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To: All Victory Club Presidents

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RE: Restriction of Movement

As all clubs will be aware when we originally drafted the Victory League rules we inserted the following clause in the rules in an attempt to stop the movement of players between clubs once the season commenced.

The specific rules says;

“14.2.1 A player once registered in a Victory League Squad cannot be registered with another Victory League team in the same season. The player is eligible to play at the Premier League level and below but will be unable to play for a second Victory League team.”

We have had this ruling challenged by a player who wishes to change clubs. To ensure we were 100% correct in this rule being developed I sought clarification from FFA’s legal department. The response I got from FFA was the following:

“The guiding principle is that once a club releases a player (ie. mutually terminates his contract or cancels his amateur registration), they cannot dictate where the player should sign as the player is a free agent and can choose to register with any club of his choice.

The relevant clauses in the National Registration Regulations that are relevant are:

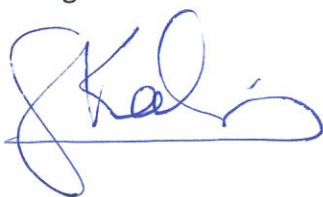
- ***Clause 4.1(a) – “A Player may apply to be registered with any Club of his or her choice.”***
- ***Clause 4.1(b) – “A Competition Administrator or Club can only refuse to accept an application from a Player based on legitimate competition reasons in accordance with Competition Rules, including restrictions on the number of players, available fields or coaches.”***

Competition Rules is defined at clause 2.2 of the National Registration Regulations.

In essence because all of our players are classified as amateurs (e.g. they are not under professional contracts), we cannot stop players from leaving one club in the Victory League and joining another. Therefore we must amend the Victory League club rules and remove this clause. Additionally players may chose to change clubs in the Victory League so long as their registration is received by the last Thursday prior to the 31st of May 2014.

Please call me if you require further clarification.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Kalis', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

George Kalis