

To all young rugby players

For those emerging young players that want to progress along the current player pathway from Junior Club Rugby through to the Emirates Western Force there will be a number of choices that you are asked to make.

There will be many people tell you that you need to move to "club x" to have any chance of making it as a rugby player, or that you need to weigh this many kilograms to be competitive, or that you have to play 1st grade by the time your 20 etc. This type of advice, though well meaning, is not necessarily true.

All players that play consistently at a high level will be noticed regardless of club. This is particularly true in the WAJRU competition, U18s and U20s competitions where all clubs compete and it is not split into premier and non-premier teams.


When considering moving to another club you should not be swayed by playing for that club because of its reputation. The quality of coaching, the quality of the rugby program provided, or the opportunity to play better rugby should be the factors that help make your decision.

Too often players change clubs only to find that they have the same or less opportunity.

Becoming the best rugby player you can be is a long term commitment that requires a consistent effort in the gym, at training and on Saturdays over a number of years. Changing clubs is not always the answer plain old hard work is.

Good luck with your rugby in 2013.

Yours sincerely



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