



Dear Teacher/Coach,

Sale Sharks Under 14-16 DPP Nomination 2018-19.

Sale Sharks Academy are pleased to launch our Developing Player Programme (DPP) across the North West for the 2018-19 season. The DPP is a joint initiative run between Sale Sharks Academy, England Rugby and Cheshire and Lancashire CB's and designed to provide a first opportunity for players with the greatest potential to enter the pathway towards the professional game. The DPP will continue to run from 7 Centre's at u13-15: East, Central, West, Isle of Man, Manchester, Merseyside and North Lancashire and 2 Centre's at u16 in Cheshire and Lancashire.

Players part of the DPP during the 2017-18 season will be invited to be reassessed for the 2018-19 season and therefore don't require re-nomination. A list of these players can be found on the website under the appropriate age tab. [DPP Website.](#)

At this stage in the season we would like to invite nominations for additional u14-16 players. Schools/Clubs can nominate a maximum of 2 under 14 players per age grade and a maximum of 4 under 15 and 4 under 16 players, whom are either stand out rugby union players or talented athletes from other sports with the ability to excel in the game. The nomination form can be found below, whilst further information and guidance around the nomination process and players to nominate can be found on our [website](#).

All players nominated will be contacted by Sale Sharks and receive invites to attend an assessment session in October. Players selected following assessment will be invited to attend twice monthly sessions with their appropriate age group. The playing curriculum will be designed by Sale Sharks Academy and focus on the individual development of core skill, game understanding and athleticism. Please be assured the programme is designed to interact with and complement the existing school, club and county playing programmes and provide further development opportunity without the conflict of competition.

Finally, the 2018-19 season will continue to see a greater collaboration with Cheshire and Lancashire County programmes for u15/16 players. Under 15 players will follow the DPP from October- January and conclude with a festival held at Carrington for the Cheshire Centres (East, Central, West) and at Myerscough College for the Lancashire Centres (Manchester, Merseyside, North Lancashire). Following the conclusion of the DPP, County Under 15 squads will then be announced and follow the CB programme from January-March. At Under 16, players will follow the DPP between October-December and following the conclusion of the DPP, County squads will be announced



for the CB programme between January- February. There will therefore be no additional nomination forms required for players to access the County pathway.

Please find the link below to nominate u14-16 players with a **closing date of Wednesday 19th September**. U13 nominations will open on Monday 3rd December with program delivery between February-April to support longitudinal assessment.

[DPP Nomination Form](#)

Thank you in advance for your support of the DPP next season and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

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