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## Media Release

*The Greater Brisbane Junior Rugby League ("GBJRL") has investigated the incidents that happened at the Under 18 Division 2 - South, Preliminary Final played on Sunday, 8 September 2013 between Inala and Cannon Hill at Holland Park and, after giving the clubs concerned an opportunity to be heard, has determined that the game was terminated prematurely because of the conduct of spectators involved with the Inala team and as result of their conduct the Inala team are deemed to have forfeited the match allowing Cannon Hill to progress to the Grand Final match.*

*The GBJRL and the Brisbane Rugby League Referees Association issued a joint policy before the commencement of the final series to make it clear to all clubs and their members that the premature termination of matches as a result of conduct of any coach, team staff and or spectator of a particular team will result in forfeiture of the match by that team.*

*The GBJRL has worked hard in 2013 to send a clear message to spectators that if they do not conduct themselves appropriately and abide by the NRL Code of Conduct during GBJRL matches the children who play the game will suffer the consequences of their actions.*

*The GBJRL is disappointed that, by the conduct of a small number of their supporters the Under 18 Inala players have been denied the opportunity to play in the 2013 Grand Final. This unfortunate result should serve as a warning to all spectators that failure by them to comply with the NRL Code of Conduct will result in severe consequences for the boys that they claim to support.*

*This coming weekend will see twenty nine Grand Finals contested in ages from Under 11 to 18. There will be eight venues hosting these games across the Greater Brisbane region all being played on Sunday 15 September 2014.*

*Premier Grade and Division One Grand Finals in Under 13 to Under 18 will be played at Norths Devils Ground – Albert Bishop Park the following Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September respectively. Games commence at 9:00am both days.*

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