

# CKA

## Cambridgeshire Indoor Korfball League Rules Divisions 1 and 2

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### TERMINOLOGY

Walkover victory : When a ruling results in a walkover victory being awarded to a team, that victory shall be classed as a 15 - 0 win.

# **1. NON ATTENDANCE**

## **1.1. Match Cancellations and Rearrangements**

- 1.1.1 Once a match has been scheduled with the agreement of both clubs postponement of a fixture will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances e.g. unavailability of the hall, inability to field a full strength team will not be considered to be a valid reason.
- 1.1.2. If a team is unable to attend a fixture, that team must give at least 72 hours notice of the postponement to the opposing team AND the Fixtures Officer. The Fixtures Officer will then decide if the match should then be rescheduled by the home team.
- a) It is the Offending Team's responsibility to inform the referee.
  - b) Teams giving less than the required 72 hours notice to the opposition will be responsible for the FULL cost of the hall fees for the cancelled game, regardless of whether that team was playing home or away.
  - c) Failure to give the required 72 hours notice to the opposition will also result in the opposing team being offered a walkover victory for the fixture. The opposing team may elect to replay the fixture if they prefer.
  - d) Matches should be rescheduled by the home team for a day no later than the last day of the half of the season in which the game was originally to be played (see section 5.1). The home captain must inform both the away team and the Fixtures Officer once a new date has been fixed. The Fixtures Officer will then notify the referee.
  - e) Any problems regarding rescheduling of a fixture, including disagreements between clubs, should be referred to the Fixtures Officer. The Fixtures Officer will then take action to either ensure the game is played or that any necessary disciplinary measures are taken. Once the Fixtures Officer has been asked to intervene their decision will be final.
- 1.1.3. If the same team agrees to then postpones two consecutive fixtures for a match, the opposing team may claim a walkover victory, or elect to replay the fixture if they prefer.
- 1.1.4. No 'doubling-up of results' will be permitted.

## **1.2. Late and Non Attendance**

- 1.2.1. If a team is more than 15 minutes late for a fixture, the opposing team may claim a walkover victory, or choose to play a shorter game in the time remaining. The referee must be informed of the decision before any play begins.

- a) If a walkover is claimed, then any 'friendly' play which takes place after the decision has been made will not have any bearing on the league, providing the referee is informed BEFORE play begins. A team that chooses to play a shorter game, will NOT be able to declare the game a friendly AFTER the match. Similarly, a team that chooses a walkover will not be able to reverse this decision after any 'friendly' play begins.
  - b) The Results Officer must be informed of the situation immediately after the game. It is the referee's responsibility to do this.
  - c) If a walkover is claimed, the home team may claim the FULL cost of the hall fee from the offending team. The offending team will also be responsible for paying the refereeing fee to the referee.
  - d) The '15 minute late' deadline means that, in the opinion of the referee, players must be on the pitch and ready to play at that time, not getting changed or any other reason.
  - e) If any 'friendly' play takes place and a player is sent off then this will be treated as if the match was a league game and the sent off player will be dealt with under Rule 4.2.
- 1.2.2 Teams failing to attend a fixture will be treated as if they have given less than the required period of notice for cancellation.

### **1.3. Abandonment**

- 1.3.1. If a match is abandoned due to circumstances for which one of the teams is responsible, the other team may either claim a walkover victory, or elect to rearrange the match.
- 1.3.2. If a match is abandoned due to circumstances beyond the teams' control (e.g. serious injury), if less than half the match has been played the match should be rearranged. If more than half the match has been played, the score should stand as that when the match was abandoned.

In either of the above circumstances, the Results Officer must be informed. The Results Officer's decision about the nature of the abandonment will be final.

## **2. REFEREEING**

### **2.1 Club Responsibilities**

- 2.1.1 Clubs will be responsible for providing referees to all the fixtures allocated to them by the Fixtures Officer.
- 2.1.2 All referees must be CKA approved
- 2.1.3 Each club is responsible for ensuring that it has enough approved referees to be able to fulfil its commitments.

- 2.1.4 Clubs will be allocated a number of refereeing fixtures based upon the number of teams they have entered in a Division (each Division considered separately). It is NOT dependent upon the number of approved referee a club possesses (see 2.1.3 above).

