

RFUW U15 & U18 Talent Identification and Development Programme Summer 2008

RFUW now has a robust talent identification and player development structure in place taking in the U18 Talent Development Group, U15 Schools of Rugby, continuation of the High Performance Academies (HPA's) all of which are underpinned by Regional and County programme's .

The summer of 2008 is an important period in player identification and development programmes. July to September 2008 sees players from both age groups (U15 and U18) making the transition up to the next age group band. It is therefore important that the systems in place over the summer reflect the needs, ambition of the players and provides opportunities for all to deliver the outcome required.

Key to the management and communication are the Regional programme coaches, Regional programme managers, the RFUW Club and Coach officers and the Player Development Manager (TS) and the Player Development Support Officer (KR) The changes to the HPA's in 2008 will require clear communication to ensure that the right players are attending the right events at the right times.

The diagrams below indicate the pathway available for players within each age group and their status on the current performance pathway. As indicated within the diagrams, players moving into older age group for the 2008/2009 season may be advised / allowed to attend the older age group event.

The RFUW Club and Coach Officers (CCOs) working within each region will oversee the nomination and selection process and will advise players / coaches accordingly as to which HPA to attend.

Aims:

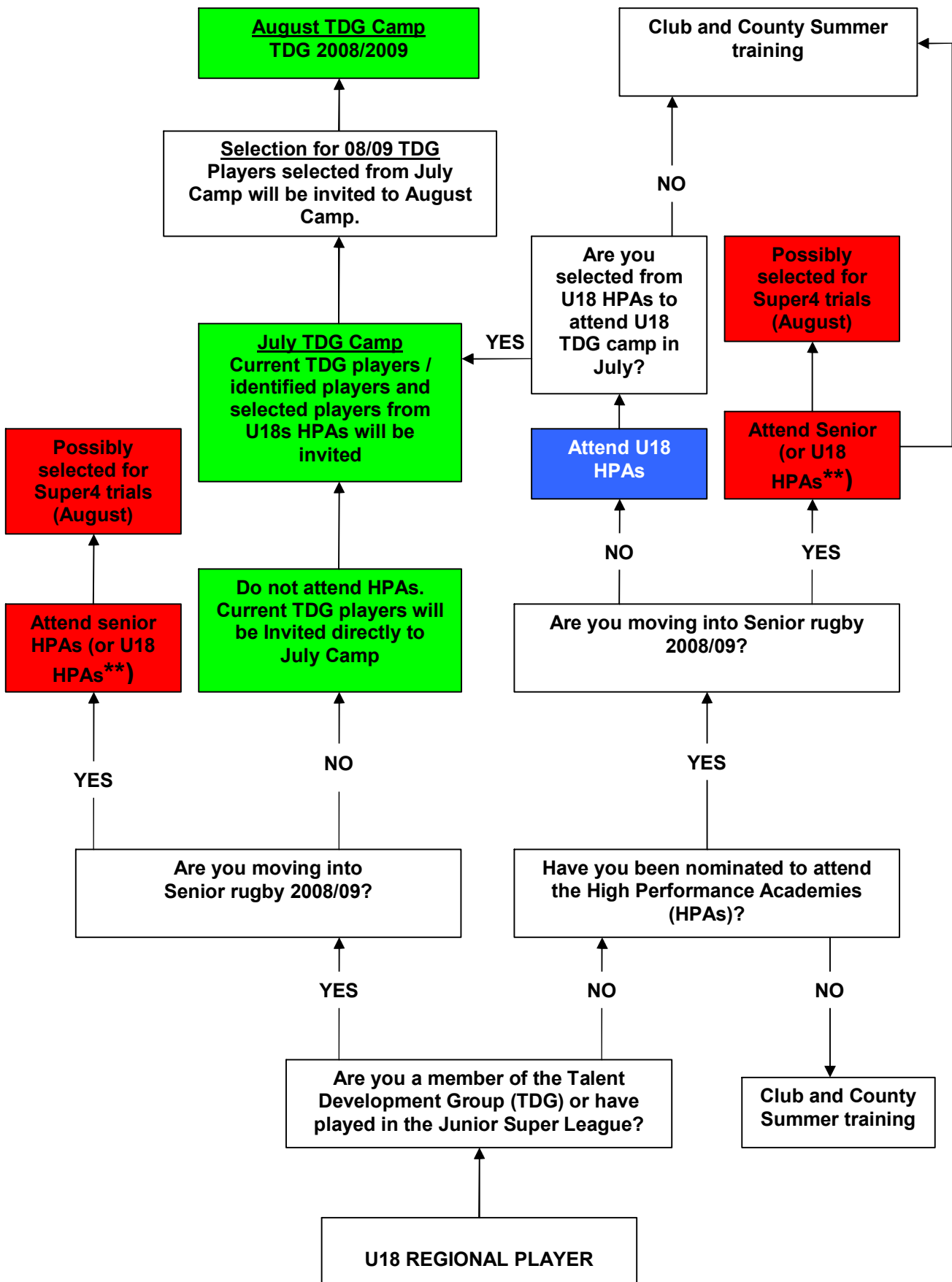
- Identify players for the U18 Talent Development Group 2008/2009
- Identify players for the U15 Schools of Rugby for 2008/2009
- Provide an opportunity for U18 players moving into Senior Rugby in 2008/2009 to be identified and to progress along the player pathway (where appropriate)
- Provide high quality coaching for all players attending all events

