



Palatine Girl's Rugby Background & Opportunity



We are forming a Girl's High School side in April 2011 to play a limited season in the spring and another in the autumn. **We are looking for athletic 8th Grade & High School Girls to join us and PLAY RUGBY!**

Background

There is an incredible opportunity for a strong Girl's Rugby Club in Illinois.

- The iYRA Middle School Division has 10 clubs and is technically a coed division. However, only one female player participated during the last two seasons out of approx. 200 players in total.
- The iYRA Boy's High School Clubs are divided into three Tiers with a total of 40 clubs.
- The iYRA Girl's High School Clubs are organized into a single Division of 7 clubs.
Of these, only two consistently field a strong side: Plainfield & St. Charles.

Throughout the US, the disparity is not quite so extreme:

Player Category	Male	% of Category	Female	% of Category	Totals	% of All Players
Pre-teen:	2,580	91%	253	9%	2,833	3%
Teen:	28,886	76%	8,929	24%	37,815	43%
Adult:	35,794	75%	11,709	25%	47,503	54%
Total:	67,260	76%	20,891	24%	88,151	

Source: International Rugby Board website - <http://www.irb.com/unions/union=11000012/index.html>

Opportunity

The USA Men's National Team was ranked #15 in 2010. **The USA Women's National Team was ranked #5 in 2010.**

The Women's National Team was officially formed in 1987. **The Eagles won the first official Women's Rugby World Cup in 1991**, and finished second in the two following World Cups (1994, 1998). At the 2006 Women's Rugby World Cup, the USA finished with a 4-1 record, which was a vast improvement from the 2002's seventh-place finish. Most recently the Eagles finished the 2010 Women's Rugby World Cup in 5th place, just behind New Zealand, England, Australia, and France.

Source: USA Rugby Board website - www.USARugby.org

We are supported by the **North Shore Women's Rugby Club** (ranked #3 in the USA).

Palatine Girls have a great opportunity to advance quickly to the highest levels of Rugby.

Join Us – Play Rugby!

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