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Atlanta Harlequins Announce Creation of U-19 Team

The Atlanta Harlequins are excited to announce the creation of a Harlequins U-19 team.

With many inaugural players coming from the former Kennesaw Mountain High School Girls Rugby Club, the new Atlanta Harlequins U-19 team will be the third side fielded under the AHWRFC banner after the Women's Premier League (WPL) squad and the Division II "Deuces" squad. The U-19 team will be comprised of players from around the Atlanta metro area, regardless of high school affiliation.

"We're eager and excited to create a viable pre-collegiate side that gives young female athletes in the area the opportunity to choose rugby as a viable sport, even if their school doesn't currently offer it. We're really glad to have them be a part of our club's legacy," says Harlequins President, Judy Dickson.

Echoing that sentiment, Co-President, Rosalind Chou: "Having the ability to try rugby, fall in love with it, and visualize the potential for a rugby career through college and into club level, and maybe even beyond is something we feel is important in growing the women's game in the States and especially in the South."

With the Harlequins being a part of the Try On Rugby program and in solidarity with the Her Rugby Counts initiative, the club is excited to be one of the only senior women's clubs in the nation to have three sides with one officially comprised of youth/U-19 players.

The new team will exist under the Harlequins club with the ongoing help and support of current coaching staff, parents, boosters as well as current senior-level Harlequins and Alumni.

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The (formerly known as) Southeast Harlequins Women's Rugby Football Club came into being in 1984 as a select side for several teams scattered about the southeastern part of the country. At the end of the spring '99 season, the team decided to honor this change in status with a change of name as well. We now proudly carry the name of our host city: The Atlanta Harlequins. Dedicated to excellence, the Harlequins continuously strive to give national credibility to rugby in the South as well as right here in Atlanta. With the current popularity of all women's sports, it is our desire to bring rugby to the forefront as a viable sport for women. The Atlanta Harlequins currently field a #4-ranked WPL (Women's Premier League) side, a Division II side that took #2 in the South in 2015, and were the 2012 USA Rugby Women's Division I National Champions. For more information, visit www.atlantaharlequins.com.