Key Facts:

Of the players currently involved with the U18 Talent Development Group in 2007/08, approximately 40% will move into the senior age group band.

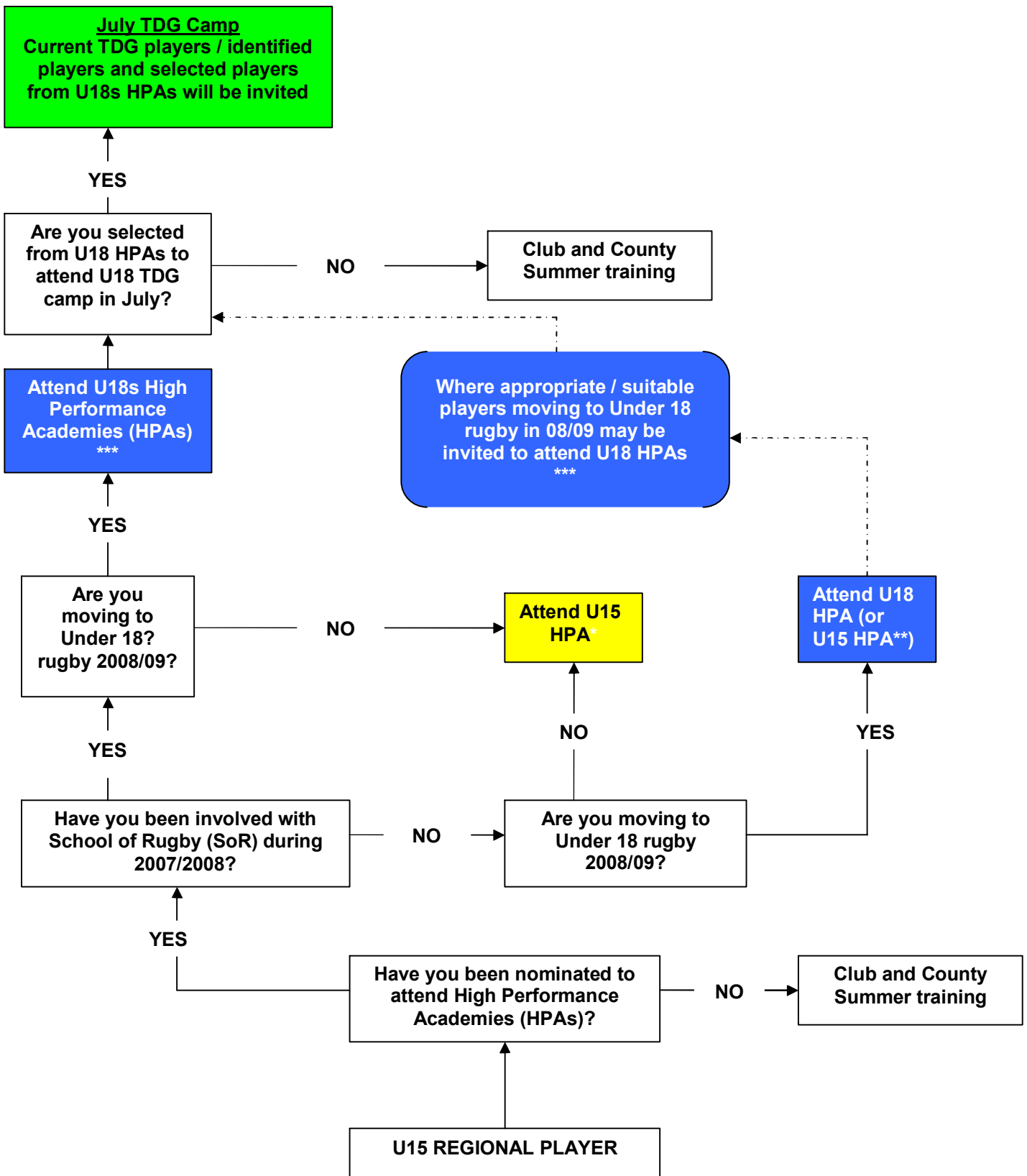
Of players currently involved with the U15 Schools of Rugby in 2007/08, approximately 70% will move into the U18 age group band.