## **2.2 Failed Attendance**

- 2.2.1 Any club not providing an appropriate, approved referee to an allocated fixture will be fined by the CKA.
- a) Where the match takes place with a stand-in referee (see 2.2.3) the fine will be £10, which will cover the payment of a fee to the stand-in referee. This will initially be paid by the home team and claimed back from the CKA.
  - b) Where the match doesn't take place the fine will be £40, which will cover reimbursing the hall hire to the home team and paying the referee's fee. This will initially be paid by the home team and claimed back from the CKA.

The club concerned will have the right of appeal to the CKA if they feel there are exceptional circumstances that have caused the referee to miss the fixture.

- 2.2.2 A referee who is more than 15 minutes late to a fixture will be classed as absent.
- 2.2.3 In the event of an absent referee the game may go ahead if both captains agree to allow another person to referee the game. In this case the stand-in referee need not be CKA approved, but must have the approval of both team captains.
- 2.2.4 If a refereeing club knows in advance that they will be unable to attend a fixture they may attempt to organise a CKA approved replacement. In such a case the team originally allocated the refereeing commitment is still ultimately responsible for the referee's attendance and liable to any fines incurred.

## **2.3 Match fixtures**

- 2.3.1 It is the responsibility of the referee to provide a match form for the fixture (available from the Results Officer), and ensure that it is completed and returned to the Results Officer within one week of the game.
- 2.3.2 It is the responsibility of the home team to pay the refereeing fee on completion of the fixture (unless the rules regarding match attendance have been broken, see section 1).
- a) If a team fails to do this the referee should inform the Results Officer.
- 2.3.3 All comments about refereeing standards should be directed to the CKA Refereeing Officer. The CKA Refereeing Officer will review the standard of individual referees if necessary and may revoke the referee's approved status if necessary.

### **3. LEAGUE TABLE**

#### **3.1 Points and Placements**

- 3.1.1 Two points will be awarded for a win, one for a draw and nothing for losing.
- 3.1.2 For those teams tied on points then league positions will be decided by goal difference, then by goals scored.

#### **3.2. Promotion and Relegation**

- 3.2.1. At the end of the season the Division 2 champions will be promoted to Division 1. The team that finishes bottom of Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2.
- 3.2.2. The team finishing second in Division 2 may elect to play the team finishing second from last in Division 1 in a play off. The winner will be placed in Division 1, the loser in Division 2 for the follow season.
  - a) The play off will be held over two legs, one match to be held at each teams home venue. The aggregate score will decide the winner. If the aggregate score is a draw, away goals will decide the winner. If the away goals score is also the same, then a penalty shoot out at the end of the second leg will decide the winner.
  - b) The play off games will be subject to the same rules regarding team composition (see section 4.1) and cancellations and non attendance (see section 1) as the league games.
  - c) All play off games must be played by 30 May, or the agreement of the following 3 CKA Officers, Fixtures, Results and Chair will decide the result.
- 3.2.3.. In the event of the league being restructured, the CKA may amend the promotion/relegation mechanism. The clubs will be notified of this before 31 March of the season concerned.

### **4. MATCH ISSUES**

#### **4.1. Team Composition**

- 4.1.1. All players must be registered with the BKA before they play their 5th game in the Cambridgeshire Indoor Korfball League. If a team plays a player for the 5th time who is not registered then, when the Results Officer receives the match report from the referee, the game will be classed as a walkover win for the opposition.
- 4.1.2 Players will have a *status* according to the number of 1<sup>st</sup> team matches they play in a season. The player count will be recorded for 1<sup>st</sup> team matches only (e.g. City 1 v Tigers 1 will update the count of both teams whereas Tigers 1 v City 2 will only update the Tigers count) and will count the number of halves a player plays in a game (National League matches will be recorded separately using the same counting system).



4.1.3 The count will be applied as follows:

Code	Adjust by	Description
FULL	+2	on the pitch for the full match (ie two halves)
MOST	+1½	brought on in the 1 <sup>st</sup> half or taken off in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half
HALF	+1	taken off or brought on at half time
PART	+½	taken off in the 1 <sup>st</sup> half or brought on in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half
MISS	+0	did not take part in the match

4.1.4 The Status will have the following effect on team composition:

**National League** players will only be allowed to play for the club's 1<sup>st</sup> team (with no exceptions)

**1<sup>st</sup> Team** players will only be allowed to play for the club's 1<sup>st</sup> team

**Division One** players will only be allowed to play in Division One (ie if the 2<sup>nd</sup> team plays in Div One)

The player count (described above) will be used to determine the status as follows:

