



Dear Teacher/Coach,

Sale Sharks Under 14-16 DPP Nomination 2019-20.

Sale Sharks Academy are pleased to launch our Developing Player Programme (DPP) across the North West for the 2019-20 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 2018-19 season will be invited to be reassessed for the 2019-20 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 on the following link and **the deadline for U14-16 Nominations is Friday 20th September: [Nomination Form](#).**

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. **Under 13 nominations will open on Monday 2nd December** with program delivery between February-April 2020 to support longitudinal assessment.

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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