

# **HKRU Representative Teams**

## **International Player Selection**

### **The selection procedure should ensure that:**

- Selections are in line with the HKRU international requirements
- Selections are fair
- Selection procedures are transparent and open
- Players are aware of selection requirements for annual international programmes, i.e. timeframes, domestic league programme, junior assessment and ID programme etc.

### **The selection procedure will be as follows:**

1. Determined by the annual international programmes within the specific international programmes.
2. All relevant individuals, clubs and stakeholders to be informed of selection programmes.
3. General Manager Rugby Operations to line manage; General Manager of Rugby Performance & Development, Head of Sevens Rugby Program (HKSI), Head of Elite Player Development and Head of Women's Rugby Performance who will line manage the respective National Squad Management Teams through the selection process.
4. All players to be informed of selection through the respective performance programme coordinators.
5. All Squad lists to be approved by General Manager Rugby Operations prior to release.

The individual international coaches will select players for the squad following consultation with the respective managers as specified in point 3 above.

The General Manager Rugby Operations must approve all player replacements to the original squad selected. Any requirements for guidance regarding player eligibility or other associated issues should be directed to the General Manager Rugby Operations.

The CEO and Directors will have sole responsibility and discretion in the application of the Union Selection Policy, Procedures and associated targets.

## **World Rugby Eligibility to Play for National Representative Teams**

Subject to World Rugby Regulation 8.2, a Player may play for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union of the country in which:

- a) he/she was born; or
- b) one parent or grandparent was born; or
- c) he/she has completed sixty's consecutive months of residence immediately prior to the time of playing.
- d) has completed ten years of cumulative Residence preceding the time of playing

A player who has played for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union is not eligible to play for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of another Union.

For the purposes of this Regulation, a player is deemed to have played for a Senior National representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union if:

- a) he/she is selected for such team to play in an International Match against the Senior National Representative Team or next Senior National Representative Team of another Union (or an international match against another Union's Senior or next Senior Touring Squad during an World Rugby approved International Tour) and is present at the Match played by that team either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of that team and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or
- b) he/she is selected to represent a Union's Senior Touring Squad on an International Tour which includes an International Match or matches approved by the World Rugby and is present at any Match played on that International Tour either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of a team selected from the Union's Senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or
- c) he/she is selected to represent a Union's next Senior Touring Squad on an World Rugby approved International Tour and during that International Tour he is present at a Match against a Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of another Union either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of a team selected from the Union's next Senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match reached the age of majority.

Players who are eligible to play for Hong Kong at Senior Level must complete the World Rugby Eligibility Declaration form.

## **Olympic and Asian Games Eligibility**

Players must be born in Hong Kong, or of Asian birth or parentage, and must a permanent resident or the holder of an HKSAR passport.

For Olympic Games qualification all players must hold an HKSAR passport.

## **National Squads: Level of Coverage**

There are three levels of coverage that that are attributed to all Hong Kong National Rugby Squads. These levels differentiate on the amount of insurance/allowance/apparel coverage that squads receive during the course of a season. The three levels are as follows:

### **Senior Squads**

- HKRU Men 7s National Squad
- HKRU Men 15s National Squad
- HKRU Women 7s National Squad
- HKRU Women 15s National Squad

### **Development Squads**

- HKRU "A" 15s Men Squad
- HKRU U20 15s Men Squad
- HKRU "A" 7s Men Squad
- HKRU Warriors 15s Men Squad
- HKRU Warriors 7s Men Squad
- HKRU U20 7s Men Squad
- HKRU "A" 15s Women Squad
- HKRU Development 7s Women Squad
- HKRU U20 7s Women Squad

### **Junior Squads**

- HKRU U19 Boys 15s Squad
- HKSSF U18 Boys 7s Squad
- HKRU U17 AG Boys Squad
- HKRU Warriors U19 15s Boys Squad
- HKRU Warriors U19 7s Boys Squad
- HKRU U16 Boys 7s & 15s Squad
- HKRU U14 Boys 7s & 15s Squad
- HKRU U19 Girls 15s Squad
- HKRU U18 Girls 7s Squad

**Please note that all senior squads and development squads will follow the eligibility criteria set by both World Rugby and Asian Games. Junior squads will represent the individual player development needs of the HKRU with the exception of U18/17 7s squads who will follow individual tournament eligibility rules.**

## **Appeal Channel**

If applicants would like to make an appeal, he/she can approach our CEO to review the case.

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