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## **Ottawa Rapid FC Secures National 1 License ahead of Historic Inaugural Season**

**Ottawa** – Ottawa Rapid FC is proud to announce that the club has officially been awarded a National 1 License by Canada Soccer. This prestigious designation, granted to all six Northern Super League (NSL) clubs, solidifies Ottawa Rapid FC's position as a premier professional women's soccer team and marks a significant milestone for the sport in the National Capital Region.

The National 1 License, issued under the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program, ensures that Ottawa Rapid FC meets the highest standards in infrastructure, technical operations, administration and governance. This achievement underscores the club's commitment to excellence, community growth and creating a professional soccer pathway in Ottawa as it prepares to take the field later this month for the NSL's inaugural season.

"This is a historic moment for women's soccer both in our region and in Canada, and we are honored to be part of it," said David Renfro, local business leader and newly appointed Board Chair for Ottawa Rapid FC. "Receiving the National 1 License is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in building this club. It affirms our commitment to providing a professional environment for athletes and underscores our responsibility to the community that comes along with delivering top-tier women's soccer to the entire region."

The Northern Super League's launch represents a groundbreaking step forward for professional women's soccer in Canada. With the league set to debut as one of the top professional women's leagues globally, the excitement surrounding the game continues to grow.

Ottawa Rapid FC will take the pitch for the first time hosting its inaugural home game on Sunday, April 27 at 1 pm against AFC Toronto at the Stadium at TD Place in Lansdowne Park.

With a strong roster, including Canadian national team legend Desiree Scott, who is set to bring leadership and determination to the squad, fans can look forward to being a part of history in the making and experiencing the pageantry of the franchise's first game. The full season schedule is available [here](#).

Season tickets, single game tickets, multi-game packs and group tickets are available for purchase at [rapidfc.ca](http://rapidfc.ca). For booking assistance and to learn more details on premium seating and association experiences, contact [tickets@rapidfc.ca](mailto:tickets@rapidfc.ca).

Fans are also encouraged to stay up to date on club news by following on social media @ottrapidfc and signing up for the team's newsletter at [rapidfc.ca](http://rapidfc.ca).



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**About Ottawa Rapid FC**

Ottawa Rapid FC is one of the Northern Super League's six founding clubs set to begin play in the spring of 2025. The club is built on the principles of community, continuous improvement, collective power, and respect. Our goal is to build a world-class sports organization that inspires greatness both on and off the pitch. For more information and updates on Rapid FC, please visit [www.rapidfc.ca](http://www.rapidfc.ca)

**About the Northern Super League**

The Northern Super League is a new Canadian professional women's soccer league, which currently consists of six clubs in key Canadian markets and is set to kick off in the spring of 2025. The League is built by players and supporters of the beautiful game with best practices from around the world and aims to further Canadian excellence in sport, equity, and inclusion. For more information and updates on the Northern Super League, please visit [www.nsl.ca](http://www.nsl.ca).