



## WALK OFF POLICY

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### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Following several teams walking off the field prior to the end of games, the PJRL have introduced a Walk Off Policy to deal with such instances.

### 2. APPLICATION

- 2.1. Given that the Junior League Board of Management has jurisdiction over its own Competitions, this Policy relates to U6 to U12 Mixed and U13 to U16 Boys Competitions in 2025.

### 3. POLICY

- 3.1. Teams causing a match to be terminated before its natural conclusion through a mass “Walk Off,” or refusal to allow play to continue shall be deemed to have committed serious misconduct against the PJRL and as a result the PJRL may, in its absolute discretion, take any action against the Participant, Team or Club.
- 3.2. The PJRL Board or Executive are to investigate any matter that in its opinion is relevant to whether a charge of Misconduct ought to be laid. If an instance as described in Clause 3.1 occurs, then the Participant or Club of the Team that walked off or refused to allow play to continue will be required to provide a Show Cause submission.
- 3.3. If the PJRL Board are not satisfied with the reasons provided within the Show Cause submission, then they may impose one or more of the following sanctions, orders or measures on the Participant, Team or Club:

Number	Type of sanction, order or measure
1	a warning, caution or reprimand
2	a suspended sanction
3	a fine, bond or costs
4	the match be considered a mercy, that is the result will be recorded as a 60-0 loss, and the Team that walks off will receive 0 ladder points
5	a deduction or loss of competition points or a ban accruing competition points for a specified period of time or number of matches
6	suspension from participation in a Match, Event, Tournament or Competition
7	exclusion, suspension or expulsion from a Competition, Event or Tournament
8	a ban on taking part in any or all Rugby League Related Activity
9	the compulsory attendance at a course(s) of education or rehabilitation (for example, an anger management course)