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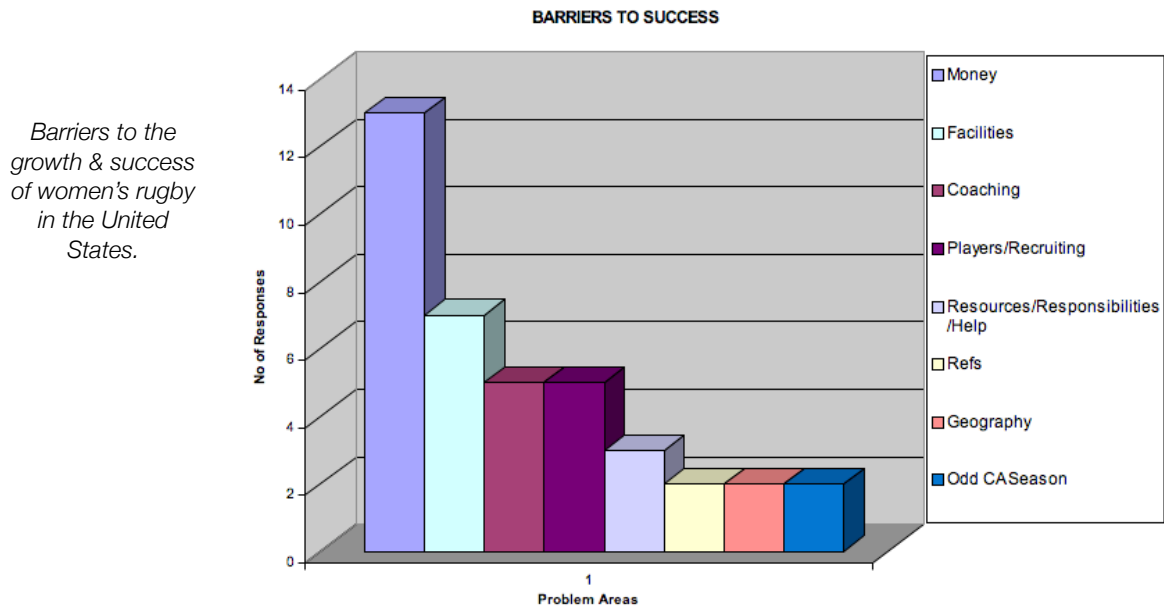
## Women's Rugby Roundtable 2007

The roundtable brought together coaches, players, and administrators from the teams attending the National Tournament to share ideas on how to improve support for and build women's club rugby. Questions were posed to the participants to gain insight into the top issues potentially holding back women's rugby. The issues brought forward by the group included:

### Barriers to Success

Problem Areas	Problem Descriptions
Money	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Money for players</li> <li>2. Decreased participation of best players at all star level due to financial restraints</li> <li>3. Funding</li> </ol>
Facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pitch Availability</li> <li>2. Facilities/resources</li> <li>3. Fields</li> </ol>
Coaching	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. High level coaching at Club level (pay)</li> <li>2. Enough Coaches</li> <li>3. Finding Coaches</li> </ol>
Players/Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Player Pool</li> <li>2. Recruitment</li> <li>3. Access to players</li> <li>4. Retention of new recruits</li> </ol>
Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lack of human resources</li> <li>2. Multiple responsibilities</li> <li>3. Volunteers/Help</li> </ol>
Referees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quantity of referees</li> <li>2. Quality of referees</li> </ol>
Geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Too much travel to play games</li> <li>2. Geographic limitations (i.e. large distances between teams)</li> <li>3. Diverse seasons</li> </ol>

Participants were also asked what the Women's Rugby Foundation could do for them.



## Suggestions to Foundation

- Fundraising
  - Help secure sponsors
  - Develop a grant program for coach & referee development
  - Reach out to one or two airlines to allow Frequent Flyer Donations. Approach hotels as well to allow miles donation. Coordinate these programs through the website
- Facilities
  - Create procedure manual on how to build a clubhouse from fields to administration
  - Host best practices conference and include local governance individuals
- Coaching / Referees
  - Create game analysis tools
  - Fund position coaches for women's camps (at all levels, not just Eagles)
  - Hold coaching clinics geared toward coaching women
  - Develop quality referees for women's sides
- Players / Recruitment
  - Fund and offer scholarships
  - Raise awareness of women's rugby in general public so that the sport is more readily accepted by youth and their parents
- Resources
  - Recognition Division II
  - Provide a nationwide network and place for teams and players of all ages (i.e., education & safety)
  - Increase support from USA Rugby for women's programs
  - Develop long-range calendar (1,2,5 year plan)
  - International Women's Rugby Events
  - Increased media exposure
  - Help organize