

Ruling for Thursday 2 (11th May) – Herberts A v Weddington

This ruling concerns the above mentioned match where Weddington provided no players. The reason for this was that a number of players were ill but under the rules and guidance this is not a valid 'exceptional circumstance' so as many players as were available should be been present.

In situations where an entire team does not contest a match the League Committee reviews the teams and awards 'appropriate points'.

The rule is in place to ensure the League is not unduly influenced by this unusual occurrence and that the non-offending team are not unduly penalised or rewarded. For reference, the full rule is:

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a. Should fixtures not be played as scheduled within the handbook then the NON-OFFENDING Team must send in a match sheet to the Match Secretary explaining why the match has not been completed.

b. The non-offending Team will then be awarded appropriate points by The League Committee and their players given scores of 21-11 at home and 21-15 away.

When deciding the result, the Committee reviews previous match and the relative merits of the teams this year, and the fact that the offending would have been short.

Based on this Herberts are awarded eight points (six winners and two for a home win).

This will appear in the table as a two point deduction as this is the only mechanism available to reflect the outcome and award all Herberts A players a win (as per Rule F4b).

I hope that explains the situation and that the decision is fair and reasonable to all parties but if you require any more clarity please contact me. Appeals can be made as set out under Rule B3b of the Coventry & District Constitution.

Ruling for Sunday 2 (7th May) - Standard v Colliery B

This ruling concerns the above mentioned match where Colliery B provided no players, with around an hour's notice. In situations where an entire team does not contest a match the League Committee reviews the teams and awards 'appropriate points'.

When deciding the result, the Committee reviews previous match and the relative merits of the teams this year, and the fact that the offending would have been short.

Based on this Standard are awarded seven points (five winners and two for a home win).

This will appear in the table as a one point deduction as this is the only mechanism available to reflect the outcome and award all Herberts A players a win (as per Rule F4b).

I hope that explains the situation and that the decision is fair and reasonable to all parties but if you require any more clarity please contact me. Appeals can be made as set out under Rule B3b of the Coventry & District Constitution.