

Timeline of events



Nov 2015

After 15 years at the helm, Teo Hock Seng steps down as chairman of Tampines, handing the reins to Krishna Ramachandra, who was the club's vice-chairman.



Jan 19, 2016

Jermaine Pennant signs for Tampines Rovers, making the former Arsenal and Liverpool player the biggest name to grace the S-League. Pennant had already sparked renewed buzz before the season kicked off in February when he arrived for a trial on Jan 7.

April 9

Tampines held the Pentagon Awards, a new football awards ceremony. Among the guests who attended the event was Johor Crown Prince Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim.

May 10

Tampines became the first S-League club to play a football match at the 55,000-seater National Stadium at Singapore Sports Hub. They beat Malaysian side Selangor 1-0 in their Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Cup group game in front of 11,875 fans.

July

Tampines secured an injection of funds from two new sponsors, totalling \$850,000 in cash sponsorship.



Dec 10

Brazilian star Ronaldinho arrives in town to join forces with Tampines to launch the Ronaldinho Football Academy in Singapore.

March 28

Tampines added another former Liverpool man to their ranks by appointing ex-Reds manager Gerard Houllier as the club's international ambassador.

April

Cash problems surface at the club. Krishna had asked the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) for advances on subsidies due to the team.



May

Coach V. Sundramoorthy was appointed the national caretaker coach. His assistant coach Akbar Nawas takes over at the helm.

Oct

The management dropped a bombshell to the players and staff with three games left in the season, announcing that they have to take pay cuts if they wish to stay on for the next year. Salaries will start from \$2,500 monthly.