



JUNIOR DOMESTIC LATE START POINTS

Under 8 Competitions

Late start points DO NOT apply to Under 8 Competitions. Coaches are asked to have their teams ready to commence the game at the conclusion of the pre-game countdown timer. Referees will not delay the start of a game if teams are not ready.

Under 10 – Under 18 Competitions

Teams not ready at the commencement of a game will lose one point for every minute, or part thereof, of game time which is lost. Referees will award this penalty to the opposition team once the game has commenced.

In exceptional circumstances, the Referee Supervisor may decide to waive a late start penalty. This will only occur if the delay in starting the game was outside the relevant team's control. Please note that where this is a uniform clash, failure of the relevant team to obtain alternate singlets and enter players' numbers into LiveScore are not considered to be exceptional circumstances.

Walkovers

If a team is still not ready to commence the game after 10 minutes of game time has elapsed, that team shall be judged to have given a walkover, and a 20-0 forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team. The Referee Supervisor has the discretion to delay the declaration of a walkover where appropriate.

NOTE: At external venues, the Venue Supervisor shall make all relevant decisions regarding waiver of late start points and delay in declaring a walkover.