



## WMBUA Working Rules

### ***Title: Game Turn Back Rule***

### ***Effective Date: June 1, 2017***

The intent of this rule is to address the growing number of games being turn-back or games declined (including lapsed responses) due to member's schedules in Arbiter not being up to date. It is recognized that schedules change over time, some of which are out of the members control, however the Board's Assigner still has to reschedule. Games that are declined can be eliminated if individuals are diligent in keeping their schedules update in the Arbiter. The amount of additional work that has to be done by the Assigner as a result of these issues has become nearly unmanageable.

### **Background:**

- The number of turn-backs/declined (including lapsed responses) assignments is increasing specifically:
  - 2015 there were 563 turn-backs/declines,
  - 2016 the number increased to 673,
  - With roughly 2,300 game assignments, this represents roughly a turn-back rate of 30%.

### **Definition:**

- "Turn back" means a game assignment sent through the Arbiter that a member either:
  - A. Initially declines or allows to lapse without accepting or declining; or
  - B. Accepts and then informs the Assigner that the member is unable to do the game

### **The Rule:**

- \$5.00 fine for each game either declined or later turned back with a \$20.00 maximum fine for 4+ consecutive games missed;
- Because WMBUA doesn't have the staffs to review/accept/reject each given reason – there are **no exceptions** granted for work or personal circumstances.

1. However, a game declined due to a game site or time change is permitted
- After notification from the Secretary – members have 14 days to pay their assessed fine.

### **Examples:**

1. Joe has a schedule of 12 games, all of which he has accepted. He gets hurt after the first 2, causing him to miss games 3 to 8. He is liable for a turn-back fee of \$20.
  - He does game #9 & 10, then calls/emails the assigner indicating he is unable to do games #11 or #12 for whatever reason. He is now liable for another \$10.
2. Joe gets a schedule of 12 games. He turns back games 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12, for whatever reason (doesn't like the team, doesn't like the level, etc.). He is liable for a penalty of \$30, since the games were not consecutive

### **Administration Process:**

- Weekly notification from Assigner to Secretary on member turn - backs
  - Member & Arbiters Game #
- Email to member from Secretary assessing fine
  - Emails will go out weekly – *(Sunday evenings)*
- Member sends fine to Secretary within 14 days from date email **SENT**

### **Penalty:**

- Failure to pay fine within 14 days from the date email sent
  - Consistent with WMBUA By-Laws:
    - Article Nine, Section Two - Penalties
      - **A member who fails to pay the fine within 14 days is suspended from working any Board assigned games until that member pays the fine.**
  - Fines assessed and received are deposited into the Boards bank account and will be reported as “Income from Turn-Back Rule”.