



DOLPHINS BASKETBALL CLUB

Forfeit Policy

Objective:

It is preferred that all teams make every effort to avoid forfeiting games. Forfeits are not covered by player registration fees, and when incurred, the associated costs charged by GUB are funded through alternative income sources such as fundraising. To ensure fairness, accountability, and to minimize the financial burden on the club, the following forfeit policy is in place.

1. Forfeit Fees

The current GUB-determined forfeit fees for Winter 2025 are:

- **Juniors:** \$112
- **Seniors:** \$134.80

These fees cover game-day expenses such as referee payments and venue costs.

2. Avoiding a Forfeit

Before requesting a forfeit, team officials must make genuine efforts to field a team. This includes:

- Attempting to source an eligible fill-in player from a **lower division within the same age group** or a **lower age group**. The coaches' messenger group is a great resource for facilitating this.
 - Contacting the **President, Vice President, or Secretaries** for assistance in finding fill-in players. (link to contact list on website)
 - If a team has at least **4 players**, they are expected to take the court to avoid a forfeit fee.
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3. Notification Requirements

- Teams must notify the **Club President, Vice President, or Secretaries** of a pending forfeit at least **5 days in advance** to avoid the GUB forfeit fee. (link to contacts on website)
 - Failure to provide adequate notice will result in the **full GUB forfeit fee** being applied.
 - If club officials cannot be contacted, or if the forfeit occurs on game day, **teams should notify the game venue** as a last resort. Refer to the GUB fact sheet [FORFEITS-WITHDRAWALS-1.png \(597x842\)](#)
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4. First Forfeit Fee Responsibility

- The **club will cover the fee** for **one forfeit per team per season** without adequate notice, at no financial cost to the team. This applies **only to the first occurrence** and is intended as a goodwill gesture to support teams in unavoidable situations.
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5. Forfeit Fees Become the Team's Responsibility When:

- Any **additional forfeits** beyond the first, where adequate notice has not been provided, will incur the **GUB forfeit fee**. The full cost of this fee will be passed **entirely** onto the team responsible for the forfeit. Payment must be made within **7 days** of receiving notice of the fee.
 - If a team fails to attempt to notify the **Club President, Vice President, or Secretaries**, or, as a last resort, the **game venue** (as outlined in the GUB fact sheet), the **full GUB forfeit fee** will be charged to the team.
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6. Impact on Competition Standings

- A forfeit will be officially recorded as a **0–20 loss** for the forfeiting team and a **20–0 win** for the opposing team.
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7. Encouragement to Avoid Forfeits

To protect the club's reputation and finances, teams are encouraged to:

- **Prioritize communication and planning** at the start of the season.
 - **Discuss known absences** (e.g., holidays, school camps) in advance to ensure sufficient player numbers for all scheduled games.
 - **Make arrangements early** to avoid forfeits whenever possible.
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Note:

GUB forfeit fees are subject to change each season. The applicable fee is always the **current season's fee**, even if this policy document has not yet been updated. For the most recent fee structure, refer to the GUB document:

[FORFEITS-WITHDRAWALS-1.png \(597×842\)](#)