U18 Player Pathway (Summer 2008)



** Case by case basis players may be invited to Senior where appropriate

U15 Player Pathway (Summer 2008)



* Opportunity to be selected for School of Rugby
 ** Case by case basis players may be invited to U18 where appropriate
 *** Opportunity to be invited to Under 18 Talent Development Group (TDG) camp (July 2008)

HPA nomination process

	U15	U18	Senior
Week Commencing: 12th May 2008 (After Regional Festival)	CCOs send out player nomination lists to Regional coaches Regional Coaches nominate up to 10 players per age group (U15 & U18) to attend the HPA's.	CCOs send out player nomination lists to Regional coaches Regional Coaches nominate up to 10 players per age group (U15 & U18) to attend the HPA's.	CCOs send out player nomination lists to Regional coaches Regional Coaches nominate up to 10 players per age group to attend the HPA's
Week commencing 19th May	Nomination lists (with all player contact details) are returned to CCO within each region. CCOs (in conjunction with Regional coaches) will review nomination lists and advise players / coaches as to appropriate HPA (U15 or U18)	Nomination lists (with all player contact details) are returned to CCO within each region CCOs (in conjunction with Regional coaches) will review nomination lists and advise players / coaches as to appropriate HPA (U18 or Senior)	Nomination lists (with all player contact details) are returned to CCO within each region
Week commencing 19th May	CCOs send out player invite letters / emails to all nominated players with information and instruction	CCOs send out player invite letters / emails to all nominated players with information and instruction	CCOs send out player invite letters / emails to all nominated players with information and instruction
Week commencing 26th May	Online Registration (payment) forms for players available. <i>All nominated players will be sent link to online form</i>	Online Registration (payment) forms for players available. <i>All nominated players will be sent link to online form</i>	Online Registration (payment) forms for players available. <i>All nominated players will be sent link to online form</i>
13th June	Final day for HPA Registration Online Registration (payment) forms for players removed.	Final day for HPA Registration Online Registration (payment) forms for players Removed.	Final day for HPA Registration Online Registration (payment) forms for players closes.
Week commencing 16th June	CCOs send out final HPA information letters emails to all players	CCOs send out final HPA information letters emails to all players	CCOs send out final HPA information letters emails to all players
12th & 13th July	HPAs	HPA's	HPA's

Week commencing 14th July	All players selected to attend U18 Camp informed by PDSO	All players selected to attend U18 Camp informed by PDSO	
Week commencing 21st July			All players selected to attend HPA / Super 4 trials informed by PDSO
21st – 23rd July		U18 TDG / HPA Camp	
Week commencing 28th July		Players selected from July camp invited to August camp informed	
21st – 23rd August		U18 TDG Camp	
22nd – 24th August			HPA / Super 4 trials

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