

Ruling for Sunday 2 (14th May) – Coundon B v Bulkington

This match was rescheduled due to 'exceptional circumstances' and a new date agreed between the teams for the 28th May. The League must rule as Coundon B provided no players on this rescheduled date.

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:

F4a. 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 matches (if available), the relative merits of the teams this year, results of other matches played between the same teams this year, and the fact that the offending would have been short.

Based on this Bulkington are awarded seven points (four winners and three for an away win) and all their players will be awarded a win in relation to the Averages (as per Rule F4b).

The system automatically awards full points (e.g. 9) so a two point deduction for Bulkington will be shown as this is the only mechanism available to reflect the outcome (i.e. $9 - 2 = 7$).

I hope this fully explains the decision but if you require any more clarity or feel I have made a mistake please contact me. Appeals can be made as set out under Rule B3b of the Coventry & District Constitution.