

TSRFC U18 Girls 2015



This season was the first in many where we had consistent attendance at training and games. Having a full 15 women roster with some additional subs on game day was something the coaches were not accustomed to.

The training model used this season worked well for the players who were eager to play up. The junior training ran one time slot ahead of the senior women, and so the junior players could stay for the additional time and train alongside the senior women afterward if they wanted. It was convenient for both players and coaches. Having the senior and junior players train closely together serves as a perfect transitional opportunity for the younger players who may have been too intimidated to attend a senior women's training on their own.

Playing in the TRU division was beneficial for the young girls as all games were played at the beaches which was easily accessible by all players. The junior girls league play was a big disjointed though and did not serve as adequate preparation for the playoffs. Though this was a great division for the girls development in the past, this season 2 of the 4 teams in the division struggled for numbers which left the Scottish to play 7's in 3 of 6 league games. The girls played an exceptional quarter-final game but their lack of defensive structure preparation left them weakened against the Oshawa Vikings.

The majority of recruits for the program came from Earl Haig S.S. and David & Mary Thomson C.I. (two schools where the coaches teach), Northern S.S. and North Toronto C.I. provided a few players also. TIRF supported half of the junior girls this season with a reduced registration fee. The junior program collectively is still working on a sustainable model to recruit players with coaches often changing schools they are connected to. The challenge still remains retaining these young players to play up to senior women. Commonly, junior girls who do not make their college/university teams do not return to play club in the summer. Our hope is that with increased team-wide events and season success, these young players will formulate stronger ties with their teammates that will encourage them to return in the

summer regardless of their rugby experience in the fall & winter and bring some recruits along with them.

The girls program has gained momentum each season and we hope to continue with the potential birth of a u16 girls team in 2018.

Linda Manzo & Fiona Boyd (U18 Girls Coaches)

U18 Girls Roster 2015		
Name	Position	School
Amira Chieko	Prop	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Christina Angelakis	Hooker	Leaside H.S.
Mia Palantzas	Prop	Leaside H.S.
Jingwen Lin	Lock	Earl Haig S.S
Kaley Fraser	Lock	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Jolene Akuwu	Back Row	Earl Haig S.S
Lauryn VanDyke	Back Row	Northern S.S.
Rakayyah Peters	8-man	Pickering P.H.S.
Jordynn Morgan	Scrum Half	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Christine Chao	Fly-Half	Earl Haig S.S
Andrella Manuel	Wing	Earl Haig S.S
Tanessia Buckley-Logie	Inside Center	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Kate Taylor	Outside Center	North Toronto C.I.
Sydney Jordon	Wing	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Nicole McKenzie	Full Back	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Hanan Ali	Hooker	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Michelle Yu	Back Row	R.H. King Academy
Hedy Cartmill	Hooker	Pickering P.H.S
Cecilia Manuel	Wing	Earl Haig S.S
Shani-Me Whyte	Wing	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Latesha Cupid-Douglas	Prop	David & Mary Thomson C.I.
Kaley Jacobs	Full Back	Northern S.S.
Yasemin Gencay	Wing	Forest Hill C.I.
Brooke Jensen	Fly-Half	Winston Churchill C.I.