

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SELECTION PROCESS



10. Player selected to play for New Zealand Secondary Schools, NZ Barbarians U18 or NZ Maori U18

9. Player eligibility noted again and flagged for future NZ age grade teams and development.

8. Player then goes through team selection process with NZSS/BBU18/NZ Maori U18 coaching team, franchise convenors, position specific selectors and NZR High Performance team.

7. All players eligibility status again discussed with NZR Player Development manager and NZR Pathways manager.

6. Player is then viewed by an independent NZR selector and extensive discussions, footage cutting and comprehensive assessment sheets are produced to rank and confirm possibles and probable squad members.

5. After PU camp player is nominated by provincial union and franchise as a NZSS high potential player. This is a crucial step in ensuring the best possible players are identified to attend Franchise U18 camps and NZ selection teams. Player added to NZR watchlist by Franchise convenor.

4. Player is discussed at PU/Franchise selector meetings and flagged for intensive viewing at first XV level. Again footage is loaded onto Hudl accounts. Player then selected to attend Provincial Union Development camps in July. NZR Fitness, character and rugby assessed at camp.

3. Player viewing notes created by PU and franchise spotters and stored on franchise system.

2. Player is put into franchise and PU watch list. Player is viewed by PU spotter and footage cut. Note: All schools first XV footage is encouraged to be direct exchanged with NZR NZSS Hudl site for athlete to be considered.

1. Player is nominated by their First XV to be part of the Provincial Union July Development days. Player submits a GTKYForm and eligibility status flagged.

It is an expectation that for an athlete to be considered for NZSS/BBU18 and NZMaori U18, first XV footage will be direct exchanged or uploaded to the NZ Rugby NZSS Hudl site. This allows selectors to view and make playlists to compare athletes.

It is an expectation that for an athlete to be considered for NZSS/BBU18 and NZMaori U18 that they attend the Provincial U18 development camps. This is a vital education development opportunity in the NZR pathway

Note: Provincial Unions and Franchise Clubs have their own 'spotter' process that supports NZSS selection. Please contact your local PU academy manager and /or franchise convenor for more information.