

MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUE

FORFEIT FIXTURES GUIDANCE 2024/25



Guidance notes for the application of penalties

Basic penalty for any forfeit game is 5-0 loss **with additional penalties subject to Grade.**

Grades 2 - 4

- **Standard penalty:** 5-0 loss and 1 point deduction
 - progressive additional points deducted for repeat offences
 - fines at appropriate level.
- **Additional Penalty:** points deduction for lower team in these grades.
 - Where the forfeiting team's lower team(s) are also within these grades (and their game is played) then the points deduction applied above (1 point, 2 points, etc.) will also be applied to that lower team.
 - E.g., for a first offence, if the lower team plays then the result will stand but there will be a 1 point deduction, whatever the score.
 - Note: this may seem harsh on the lower side, but this additional deduction is applied because the club *should* be forfeiting the lower team match in order to play the higher team match at these more competitive Grades.

Grades 5

- **Standard penalty:** 5-0 loss and 1 point deduction
 - 1 point deduction for repeat offences (progressive as appropriate)
 - No penalty applied to any lower teams which play (subject to standard Fair Selection & Player Eligibility)
 - Not applicable to Development Teams.

ALL GRADES

- ALMC monitor forfeit games and have discretion to apply further penalties (additional point deductions, fines, goal difference) if they consider the forfeit has a significant impact on another teams or teams, e.g. where the previous result was greater than 5-0, or players clearly dropped to strengthen a lower side, etc.