

Global Growth of Women's Rugby

Women's rugby is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world. Since 2006, the number of women's rugby participants has demonstrated regular and sustainable growth. Due to expanded rugby opportunities available to girls and women, (fifteens, sevens, touch, tag, flag, etc), there has been a demonstrated rise in participation. This expansion is reflected in the latest data which estimates the number of players in 2014 is over 1,400,000. Women and girls are now playing Rugby in 110 countries across all six IRB Regional Associations.

Within the United States, there are an estimated 25,000 teenage females playing some version of rugby, with nearly 10,000 high school players competing on 345 teams. Within the category of pre-teen girls, the numbers are even higher with an estimated 400,000 participants.

FEMALE PARTICIPATION 2013-14

**Totals reflect actual Registered plus Estimated Non-Registered Players and Clubs.

Country	Female Pre-Teens TOTAL	Female Teens TOTAL	TOTAL PRE-COLLEGE FEMALE PLAYERS	Pre-Teen Clubs TOTAL	Teen Clubs TOTAL	TOTAL PRE-COLLEGE FEMALE CLUBS
American Samoa	0	650	650	0	150	150
Andorra	1,038	243	1,281	6	1	7
Argentina	157	166	323	157	170	327
Australia	79,126	5,483	84,609	0	0	0
Austria	8	26	34	8	23	31
Barbados	32	17	49	0	3	3
Belgium	827	414	1,241	148	132	280
Bermuda	105	10	115	0	0	0
Bosnia & Herze	36	22	58	36	22	58
Botswana	350	2,100	2,450	40	120	160
Brazil	2,234	1,164	3,398	432	302	734
British Virgin Island	79	45	124	0	0	0
Bulgaria	258	144	402	240	144	384
Cameroon	200	250	450	200	250	450
Canada	3,593	23,691	27,284	495	2,488	2,983
Cayman	268	122	390	261	150	411
Chile	127	168	295	127	168	295
China	200	520	720	0	180	180
Chinese Taipei	100	60	160	0	0	0
Colombia	279	367	646	279	367	646
Cook Islands	491	105	596	38	95	133
Croatia	15	56	71	5	46	51
Czech Republic	1,804	960	2,764	102	92	194
Denmark	301	357	658	41	67	108
England	408,759	129,681	538,440	3,359	3,881	7,240
Fiji	0	50	50	0	0	0
Finland	115	696	811	0	6	6
France	3,724	2,202	5,926	3,724	2,202	5,926
Georgia	23	120	143	23	120	143
Germany	441	175	616	441	175	616
Greece	50	68	118	4	2	6
Guam	128	245	373	0	25	25
Guyana	0	107	107	0	80	80
Hong Kong	3,700	3,254	6,954	1,935	944	2,879
Hungary	52	157	209	52	157	209
India	2,132	4,378	6,510	481	1,057	1,538
Indonesia	30	35	65	12	21	33
Ireland	14,294	5,377	19,671	2,110	2,623	4,733
Israel	370	1,010	1,380	20	10	30
Italy	2,623	2,114	4,737	972	1,399	2,371
Ivory Coast	0	115	115	0	115	115
Jamaica	85	40	125	0	0	0
Japan	4,304	586	4,890	4,304	379	4,683
Kazakhstan	712	694	1,406	548	526	1,074
Kenya	160	561	721	0	0	0
Korea	40	210	250	30	110	140
Latvia	30	73	103	30	73	103
Luxembourg	270	132	402	270	132	402
Madagascar	1,482	752	2,234	1,152	636	1,788
Malaysia	0	200	200	0	150	150
Malta	486	2,600	3,086	3	20	23
Mauritius	10	18	28	0	0	0
Mexico	400	436	836	0	386	386
Moldovia	308	324	632	58	76	134
Monaco	143	172	315	143	172	315
Morocco	523	250	773	523	250	773
Namibia	833	0	833	0	0	0
Netherlands	4,671	4,157	8,828	4,671	4,157	8,828
New Zealand	10,545	3,691	14,236	2,982	741	3,723
Nigeria	0	50	50	0	40	40
Niue Islands	40	40	80	0	30	30

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Norway	100	250	350	100	250	350
Pakistan	115	279	394	80	244	324
Papua New Guinea	6,853	0	6,853	0	0	0
Paraguay	20	45	65	20	45	65
Peru	25	10	35	5	10	15
Philippines	130	215	345	85	95	180
Poland	350	324	674	30	67	97
Portugal	5,085	9,124	14,209	85	124	209
Romania	775	285	1,060	775	285	1,060
Russia	400	1,140	1,540	0	710	710
Samoa	9,057	340	9,397	4,605	340	4,945
Scotland	4,489	2,587	7,076	344	360	704
Senegal	280	140	420	280	140	420
Serbia	195	78	273	110	35	145
Singapore	400	650	1,050	400	600	1,000
Slovenia	0	10	10	0	10	10
Solomon Islands	1,205	995	2,200	0	232	232
South Africa	1,426	3,867	5,293	44	1,051	1,095
Spain	352	1,135	1,487	352	1,135	1,487
Sri Lanka	1,188	631	1,819	422	393	815
St Vin & Grenadines	21	15	36	0	15	15
Swaziland	6,742	5,549	12,291	281	581	862
Sweden	1,660	180	1,840	50	180	230
Switzerland	62	54	116	30	24	54
Tahiti	197	41	238	174	41	215
Thailand	220	650	870	0	1,050	1,050
Tonga	8,191	7,255	15,446	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago	36	48	84	31	36	67
Tunisia	2,393	2,750	5,143	583	1,278	1,861
Uganda	6,805	950	7,755	40	50	90
Ukraine	450	40	490	400	40	440
United Arab Emirates	60	1,096	1,156	30	48	78
Uruguay	1,010	210	1,220	10	10	20
USA	400,547	33,746	434,293	3,136	14,746	17,882
Vanuatu	0	100	100	0	100	100
Venezuela	80	35	115	80	35	115
Wales	0	554	554	0	554	554
Zambia	850	1,040	1,890	140	110	250
Zimbabwe	410	1,350	1,760	25	50	75