



Talented Pathway – Recommendations and Selection Process

Paradise Soccer Club supports the talented pathway and one way we measure our success in developing players is how many Paradise players are selected for opportunities within the talented pathway. The NLSA offers the following programs as part of the [NLSA talented pathway](#);

- 1) Whitecaps Pre-Prospects Program – once per week training program during the winter & Summer months
- 2) NLSA Provincial Teams Program – one weekend per month commencing November and culminating in Atlantic Tournaments in July
- 3) Whitecaps Prospects Program – twice per week training program during the winter months

The recommendation and selection processes are as follows;

- 1) Whitecaps PRE-PROSPECTS PROGRAM (U11/U12)

Each year in the fall the NLSA will call out to clubs for recommendations for players (U10 and U11 in the summer of the current year that will then graduate in the fall into the U11 and U12 age groups) to receive an invitation to tryout at the Pre-Prospects ID camp for the coming winter training phase and again in the Spring for the summer training phase. The Manager of Soccer Operations provides a list of recommended players that has been identified through our ongoing player assessment process. Players are assessed on 5 key criteria (Understanding, Technique, Attitude, Physical Abilities, Speed) and receive recommendations if they meet the required standard.

Please Note: Commencing in 2018/19 NLSA has decided not to run a program for the U10 age group as they have done previously.

- 2) NLSA PROVINCIAL TEAMS PROGRAMS (U13, U14, U15, U16, U18)

Under 13 – NLSA will call for recommendations prior to the U12 ID Mega Tournament during the summer season. The Manager of Soccer Operations provides each year a list of recommended U12 players that has been identified through our ongoing player assessment process. Players are assessed on 5 key criteria (Understanding, Technique, Attitude, Physical Abilities, Speed). All players are then scouted by NLSA staff at the U12 ID weekend and NLSA staff will then select a number of players that they will then invite to try out for the U13 Provincial Team.



Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 - Attendance at the Provincial Team Tryouts will be by invitation only. Each year after the conclusion of the summer season the NLSA will call out to clubs for recommendations for these age groups. The Manager of Soccer Operations through consultation with the team Head Coach provides each year a list of recommended players. Also, players that were part of the Provincial Team in the previous season will receive an invitation back to try out automatically.

Under 18 – NLSA offers open tryouts for this age groups. This is a two-year age bracket and interested U17 and U18 players are encouraged to register if they wish to try out.

3) Whitecaps PROSPECTS PROGRAM (U13 – 17 Players)

Under 13 - Graduates from the U12 Pre-prospects Program players will be considered for invitation to attend the Under 13 Prospects ID camp in the fall. NLSA/Whitecaps staff will assess these players for invitation.

Under 14 – 17 Attendance at the Fall ID camp will be by invitation only. Invites are at the sole discretion of the NLSA Coaching staff & will be based on their assessments of the top performing players in the previous years Provincial Teams Programs as well as Prospects program.