

Scottish Rugby

National Player Pathway

Age Criteria – Season 10/11



In line with the IRB International Age Grade Fixtures and our National Age Grade programs the age eligibility date for all teams within the National Player Pathway will be the 1st January in any respective year.

For example in season 10/11 the age criteria will be as follows.

U18 Regional and National Pathway – Players born in 1993

U17 Regional and National Pathway – Players born in 1994

U16 Local and Regional Pathway – Players born in 1995

U15 Local pathway – Players born 1996

S2 Local Pathway – Players born in 1997

In cases when a player enters the National Player Pathway whilst a year young, examples of this situation for season 10/11 are below.

1. Entry level into any Local Pathway Program at S2 (in the 2nd year of state secondary education and born in 1997) and the player is within his playing year group (S2) but birthday is in 1998 then the player and parents will be informed that the player will be asked to repeat a Pathway year before leaving the Regional Program at U16 level. The decision on which program (U15 or U16) is repeated will be agreed by player / parents / coaches and relevant Regional Academy Coach.

2. Entry into the Regional Pathway Program at U16 and the player is within his playing year group (S4) but birthday is in 1996 then the player and parents will be informed that the player will be asked to repeat the Regional U16 Program before leaving and moving into the Regional and National U17 Program.

All Players entering their respective Regional U17 Programs will then all be in the correct age grouping (in the case of season 10/11 all players will be born in 1994.)