Meetings, which will take place at ULU.
- Failure to be represented at the start of season meetings will result in a 1 game penalty point deduction being levied against the absent team/club.**
- Failure to be represented at the end of season meetings will result in a £30 fine being levied against the absent team/club.**
- 1.5 Entry Forms will be circulated to each student union/association at the end of each season. Teams may not be entered into leagues if the forms are returned late.
- 1.6 Every club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the ULU Sports Administrator prior to the commencement of the season.
- 1.7 Playing Under Protest forms must be completed by teams at the earliest opportunity and be signed by both team captains when:
- 1.7.1 A team feels, upon arrival or during a fixture (up to half time), the conditions do not adhere to those outlined in the ULU Rules and Regulations, or the fixture confirmation they received, they should complete a 'Playing Under Protest' form (available online at [http://www.ulusport.org.uk/rules\\_&\\_procedures/](http://www.ulusport.org.uk/rules_&_procedures/)) immediately.
- 1.7.2 All grievances should be clearly stated on the form and must be signed by the two team captains for each side. The opposition captains MUST sign the form.

- 1.7.3 By completing the form, this allows the institution the right to appeal at conclusion of the fixture, if they feel the grievances noted on the form **IMPACTED ON THE FINAL RESULT OF THE FIXTURE**. Completion of the Appeal form does not guarantee the outcome of the appeal.
- 1.7.4 If you do not complete a 'Playing Under Protest' form, then you are deemed to have accepted the conditions under which the fixture is being played and cannot make an appeal.
- 1.7.4.1 The only exception to 1.7.4, is when something comes to light after the fixture has been completed (i.e. – unqualified officials).
- 1.8 When lodging an Appeal, you must complete the appeal form (available online at [http://www.ulusport.org.uk/rules\\_&\\_procedures/](http://www.ulusport.org.uk/rules_&_procedures/)) and emailed to [leagues@ulu.lon.ac.uk](mailto:leagues@ulu.lon.ac.uk) within 48 hours of the fixture date. Appeals must be received within 48 working hours or they will not be accepted.
- 1.8.1 All appeal forms must be signed by your Sports Officer or AU representative (email confirmation will also be accepted).
- 1.9 All teams must update their FixturesLive contact information with valid email and contact number by October 21<sup>st</sup> 2009. Failure to do so will result in a one match penalty point deduction being levied against the team.
- 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**
- 2.1 The Intercollegiate Sports Committee will agree annually at the last meeting of the academic year a list of recognised institutions, eligible to compete in the ULU Leagues.
- 2.2 Internally registered students who can prove current registration at one of the recognised institutions are eligible to compete in the leagues.
- 2.2.1 Individuals may be required to obtain a letter from their academic registrar to confirm their status, but may be full or part time students.
- 2.2.2 Sabbatical Officers may compete, as they are recognised as having student status.
- 2.2.3 House Officers and students returning to resit exams are not eligible to compete.
- 2.2.4 Intercalated students registered only at a non-UL institution, during the academic year in question, shall not be eligible to compete.
- 2.3 Students registered at an institution recognised for the league but without separate legal status may compete either for that institution **or** the parent institution in each sport.
- 2.4 Students registered at an institution with separate legal identity, which is recognised for the league must not compete for any subsidiary colleges recognised for the competition which form part of their institution, unless they are registered students thereof.
- 2.5 Students registered at 2 or more of the following colleges; SOP, RVC, SGUL, Birkbeck, LSHTM, IOE, SOAS, RAM, ICR, SAS, CSSD, Courtauld and Heythrop shall be permitted to combine to play in joint teams, subject to the approval of all parties involved and under the provision that their own institutions do not have teams.
- 2.6 Clubs with reserve sides must play their best qualified team in each match. Each team must be selected as though every other team within that club was playing a fixture of equal significance concurrently.
- 2.6.1 When a team is eliminated from a ULU Cup competition, all members of that team playing in the match shall be excluded from further participation in the cup competitions at any lower level, except in cases where regulation 2.6.2 applies.
- 2.6.2 Bench reserves, used or not, selected for an unsuccessful cup fixture are excluded from the provisions of regulation 2.6.1.
- 2.6.3 Players within a squad can move up and play at a higher level, but not move down.
- 2.7 Each player must ensure that they have a current/valid student ID available to show if requested by the opposition captain (and captain only) at each fixture from the start of November 2009. Failure to

produce ID cards will render that player ineligible for that fixture. Where a team suspects the opposition may have fielded an ineligible player (or substitute), the game should continue and the incident be reported to the ULU Sports Administrator via an appeal form with evidence supporting their case (team sheets etc). The ULU Sports Administrator shall investigate all appeals made and if required, will issue disciplinary action in line with the Appeals & Disciplinary Procedure.

2.7.1 Where ID cards for medical students have not been issued, they can provide their regular ID cards from their institution (e.g. – KCLMS students may not have a KCLMS ID, so they can show their KCL ID instead).

### **3. ORGANIZATION OF MATCHES**

3.1 League matches must be played according to the published fixtures list which will be produced by ULU prior to the commencement of the league season and made available via [www.ulusport.org.uk](http://www.ulusport.org.uk). (See 3.4) The ULU list is always the default.

3.2 The home team is always the first named team published in the fixture list. In cup competitions, the name of the home team is displayed above the away team in the draw for each round.

#### **3.3 The home club shall be responsible for:**

3.3.1 Making suitable arrangements to host the fixture, including booking sufficient time in order for the match to be completed.

3.3.2 Confirming the venue and full match arrangements for the visiting team at the earliest opportunity and **at least 3 working days prior to the fixture date IN WRITING**.

