

Domestic & International Player Clearances

Domestic Clearances:

Domestic clearance period is from the 1st November to 31st July of the following year. No player may move from one District League to another District League after the 31st July. Portability clearances exempt.

Domestic clearances apply to all grades.

Applications for players moving from one District League to another must be made on the sporting pulse website and be duly consented to by the players club of registration, District League and Zone. The players club of registration, District League and Zone, shall within 14 days of the lodgement date of the clearance, either issue or deny the clearance. Should the players club of registration, District League or Zone fail to reply within the 14 day time frame, the NZRL will grant the player a clearance? The players club of registration, District League and Zone may deny the player a clearance for any of the following:

- The player is in debt to his club of registration, due to unpaid club registration fees for the prior or current season.
- The player is in debt to his club of registration, District League or Zone by means of unreturned playing or dress clothing, or a monetary debt.
- The player is in breach of a written contract with the club, District League or Zone involving a playing agreement, monetary debt or prepaid advances, or for any other reasonable cause, where proof can be provided.

Portability Clearances:

Portability clearances (short loan clearance) apply to domestic clearance only, and may be granted to a player, so that he/she may play for another Zone, District League or Club, provided that the players club of registration and associated District League and Zone sanction the clearance. The portability clearance application shall be made on the sporting pulse website and will apply only for the dates as entered on the application. The player will automatically return to his previous club of registration following the termination date as entered on the clearance application. Portability clearances will apply to loan, draft and invited players as follows:

- Players being loaned from one club to another within the current season. Full season portability clearances as applicable to individual players are limited to no more than two consecutive seasons only.
- Players invited to play in a match outside of their registered Zone or District League.
- Players being drafted out of their registered Zone or District League.

International Clearances:

International clearance period for players moving to and from Australia is from the 31st November to 30th June of the following year. There is no set clearance period for players moving to the northern hemisphere.

International clearances apply to all grades and age groups.

Applications for domestic players wishing to play internationally must be made on the sporting pulse website and be duly consented to by the players club of registration, associated District League, Zone and NZRL. The players club of registration, District League and Zone, shall within 14 days of the lodgement date of the clearance, either issue or deny the clearance. Should the players club of registration, District League or Zone fail to reply within the 14 day time frame, the NZRL will grant a clearance to the player? The players club of registration, District League and Zone may deny the player a clearance for any of the following:

- The player is in debt to his club of registration, due to unpaid club registration fees for the prior or current season.
- The player is in debt to his club of registration, District League or Zone by means of unreturned playing or dress clothing or monetary debt.
- The player is in breach of a written contract with the club, District League or Zone involving a playing agreement, monetary debt or prepaid monetary advances, or for any other reasonable cause where proof can be provided.

Application for overseas players wishing to play domestically must be made on the sporting pulse website. Players from countries not connected to the sporting pulse website, must provide a written clearance from their National League and complete a Manual Clearance Form 60 form available on the NZRL website (www.nzrl.co.nz) These Manual clearance will be registered on the SPWS

Players wishing to play internationally in countries not connected to the sporting pulse website shall, complete a manual Form 60 Clearance Application, available on the NZRL website (www.nzrl.co.nz). These Manual Clearances will be registered on the SPWS.

It is the responsibility of every club to ensure that every player has been cleared to play by the NZRL. If in doubt check with the NZRL.