

VBRA Cancellation of Games Guidelines Document.

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Purpose:

To provide clear guidance to the VBRA Branches and Basketball Associations about the parameters, when a referee will be reimbursed for a game that is classified a walkover or cancelled due to heat, leaks, power failures and other unforeseen circumstances.

Policy:

To clarify the need for reimbursement the walkovers will be split into two categories:

- Notified Walkovers
- Non-Notified Walkovers.

Notified Walkovers:

Notified Walkovers are those where the Basketball Association / Administrator have been able to inform the appropriate person responsible for compiling the rosters by phone or email at least 24 hours (the day before). Consideration should be given to public holidays.

Non Notified Walkover:

Any walkover with less than the explained amount of notice as explained above.

Payment of Referees:

Notified walkovers result in no payment of referees.

The Referee Branch/ Supervisors / stadium representative will make best endeavours to alter the roster to ensure the affected referees are not disadvantaged by the walkover.

Non-notified walkovers will result in full game payment to the referees rostered to those games.

Walkover Information:

- If walkover occurs through one or both teams not having enough players to participate, referees receive full pay (game starts and they need to be there for 10 min)
- If walkover occurs as notified - (Process can be different for each competition, time / day of notification) and referees are informed - No payment required.
- If rostered referees receive with no notification of the walkover and they arrive at the stadium to fulfil appointments, they should be paid for one game payment.

Heat, Leaks, Power Failures, and other unforeseen circumstances

- To encourage referees and associations to have commitment all games should be rostered.
- If an issue arises during the day and the games are called off for the entire session, Payment should not be expected as long as notification has been received - **understanding time of notification can be very limited**
- If rostered referees receive no notification of the cancellation and arrive at stadium to fulfil appointments, they should be paid for one game payment only.
- If the issue occurs during the shift and subsequent games are cancelled, there is no need for payment for subsequent games that have not started.

General comments / observations

1. If the team or teams have to pay for the game, the referees should receive payment
2. Notification, can be subjective, Stadiums / Associations / Supervisors should use every endeavour to contact all stakeholders as soon as practicable.

In line with encouraging domestic referees to be professional in keeping game appointments and assisting with finding their own replacements when unavailable after rosters have been published. The GROS recommends that for games that are cancelled, (Through Heat Policy, Unforeseen Circumstances and Walkovers, etc) less than 24 hours before game time, the referees should be paid for the games they were rostered for (To a maximum of two games)