



CONTRACTED PLAYER ALLOCATION POLICY

It is very difficult to set a policy on player movement and for the most part the MRU will not do so, aside from day to day club regulations. However, for the small number that do enter the union temporarily it is clear that MRU has to state up front how their movement into this union will be catered for so that it doesn't impact unduly on the operation of our clubs.

Objective

The overall objective of the union is to ensure that no one club retains excessive numbers of contracted players. Players contracts will reflect the ability of the union to assign players to a club in the best interests of both the team and the competition.

Principles

1. The MRU will not allow any club to be allocated more than one Manawatu Rugby Union facilitated incoming contracted player a season (in a second season a player may move to a club as he chooses).
2. Where a player is entering the region as a contracted Manawatu Rugby Union player, the following will apply each season:
 - a. Clubs must advise the Air NZ Cup Head Coach what two positions they wish to pursue as a priority for the coming season by 1 December.
 - b. MRU will then provide an introduction of up to three clubs to any player in a sought after position.
 - c. In order to provide an introduction clubs must provide to the MRU a club background document that includes the last five years results and an outline of what the club intends to offer the contracted player for his services through to the end of June (this must not include money).
 - d. Players will be provided with such information and left to choice a club as they see fit.
 - e. If no choice is made by a player or time does not allow a selection process to take place, the Head Coach will make the placement.
3. MRU will, in certain cases, pay for players accommodation. This information will be disclosed prior to any allocation.
4. The Manawatu Rugby Union reserves the right to place a player where combinations are required i.e. half back and first five, lock and hooker. Where such a variation is to apply the Head Coach will advise clubs of the reasoning.

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