

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Policy Title:	MATCH ABANDONMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure is to be followed in the event of a match being abandoned.

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to standardise the outcome for all abandoned matches

RELATED DOCUMENTS

This policy should be read in conjunction with the World Rugby Laws, particularly Law 5. Time

STEPS

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	<p>A Match Referee can call the game off (match abandoned) as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serious injury - Safety concerns - Player / team / spectator behaviour - Severe weather conditions <p>OR</p> <p>If no suitable referee available (see Reporting the Non-Appearance of a Referee), then the match may similarly be determined abandoned.</p>	Referee
2	<p>If a Referee (or RUSA Official) determines that a match in progress has to be abandoned <i>prior to the half time break</i>, the result of the fixture will be recorded as a nil-all draw, and Competition Points allocated for a Draw,</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the match may be replayed at a time and venue as determined by the Competition Manager in his/her absolute discretion.</p>	Referee / RUSA
3	<p>If a Referee (or RUSA Official) determines that a match in progress has to be abandoned <i>during or after the half time break, but prior to the end of the match</i>, the score at the time the match is abandoned will stand as the final score, and Competition Points allocated accordingly.</p>	Referee / RUSA
4	<p>The Referee (via the Referee Scorecard) and Team Managers (via Rugby Xplorer Match Day app and email to info@sarugby.com.au) should notify RUSA of the circumstances of the abandoned match in accordance with the Match Results Notification Procedure.</p>	Referee / Team Manager

OTHER INFORMATION

- Refer to the "Match Results Notification Procedure" for steps in notifying RUSA of particular match details.

* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.