

# MATCH ABANDONMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE

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## DESCRIPTION

This document is to provide clarity on the procedure to be followed in the event of a match being abandoned, and 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

## STEP BY STEP PROCEDURES

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"> <li>- Serious injury</li> <li>- Safety concerns</li> <li>- Player / team / spectator behaviour</li> <li>- Severe weather conditions</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>If no suitable referee is 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 TRU Official) determines that a match has to be abandoned <i>prior to the half time break</i>, the result of the fixture will be recorded as a <b>nil-all draw</b>, and Competition Points allocated for a Draw</p> <p><b>OR</b></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 / TRU
3	<p>If a Referee (or TRU 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 / TRU
4	<p>The Referee (via the Referee Scorecard) and Team Managers (via Rugby Xplorer Match Day app and/or via email) should notify TRU of the circumstances of the abandoned match in accordance with the Match Results Notification Procedure.</p>	Referee / Team Manager