

# NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SELECTION PROCESS 2022



Player selected to play for New Zealand  
Secondary Schools,  
NZ Barbarians U18 or NZ Māori U18

10. Players notified (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October) assemble and take part in international development series (7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October).

9. Final selection meeting NZSS/BBU18/NZ Māori U18 coaching team, franchise convenors, position specific selectors and NZR High Performance team.

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

7. Player is viewed and assessed by Franchise U18 selectors and selected to attend their SR franchise dev camps and games (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct).  
NZ positional selectors view games & Hudl footage and rank in accordance with other players across the country in their position.

6. Player is viewed by an independent NZR selector and extensive discussions, footage cutting and comprehensive assessment sheets are produced.

5. After NZR dev days, nominations are submitted 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 regular PU/Franchise selector meetings and flagged for intensive viewing at first XV level.  
Fitness, character and rugby assessed at NZR development days

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

2. Player is put into regional franchise and PU watch list. Player is viewed by PU spotter and footage cut.

1. Player is nominated by their First XV to be part of the NZ Rugby Development days held in PUs (July – Sept).  
Player submits a 'Get To Know You' Form and eligibility status flagged.

It is an expectation that for a player to be considered for NZSS/BBU18 and NZ Māori 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 a player to be considered for NZSS/BBU18 and NZ Maori U18 that they attend the NZR U18 development days in each PU. This is a vital education development opportunity in the NZR pathway

Note: Provincial Unions and Franchise Clubs have their own 'spotter' process that supports the NZSS selection process.

Please contact your local PU academy manager and /or franchise convenor for more information.

Note: NZ Maori selection process includes Maori regional camps (April) and a Maori national camp (July)