

2015-16 League Fixture Control Panel Decisions

17th September 2015

Club Name: Kowloon RFC

Type of Request: Reduction in the number of HK Qualified players within the Premiership match day squad.

Approved Yes/No: No

Reason: It was felt by the LFCP that at Premiership level the eligibility criteria should be preserved and remain unchanged.

Club Name: Kowloon RFC

Type of Request: Reduction in the number of HK Qualified players within the Premiership A match day squad

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: With Premiership A being the second division the LFCP felt a reduction could be made to assist the club in pushing up HK Qualified players to Premiership level.

Club Name: Kowloon RFC

Type of Request: Increase in number of Holiday Work Visa holders in Premiership match day squad.

Approved Yes/No: No

Reason: The LFCP felt that there is an already adequate allowance for each team within the competition and league rules.

29th September 2015

Club Name: USRC Tigers

Type of Request: Visa Waiver to play Mr. Daniel Barlow who is a front row forward in the Premiership.

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: Front Row Safety issue

2nd October 2015

Club Name: HK Scottish

Type of Request: Visa Waiver to play Mr. Ien Ashcroft, Kane Boucat and David Bird in the Premiership.

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: the subject of HWV players was raised in pre-season HKRU CCO meetings, the HKRU recommended that players registered to a Premiership squad as a holiday working visa holder will be given an 8 week extension for league eligibility commencing on the expiry date of the holiday work visa. This is subject to the club and player producing the relative documentation relating to a formal application to HK Immigration converting their HKHW Visa to a full HK Working visa. Confirmation in the way of a reference from sponsor or employer will also be required for this 8 week extension to be valid. The recommendation was agreed by the LFCP. This will be an amendment to the league rules for 2016-17.

14th October 2015

Club Name: USRC Tigers

Type of Request: Replace Mr. Keith Robertson within Premiership squad due to long term injury.

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: The LFCP felt that sub-clause 6.9 of Rule 6 Premiership Squad Registration applied in this case.

22nd October 2015 and 28th October 2015

Club Name: USRC Tigers

Type of Request: Visa Waiver to play Mr. Wharenui Hawera in the Premiership.

Approved Yes/No: No

Reason: It is the opinion of the LFCP that the current situation should be managed within the current league rules and the clubs eligible registered players for league rugby at each respective playing level.

Note: Mr. Wharenui Hawera has since had his visa approved by HK Immigration and will be free to play in Round 5 and onwards. 30/10/2015

11th November 2015

Club Name: Kowloon RFC

Type of Request: Dispensation to field 8 Prem registered players in Prem A on Saturday 14th November

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: Kowloon has requested an additional 2 premierships players to play in Prem A to field a team with reserves and to facilitate a competitive game against the opposition. The opposition club have also endorsed the request.

26th November 2015

Club Name: HKFC

Type of Request: Replace Mr. Andrew Tiedeman within Premiership squad as he has left the country with Mr. Mitchell Andrews who holds a HWV.

Approved Yes/No: Yes

Reason: The LFCP felt that sub-clause 6.9 of Rule 6 Premiership Squad Registration applied in this case.