Level	Status	Description	Count
3	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>	for players having played 4 or more NL games	8
2	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team</b>	for players having played six or more 1 <sup>st</sup> team games	12
1	<b>Division One</b>	for players having played three or more 1 <sup>st</sup> team games	6
0	<b>None</b>	for all other players	

The exception to these rules will be to allow up to two players to play down one level in any one game. In other words up to two Division One players will be allowed to play in a Division Two game or up two 1<sup>st</sup> Team players will be allowed to play for the club's 2<sup>nd</sup> team in Division One. There will be no exception for National League players who will only be allowed to play for the club's 1<sup>st</sup> team.

4.1.5 The agreement of the following 3 CKA Officers, Fixtures, Results and Chair, can overrule the player status at any point in the season either by resetting the status to NONE or setting the status to a level. This could be in order to cope with players returning from injuries or for setting the standard of experienced players who join the league midway through the season.

4.1.6 At the beginning of a season all the previous season's **National League** and **1<sup>st</sup> Team** players will be reset to **Division One** status and all others will be reset to **None**.

4.1.7. If substitutes are used they must not change the allowable composition of the team.

4.1.8. Teams may field no fewer than 6 players. If a team turns up with less than 6 players the team will be considered absent for the game without notice and the rules for non attendance, in section 1, will apply.

4.1.9. If both teams are short of players then the match may be played if there are at least 6 pairs of matched players (i.e. same sex). Otherwise the match must be postponed and rearranged by the home team for another date.

- a) The home team will still be responsible for the hall costs and the refereeing fee for the cancelled game.

4.1.10. No player may play for more than one club in the same half season. This includes playing for different clubs in different divisions of the league.

## **4.2. Misconduct**

4.2.1. If a referee is obliged to send a player off for misconduct, that player will be banned from playing in the league until the team they were playing for has played two further games, subject to the right of appeal. The referee must submit a written report, to be signed by both club captains and themselves to the Results Officer within 1 week of the fixture.

- a) Club captains may alternatively submit their own report, instead of signing the referees (e.g. if it was the captain who was sent off, and they disagree with the referees assessment).

4.2.2. If the referee is obliged to abandon a match due to severe misconduct by either or both teams involved, they should report fully to the Results Officer immediately. The team(s) responsible will forfeit two league points.

4.2.3. All clubs and players hold the right to appeal. This must be made in the first instance by writing to the Results Officer. Any appeals must be notified to the Results Officer within seven days of the fixture. The agreement of the following 3 CKA Officers, Fixtures, Results and Chair will decide all appeals and their decision will be final.

## **4.3. Rules**

4.3.1. All league games will be played to the 1996 Rules of Korfball and subsequent IKF amendments

4.3.2. No time-outs will be permitted.

4.3.3 The Home team is responsible for providing a ball for the game.

## **5. MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

### **5.1. Dates**

5.1.1. The first half of the season is defined as being between the dates of the 1 October and the 31 December of the year in which the competition commences. The second half of the season shall be between the 1 January and the 30 April of the following year.

- a) All games must be played by the end of the half of the season in which they were scheduled to be played by the Fixtures Officer, i.e. all first half games must be played by 31 December and all second half games must be played by 30 April. Results for games which have not been played in time will be decided by the agreement of the following 3 CKA Officers, Fixtures, Results and Chair.

## **5.2. Financial Matters**

- 5.2.1. The cost of hall bookings and referee fees for individual fixtures are to be met by the home team, unless a rule infringement has occurred which entitles the home team to claim the fees from the opposition (as indicated in the relevant rules).

## **5.3. Problems and Complaints**

- 5.3.1. Any problems should be referred to the Results Officer as soon as they arise.
- 5.3.2. In all matters relating to the league, the decision of the Results Officer will be final.

## **5.4. Safety**

- 5.4.1 All teams must have access to a first aid kit for their home games.

# **6. LEAGUE FEES**

## **6.1 Team Fees**

The league entry fees will be £25 for the first team a club enters into the Cambridgeshire Korfball League and £10 for each subsequent team.

Fees are to be paid to the CKA Treasurer before the start of the season's competition.

## **6.2 Referees Fees**

The Referee's fee for attending a match shall be £5.