

OPERATIONAL POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area:	2025 -26 Competition Rules
Procedure Title:	Team Forfeit Policy
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- This procedure is to be implemented when a team has no alternative but to concede a scheduled match
- The purpose of this procedure is to address the actions and outcomes associated with a match forfeit
- This procedure is applicable to matches in the Junior, Senior, and Women's competitions

STEPS – Forfeit BEFORE match commences

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Team Coaches and Managers become aware of insufficient players to field a Team shall inform their Club President as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours prior to a scheduled fixture	Players Team Manager
2	No later than 24 hours prior to the match, the Club President or Coach must notify the following by Email. • The Competition Administrator – danila.lochrin@nt.rugby • The Opposing Club President • The NTRU General Manager – danila.lochrin@nt.rugby • The President of NTRRA - ntrugbyreferees@gmail.com	Club President Coach
4	If the notification is within 24 hours prior to the match: ▪ The Club President must contact the opposition Club President and/or Team Manager and the NTRU immediately upon becoming aware of the forfeit or lack of numbers; and ▪ The forfeiting Club will incur a two (2) competition point penalty if the club can not provide sufficient evidence for the forfeit.	Club President Team Manager NTRU
5	Five (5) competition points for the forfeit match shall be awarded to the opposing team based on a winning margin of twenty eight (28) to nil (4 converted tries 28-0) Only the opposing team shall be permitted to submit a team sheet for the forfeited match. Submitted Team Sheet must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 23 players for A Grade, B Grade, Women and Juniors (U13s and above), 17 for Girls (u13-u17).	NTRU

STEPS – Forfeit AFTER match commences

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	After a match commences, if a team is unable to have at least 10 players participating in the match, then the team will be deemed to have forfeited the match. Participating players includes players on the field, reserve players and temporarily unavailable players (e.g., yellow card, blood injury) Participating players excludes players who are injured and unable to return to play or sent off (red card)	Players Team Manager
2	Forfeit after match commences, but before Half Time Only the opposing team will be permitted to submit a team sheet for the forfeited match. Submitted Team Sheet must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 23 players for A Grade, B Grade, Women and Juniors (U13s and above), 17 for Girls (u13-u17).	NTRU
3	Forfeit after match commences, during or after half time Both teams will be permitted to submit their team sheets accordingly	Team Manager NTRU
4	Abandonment of Match If a team walks off, or abandons a match without significant reason the match will be deemed as a forfeit. The opposition team will be deemed the winner and five (5) competition points for the forfeit match shall be awarded to the opposing team based on a winning margin of twenty eight (28) to nil (4 converted tries 28-0)	

OTHER INFORMATION

- This document supports the 2025-26 Darwin Club Competition Rules
- Where this document and the Competition Rules do not align, the Competition Rules will take precedence