3.3.2.1 If the team cannot be contacted, then the relevant Unions Sports Office should be contacted.

3.3.2.2 If the team can not be contacted by phone, confirmation should be sent via e-mail to the team contact copying in the ULU Sports Administrator. Where e-mail contact is unsuccessful faxed confirmation shall be sent to the sports office and proof of transmission retained.

3.3.2.3 In cases where the home team contact has not been spoken to in person, the visiting side must acknowledge receipt of the fixture confirmation.

3.3.3 Checking if the pitch is playable should weather be inclement.

3.3.4 Informing the visiting team at the earliest opportunity should the game be cancelled and informing ULU via e-mail no later than 48hrs after the scheduled fixture.

3.3.5 Ensuring that if a colour clash is likely, alternative kit is available for the home side. In case of a colour clash, the HOME team shall change.

3.3.5.1 If during finals there is a kit clash, ULU will provide Bibs for one team to wear for the duration of the fixture if required.

3.3.6 Providing suitable match balls.

3.3.7 Providing suitable match officials in accordance with sport specific regulations in section B.

3.4 Matches may be rearranged, as long as both captains agree in writing, update the FixturesLive system **and notify the ULU Sports Administrator.**

3.5 Where two teams from the same institution exist in the same division, their fixtures must be played by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### **4. DELAYS, CANCELLATIONS & RESCHEDULING**

- 4.1 **At the discretion of the match officials in reasons of unavoidable delay, matches may kick-off up to 30 minutes after the appointed time.** In consultation with both captains, the duration of the match may be reduced in accordance with the sports specific regulations under section B. The match official's decision is final.
- 4.2 In cases where a venue is unplayable the match may be cancelled by the home team without penalty. The visiting team and ULU must be notified immediately. The home side must send an e-mail to ULU no later than 48hrs after the event.
- 4.3 If play is delayed any longer than 30 minutes, the opponents of the team at fault may claim the points as if for a win. In this instance, ULU must be notified no later than 48 hours after the match.
- 4.4 In the event of a clash of fixtures, BUCS games take priority over Cup games; Cup games take priority over League games; and League games take priority over friendly games and UH games.
- 4.5 In the event of the match being unplayed owing to causes over which neither team has control, both captains shall be responsible for the following:
- 4.5.1 Communicating the facts to ULU via e-mail at the earliest opportunity and within 2 working days of the fixture.
  - 4.5.2 Agreeing a date on which the match shall be replayed and informing the ULU Sports Administrator immediately. Failing such an agreement, the matter will be dealt with by ULU and the decision communicated to both sides.
- 4.6 In the event of a team failing to turn up for a scheduled fixture the offending team may be invoiced for the waiting team's costs. This may include the cost of return travel to the ground, the cost of teas, the cost of pitch hire and the cost of officiating fees.
- 4.7 Except in the event of matches being unplayed owing to causes over which neither team has control, such as inclement weather, the offending team must concede the walkover victory which will result in the points being awarded to the opposing team and point deductions being applied to offending team
- 4.7.1 In cases of dispute, ULU will consider the facts and make a decision, which shall be communicated to both sides. Teams shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the ULU Appeals & Disciplinary Procedure.
- 4.8 Failure to fulfil three fixtures on separate occasions may result in the team being expelled from the League and details expunged from the League Table. Any such team may be barred from entering the League for the following season unless special dispensation is given by ULU.

#### **5. LEAGUE TABLES, PROMOTION & RELEGATION**

- 5.1 ULU will compile an ongoing up-to-date League Table for each division in the League at least weekly and conduct draws as necessary for Cup Competitions which will be available at [www.ulusport.org.uk](http://www.ulusport.org.uk).
- 5.2 For each competition, points will be awarded in accordance with the regulations under the sports specific section.
- 5.3 At the season's conclusion, in competitions with more than one division, promotion and relegation shall take place according to the sports specific regulations in section B.
- 5.4 If the number of teams entering the league varies from season to season, ULU reserves the right to amend the number of teams promoted and relegated if it is desirable in order to maintain the optimum number of teams per division.

## 6.0 CUP COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 In addition to the league, ULU may run a series of cup competitions or tournaments. The regulations for such competitions are set down in section B.
- 6.2 The ULU Sports Administrator is to ensure that the draw takes place in a manner acceptable to all parties.
- 6.3 Cup fixtures shall take place at the venue of one of the teams involved in accordance with the outcome of the draw, except for the final of each competition, for which ULU shall arrange a venue.
- 6.4 Home teams are the teams named on top in all fixture lists.
- 6.5 **Cup fixtures MUST be played on their scheduled date.** Failure to do so will result in the team at fault being eliminated from the competition.
- 6.6 When “extreme” weather (snow etc) is an issue that has influenced the fixture proceeding, you need to notify the ULU Sports Administrator immediately. **The fixture must be played within one week of the original fixture date.**

## 7.0 TROPHIES

- 7.1 Individual medals will be awarded to the winning team in each league division.
- 7.2 **Perpetual trophies** and individual medals will be awarded to the winning team in each cup competition.
- 7.3 Individual medals will also be awarded to the runners-up in the cup.
- 7.4 All perpetual trophies remain the property of ULU. It is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure the safety of each trophy, to engrave the trophy with the winning team name only (including covering the costs), to insure it, to engrave it and to keep it clean and damage free.
- 7.5 Failure to return the perpetual trophy on time will result in a fine being imposed on the offending team together with a bill for a replacement trophy.
- 7.6 In addition to the Cup Trophies mentioned, a **Most Valuable Player Award** will be presented at the Final of each Cup Competition to reflect the opinion of the Teams and Officials.