

## THE CENTRE TEAM FORFEIT PROCEDURE

### 1. Plan Ahead!

- **Contact Early:** If you are aware of a date that is challenging to your team e.g., School Camp, notify [sports@thecentredural.org.au](mailto:sports@thecentredural.org.au) as soon as possible. We may be able to reschedule your game or put you in contact with possible subs.
- **Request Subs:** Put a message on the appropriate WhatsApp group asking for players to sub. To be eligible to play, a fill-in must not be playing in a higher age/grade on the night of play. If you are unsure of these rules and require clarification, please contact The Sports Team on 8989 0000.
- If you have exhausted the options above, please move to step 2.

### 2. Notification of Forfeit

- The forfeiting team must inform The Centre by phone (8989 0000) **and** email ([sports@thecentredural.org.au](mailto:sports@thecentredural.org.au)) **24–48 hours** before the game is scheduled. **NOTIFICATION OF THE FORFEIT MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING.**
- The Sports Team will notify the opposing team of the forfeit and arrange a friendly game, if time permits.
- **THE LATEST TIME FOR NOTIFICATION OF A FORFEIT IS 4 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. AFTER THIS TIME, OR IF PROCEDURE HAS NOT BEEN FOLLOWED, PENALTIES APPLY.**

### 3. Reason for Forfeit

- **Accepted Reasons:** Injury, illness, player availability, travel issues or other emergencies.
- **Unacceptable Reasons:** Forfeiting due to lack of preparation or own scheduling errors.

### 4. Penalties for Forfeiting

- **Automatic Loss:** In all cases, forfeiting automatically results in a 3-0 loss result for Futsal or 1-0 loss result for Netball.
- **Forfeiture Fine:** A \$100 fine and 2-point team penalty apply for teams that fail to notify The Centre more than 6 hours before their game or fail to follow the forfeit procedure. The fine is payable immediately, and the team will be unable to take the court until the fine is paid in full.
- If a team forfeits, but can provide enough players to still play, there will be no points deducted or fee applied, as a game has still gone ahead.

## 5. Repercussions for Repeated Forfeits

- **Fines:** Each team is allowed 3 reasonable forfeits per season. A \$100 fine applies for every forfeit beyond this.
- **Disqualification:** Teams that forfeit more than 3 times may be withdrawn from the season, unless special dispensation is given by Sports Management.
- **Suspension:** Teams may face suspension from future events or seasons if they forfeit too many matches.

## 6. Emergency or Extreme Circumstances

- We understand that emergencies happen and request that you notify us of a forfeit as soon as possible in emergency situations.
- **Appeals Process:** If a forfeit occurs under exceptional circumstances (e.g., severe weather, emergencies), the team may appeal to The Centre for special consideration.