

SARACENS KENT

U14 DPP School Nominations 2021-22



Process Overview

This form is for use by Kent Schools to nominate boys in the U14 age grade into the Saracens Kent U14s Developing Player Pathway (DPP) for season 2021-22.

You are being asked to advise which players you believe should have the first chance to be involved in the pathway. You can nominate UPTO 5 players for inclusion. If you strongly and genuinely believe this 5 player restriction is too aggressive for your school then please discuss this with the Saracens Kent DPP Administrator, Kirstin Hoyle, in the first instance, contact e-mail: saracens-kent-dpp-admin@kent-rugby.org;

We have already received nominations for this age grade from Kent Rugby Clubs. Therefore, *before* submitting your nominations please check with the students whether they play rugby at a local rugby club and if so that they have **NOT** already been nominated by that Rugby Club. There is no point in wasting one of your nominations with a student we already have registered. We are asking Kent Schools to nominate players in this age grade who they consider meet the criteria and are players they consider would benefit from the challenge of being stretched further in their rugby playing development.

We are aware Rugby Clubs have nominated in tandem with their local schools in the past, but this is not always successful, and we are actively discouraging this practise. If as a School you consider you have more players suitable for the pathway than the above quota allows, please contact us to discuss this.

The aim of the DPP is to identify the top 10% of the county's registered playing population for this age group. There will be rugby players who are not registered with the RFU because they only play at school. Once these players are taken into account, we usually find the top 12% to 15% of rugby players at this age grade have been nominated.

Do not feel the need to use your full quota for the sake of it, instead only nominate those players you truly feel meet the nomination criteria (guidelines for selection criteria below). You can nominate more players, at any time throughout School Years 9, 10 and 11 by contacting Kirstin Hoyle on the e-mail address above, as the players' abilities and skills develop.

Process Admin and Timetable

For each player you wish to nominate, please provide:

Name of Player
Date of Birth
Preferred playing position
Address
Parent/Guardian Email Contact Details (*at least one email address, ideally two and please ensure the details are correct as this is our means of communication with players/parents. Please **DO NOT** provide **ANY school** e-mail address for the players themselves, as these 'bounce back' to us by the school's own e-mail filters*)
Parent/Guardian Telephone Number
Player's Club (If they are with one and have not already been nominated by that club)
Player's School

Please have this information to hand for all boys you wish to nominate before continuing to our online form.

The Process will run as follows:

1. Nominations from Kent Schools to be completed and submitted by end of day on **Friday 22 April 2022**.
2. E-mail sent to parents/guardians/carers by *Thursday 27 April 2022* providing further details of the Saracens Kent Developing Player Pathway to them and inviting their Son(s) to a training session to be held at Sutton Valence School, North Street, Sutton Valence, Maidstone ME17 3HL on *Sunday 01 May 2022*.
3. Once players have been nominated for the Saracens Kent DPP they will remain within the pathway structure until the conclusion of their U16s season. Players will **not** be released from the Pathway, but will be assessed and moved up and down the various levels of the programme as appropriate. The Pathway is structured to be fluid. If the demands of the Pathway are too much for a player they can stop attending training sessions and withdraw themselves from the Pathway. Players **cannot** be released from the Saracens Kent DPP, to move to another similar programme, without permission of the Saracens Academy Junior Pathway Manager, even if they have withdrawn themselves.
4. Kent Schools rugby/PE coaches/teachers are encouraged to nominate additional boys for inclusion in the programme throughout any playing season from the commencement of their U14s to conclusion of their U16s age grades (School years 9, 10 and 11. Such nominations to be made as and when those players have attained suitable rugby playing skill sets and characters to benefit from the additional level of training provided by Saracens Kent DPP. For nominations made throughout the playing season please contact Saracens Kent DPP admin saracens-kent-dpp-admin@kent-rugby.org;

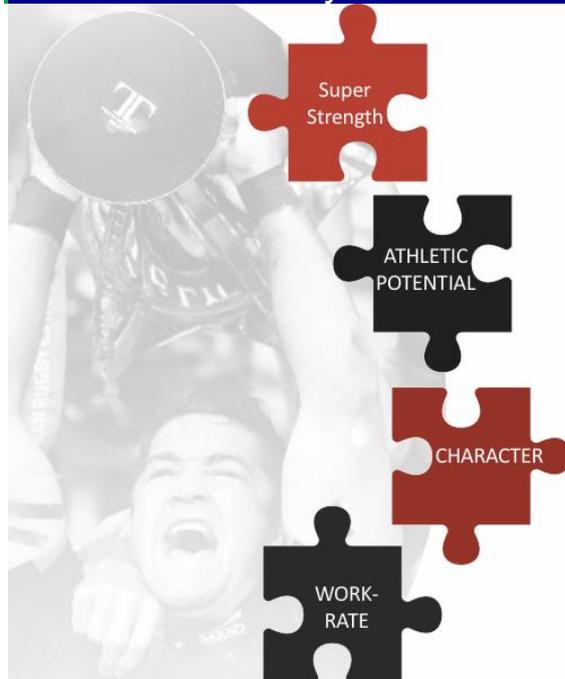
DPP Selection Criteria

In asking you to nominate players for the U14 Saracens Kent DPP we are asking you to consider the 4 elements shown in the Saracens Pathway Criteria below. We have also included further

Nominations Guidance below showing specific skill sets relevant for U14s to help guide your decisions.

Please also remember this is the DEVELOPING Player Pathway NOT the DEVELOPED Player Pathway. Therefore, any decision is not necessarily as straightforward as who are your best players now.

Saracens Pathway Criteria



SUPER-STRENGTH	ATHLETIC POTENTIAL
The ability of an individual player to influence a training session or match by doing something special, positively and consistently.	A player that moves efficiently and demonstrates balance, co-ordination, speed and/or power – and what can they potentially achieve in the future with correct guidance?
CHARACTER	WORK-RATE
An energy giver who accepts pressure and rises to the challenge from set-backs and demonstrates the Saracens Values; Honesty, Discipline, Work-Rate and Humility	Fundamental value to develop and succeed. Ability to work hard all the time and hungry to improve in all areas on and off the pitch.

Further Nominations Guidance

DPP Player Skill Set

Specific to U14's

GOOD GAMES PLAYER:

Feel and Time on Ball understanding Specific XFactor in games

FOUNDATION SKILL SET:

Ability to Pass, Kick, Run and Tackle

COMMUNICATION:

Small talk, Energy, General volume in games and social skills off the pitch

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Moving efficiently, Work-Rate and Speed

READY TO NOMINATE? ACCESS OUR ONLINE FORM HERE!