INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

October 11th, 2020

What is International Day of the Girl?

The International Day of the Girl focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

How many girls play organized soccer (CSA)?

Registered Girls in Youth Soccer within Canada: 246,142

***This number drops by 200,000 as they reach their adult years.**

Women's Sport Foundation Information:

By age 14, many girls are dropping out of sports at 2x the rate of boys.

Reasons for Drop Out:

- **Lack of positive role models**
- **Cost**
- **Decreased quality of experience**
- **Social stigma**
- **Safety and transportation issues**
- **Lack of access**

AMANDA CLAUZEL

Whitecaps REX Elite Player & Former LUSA Youth Player

Years Playing: *12 Years*
Role Model: *Samantha Kerr*

What has soccer taught you? *"...to learn from all my mistakes and not get frustrated or be hard on myself if I my make those mistakes."*

Amanda's message to young girls in sport: *"...To really love the sport you are playing and have a passion for it Take risks on the field and be confident in yourself."*

VIDA BLUE ROSSE

Player of the LUSA 08 BCSPL Girls

Years Playing: *7 Years*
Role Model:
Coach Chelsey Hannesson

What has soccer taught you? *"...Over the years, I've learned skills such as team work, perseverance, determination and quick decision making, that I can use in every aspect of my life, not just on the pitch."*

Vida Blue's message to young girls in sport:

"It's not about being perfect. It's about effort. And when you deliver that effort every day, that's where the transformation happens."

MADDIE NEWMAN

Player of the LUSA 09 DIV 1 Girls

Years Playing: *7 years*
Role Model:
Jordyn Huitema, Lucy Bronze & Alex Morgan
What has soccer taught you?
"...the importance of teamwork and that hard work can be so much fun.

Maddie's message to young girls in sport: *"...believe in yourself. Set big goals for yourself. You can achieve anything!"*