

Crusaders International Rugby Player Development Programme Launches

In a Super Rugby competition that has been running for 20 years, the Crusaders have developed a winning culture by snapping up a record seven titles in Super Rugby and have produced world-class players such as Richie McCaw, Dan Carter and Kieran Read.

In early 2016 we will see the Crusaders International High Performance Unit offer a new player development programme called "Work, Train and Play". In partnership with one of New Zealand's recruitment heavyweights Canstaff, the Crusaders IHPU is offering the opportunity for rugby players to come and work in New Zealand whilst being part of a unique International Rugby programme.

Success is something that has been a hallmark of the Crusaders. This mighty team from New Zealand has become renown for being a reliable producer of All Blacks, in fact on average one in three make it to this level from the Crusaders stable!

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How does New Zealand keep on producing rugby's elite?

One of the frequently asked questions we hear is how a small country like New Zealand (with a population well under 5 million) can generate such a high calibre of rugby players.

To help answer this question, international players are being offered a once in a lifetime experience to come to New Zealand to train and play rugby and immerse themselves in the Kiwi culture - in the heart of the world's rugby mecca!

Seize your opportunity to train with some of the best:

The Crusaders are offering a unique opportunity to do this through their International High Performance programme (IHPU).

In response to player and coach demand the IHPU was founded in 2008. The Crusaders are the most successful Super Rugby side in the history of the game having won the title an unprecedented 7 times.

The purpose of the international programme is to offer a unique insight into the hotbed of NZ Rugby, the home that developed the McCaws, Carters and Reads of this world and consistently produces the most All Blacks each year.

Training Programmes for 2016:

The player programmes for 2016 are aligned with the outstanding Crusaders Rugby Academy and is

offering aspiring young professional players the chance to learn from the best. These programmes are mainly based at the home of the Crusaders.

The Crusaders International programme is offering 2 player programmes in 2016

Elite Programme:

This is aimed at the aspiring rugby professional who wants to focus full-time on their rugby career. This programme has produced a number of international players and there was an impressive five graduates recently participating at the latest RWC in England.

Players have the option of attending for part or all of the NZ rugby club season and its perfectly aligned with the Northern Hemisphere's "off season".

Work, Train and Play (WTP) Programme:

2016 will see a new programme introduced for those players who want to experience New Zealand's rugby culture while also working.

In partnership with one of New Zealand's leading recruitment companies Canstaff, they will also offer assistance with finding a job, place players in a suitable rugby club and provide them with a high performance rugby programme to round off the whole unique New Zealand rugby experience. There are a number of start dates available early 2016 and cohort numbers are very limited.

Coach or player? Upskill in NZ

Players and coaches are applying now to learn more about New Zealand rugby, find jobs, travel abroad and take their game to the next level!

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