

TIER 4 STUDENT VISAS

The League has received a number of inquiries from member clubs concerning recent publicity about Tier 4 student visas – and whether these may make some overseas players ineligible to represent a club in the British League.

The Home Office advice is that the visa holder would be in breach of the restrictions if he or she is “providing services as a professional.”

If they are not and are “playing, participating or coaching in amateur sport” the rules do not apply. Therefore, Tier 4 visa holders are entitled to continue taking part as amateurs in the “wholly amateur” British League.

See <https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/advice/updated-guidance-concerning-tier-4-visas> for information. Norman Leighton is dealing with Tier 4 issues on behalf of Swim England. If you have any questions, please contact him at norman.leighton@swimming.org.