

SARACENS KENT U14s DPP

In Season Club & School Nominations



Process Overview

The Google Form link is for use by Kent Rugby Club Coaches and Kent Schools to nominate boys in the U14 age grade, school Year 9, into the Saracens Kent U14s Developing Player Pathway (DPP) throughout the season and after the U14s nominations has closed.

It is anticipated that when nominating during the season you will be nominating one or two players who as teachers/coaches you have seen improve and you consider are suitable for this Pathway in accordance with the criteria for their age grade, detailed below.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the Saracens Kent DPP Administrator, Kirstin Hoyle by e-mail: saracens-kent-dpp-admin@kent-rugby.org. We are happy to discuss the criteria and want to see all players who deserve the opportunity of being part of a rugby talent development programme being included.

We **DO NOT** want local rugby clubs and schools to work in tandem with each other. Please select your own nominations. We are keen to see players who only play rugby at school nominated for this programme. The custom of rugby clubs and schools working in tandem when nominating players, can lend itself to players who only play in schools being overlooked. However, when nominating after the U14s nominations window has closed please check with the player to see if he is already part of this Pathway *before* completing the form.

We are asking Kent Rugby Clubs and 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. The aim of the DPP is to identify the top 10% of the county's registered playing population for this age group.

Process Admin and Timetable

For each player you wish to nominate, please provide:

Name of Player
Date of Birth
Preferred playing position
Home 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 are 'bounced back' to us by the school's own e-mail filters)
Parent/Guardian Telephone Number
Player's Club (if applicable)
Player's School

Please have this information to hand before continuing to the link to the Google Form.

The Process will run as follows:

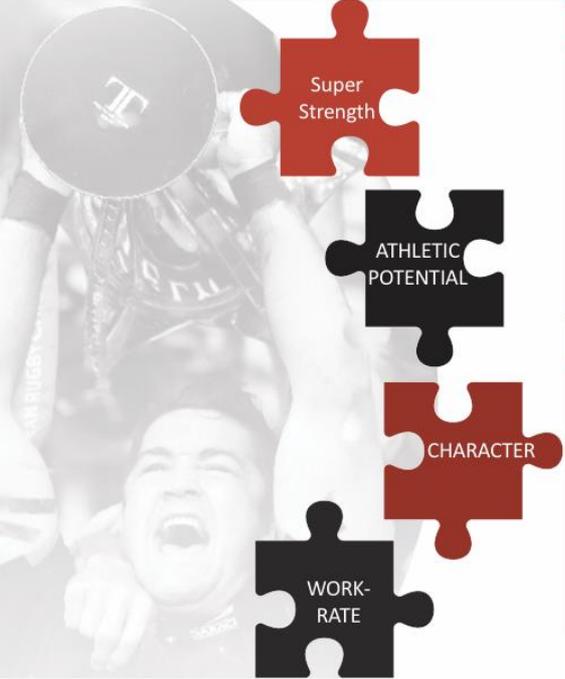
1. When the Google Form has been completed please press "submit". You should receive an acknowledgement e-mail. If you **do not** receive this please go back into the form and complete it again. The lack of acknowledgement probably means your nomination has not been recorded.
2. As Saracens Kent DPP Administration I will receive an e-mail informing me that a player(s) has/have been nominated via the Google Form.
3. On receipt or shortly after receipt of this e-mail I will add the nominated player's details to our records and will contact his parents/guardians/carers using the e-mail address(es) provided on the form to inform them of their Son's nomination, provide further information to them about the Saracens Kent DPP and provide them with the season calendar.
4. 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 at the DPP training sessions they attend and will be 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.
5. Players **cannot** be released from the Saracens Kent DPP, to move to another similar programme, without permission of the Saracens Junior Academy Pathway Manager, even if they have withdrawn themselves.

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 setbacks 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