



# RUGBY, CULTURE & ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



ELITE VENUE



TOP RUGBY TUTORS



HIGH PERFORMANCE  
PROGRAMME



TOP ENGLISH  
TUITION

We are Rugby Academy Ireland, a game-breaking, full-time residential rugby academy based in County Kildare in the province of Leinster, Ireland. We are Ireland's first fully independent rugby academy for aspiring professional rugby players, aiming to revolutionise the game by offering ambitious, hard-working individuals an exceptional opportunity to exponentially enhance their rugby and life skills, uniquely preparing them for success in professional rugby.

## WHO ARE WE

**Dan van Zyl** Co-Founder & Director of Rugby



Dan is a hugely experienced former Springbok & Super Rugby player who has worked at the top of the Irish game in coaching & player development roles with Leinster Rugby (U18, U19 & Women's Head Coach) and the IRFU (Irish Students & Youths Head Coach). A fully accredited World Rugby Educator, Dan is passionate about maximising the potential of top young players, with testimonials from some of Ireland's best young players who he has coached.

**Johan Taylor** Co-Founder & Managing Director



Johan brings a wealth of coaching experience, including a successful stint as head coach of the Sri Lanka National Team and top domestic roles with All Ireland League sides, most recently Naas RFC. Also a World Rugby Educator, he is a student of the game, focusing on improving key player and coach development programmes offered internationally.

## OUR COACHES, TUTORS & MENTORS

Sebastian Berti  
BJ Botha  
Len Browne  
Gary Conway  
Thinus Delpont

Denis Fogarty  
Bernard Jackman  
Hendre Marnitz  
Will Matthews  
Johne Murphy

Mike Ross  
Philippe Saint-Andre  
Eoin Sheriff  
Bobby Skinstad

Watch this space for further high profile specialists to be announced

## OUR PILLARS



**Players** – maximise the potential of all attendees across rugby, education & personal development



**Rugby** – become the ultimate standard bearer for the independent rugby development of aspiring professional players



**Social** – contribute in a positive and socially responsible way to the development of rugby globally



Our South American representative **SEBASTIAN BERTI** will work with teams, groups or individuals interested in experiencing the high-performance Rugby Academy Ireland development programmes at our top class 4\* Kilsahee Hotel venue in Ireland including;

- FULL TIME RESIDENTIAL RUGBY ACADEMY
- SHORT STAY RUGBY ACADEMY PROGRAMME (1 – 3 MONTH PACKAGES)
- HIGH PERFORMANCE RUGBY TOURS INCLUDING TOP TOURING GAMES
- COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (IN IRELAND OR INTERNATIONALLY)

For more information on our South American-focussed offering, please contact Sebastian by email on [info@rugbyacademyireland.ie](mailto:info@rugbyacademyireland.ie) or by contacting him on +353 83 066 0562 (IRE) or +56 994898556 (Chile)

### Sebastian Berti

#### PLAYING

Chilean international, XV & 7s level

Cornwall (England) County Level, XV's & 7s level

Cornish Pirates, National 2 Div, Champions 2002/03

Clontarf RFC, former scrum half 1998/99

Richmond FC, former fly half 2006/07

Newbridge College, Leinster Schools Senior Cup 1995/96 Finalist

#### COACHING

Defence & Skills Coach, Chile National Team

Club Head Coach, Chile National League level

Coach at Newbridge College and Newbridge RFC



## SHORT STAY RUGBY ACADEMY PROGRAMME

Join the world class Rugby Academy Ireland Academy team for an intensive high performance rugby development stay, that will combine top class rugby coaching, a full programme of sports science modules, high level club rugby playing experience and English language development.

This programme is targeted at players aged 15-19 years and includes;

- 4, 6, 8 or 12 weeks academy placements
- 2 to 3 sessions per day with the full academy players including areas like position-specific skills, strength & conditioning, physical testing, speed agility & quickness, video analysis, etc.
- Club playing experience including match fees (where applicable)
- All accommodation and meals included
- Ireland sightseeing tours
- Tickets to attend top Leinster & professional games
- English language module

## PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Includes all accommodation & meals, full Rugby Academy Ireland kit, all educational materials and tutoring, full Academy player testing and reporting, personal development support.

\*Not included flights or transfer costs, any medical/dental/physiotherapy costs, medical/personal/travel insurance, any visa or additional travel costs etc.

# TESTIMONIALS

"I first came across Dan as a 16 year old during summer training with the Leinster Development squad. After that, he coached me when playing for the Irish Youths and we've always had a very good and fun-filled relationship since.



He is a very enthusiastic guy that believes in the individual's role within the team context and is all about developing a player's skill set, whether you are a back or a forward. His whole ethos about rugby is to be positive and play what you see, trusting your skills.

Dan helped me in the development of my game understanding and encouraged me to always have enjoyment and bring enthusiasm to what I do."

## **Tadhg Furlong**

**- Leinster, Ireland and British & Irish Lion Tighthead**

"My experience at the Academy was amazing, with the training in skills and strength being very specific. Sebastian did a great job helping every single player to improve skills that their positions required. For me, as a fly half and full back, he helped me a lot with my kicking and passing technique.

To play Irish Rugby was just something else, the way they play and the skills of all the players was incredible. They are at completely another level. The house where we stayed was fantastic and between the players we created a great atmosphere, becoming close friends that remains the case today.

Those 2 months I learnt a lot as a player and a person, where I stayed and worked with people I didn't know but shared a common purpose with which was very special."

## **Matías Giannetti, Rugby Player Graduate**

"The academy gives a complete life experience. Not just from the rugby side but also from the formative and education aspects too.

To be share such an experience with players from different backgrounds, the rugby and Irish culture delivered by professional coaches in a safe environment with great facilities, is without a doubt a great opportunity."

## **Veronica Latuf, Parent**

OPERATIONAL  
PARTNERS



**BLK**



"Dan van Zyl had a big influence on my underage rugby. In Development squads (as coach for the Leinster Youths in 2012/13), he was always a valued mentor.

During these times, I could hardly remember a time where I didn't learn something new from him. His love for the game and the detail with which he saw it was contagious. I always knew, if I needed extra support with anything, Dan would be willing to help. If it meant staying behind after trainings, or even meeting up before, Dan would always be there.

He had a major influence on me and I'd still feel, if I needed to, that I could pick up the phone and ask him something."

**Joey Carbery - Joey Carbery - Munster & Irish Rugby  
6 Nations Grand Slam Winner**



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