



## ASSETS

### **NORTHERN SUPER LEAGUE 2025 SUPPORTERS SHIELD WINNERS AFC TORONTO ANNOUNCED AS THIRD TEAM TO COMPETE IN WORLD SEVENS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT THIS DECEMBER**

*AFC Toronto Joins Mexico's Club América and Brazil's Clube de Regatas do Flamengo in \$5 Million Showdown at First-Ever North American Event in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*

**NEW YORK (October 20, 2025):** World Sevens Football (W7F) announced AFC Toronto, the winners of the 2025 Northern Super League Supporters' Shield, as the newest addition to its first-ever W7F event in North America, set for December 5–7, 2025, at Beyond Bancard Field in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Canadian side joins Mexico's Club América and Brazil's Clube de Regatas do Flamengo on a growing roster of elite teams competing in a high-stakes, high-energy, 7v7 soccer showdown.

"We are proud to welcome AFC Toronto — inaugural 2025 Northern Super League regular season champions and winners of the Supporters' Shield — to our second W7F tournament, where they'll represent the league against elite clubs from across the Americas," **said W7F CEO, Sarah Cummins.** "This milestone invitation marks the first time a team has qualified for W7F based on domestic performance — having finished with the most points in league play — underscoring our mission to expand global opportunities for women athletes and celebrate domestic league excellence. With one of the sport's largest prize pools, valued at \$5 million USD, the event embodies our shared commitment to driving the women's game forward."

AFC Toronto enters World Sevens Football on the back of a historic debut campaign — winning the inaugural Northern Super League Supporters' Shield in commanding fashion. With a roster led by Canadian international and captain Emma Regan, AFC Toronto is quickly establishing itself as a rising force in North American women's football.

“It’s an incredible honor for AFC Toronto to represent the Northern Super League at the first-ever World Sevens event in North America,” **said Helena Ruken, CEO of AFC Toronto.** “This is a very special invitation for our club and for professional women’s football in Toronto — a chance to show what this city and this league are building together. We are proud to compete against world-class clubs from across the Americas who share our ambition to keep moving the game forward.”

“As the Northern Super League’s inaugural regular season champions, AFC Toronto has earned the right to compete on one of the world’s biggest stages,” **said Christina Litz, President of the Northern Super League.** “Their invitation to World Sevens Football reflects the competitive standard and ambition across our league. The NSL is quickly establishing itself among the top professional women’s soccer leagues globally, and we’re committed to creating new opportunities for our athletes while showcasing the depth of Canadian talent on the international stage. AFC Toronto’s participation is a milestone that underscores the rapid growth of women’s football in Canada and our vision to inspire the next generation here at home and around the world.”

### **Tournament**

After an electrifying debut in Estoril that captivated fans across the globe, World Sevens Football returns this December to deliver once again the high-energy spectacle and global excitement that define the tournament. Eight elite clubs will battle it out over three action-packed days, chasing a share of the unprecedented \$5 million prize pool, one of the richest in the women’s game. The inaugural tournament delivered unforgettable moments, from breakout performances to global icons lighting up the pitch, and ended in dramatic fashion with Bayern München edging Manchester United in a thrilling final. Now, the stage is set for Fort Lauderdale to take the spotlight.

Tickets are now available, including premium sideline, party deck, pitchside, and VIP options. Each ticket includes access to the W7F Fan Fest, which will feature football activities, giveaways, and food and beverages for purchase. To purchase tickets, fans can visit [www.worldsevensfootball.com](http://www.worldsevensfootball.com).

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### **About World Sevens Football**

World Sevens Football (W7F) is a global 7v7 women's football series that debuted in May 2025 with a successful event in Estoril, Portugal. Featuring fast-paced seven-a-side matches and a \$5 million prize pool per tournament, W7F brings together top professional clubs in an exciting new format. The Fort Lauderdale tournament, taking place December 5–7, 2025, marks the series' expansion into North America, and will showcase eight elite clubs from across the Americas, each among the strongest in their respective leagues. W7F works in partnership with DAZN for worldwide broadcast, sub-licensing and marketing, as well as co exclusive sublicensee partners TNT, Univision and ESPN. Guided by a distinguished Player Advisory Council, W7F is committed to elevating women's football and providing unique opportunities for players and fans worldwide.

### **About AFC Toronto**

AFC Toronto is a founding club in the Northern Super League, Canada's new professional women's soccer league. The club is delivering a winning culture for players, staff, and supporters in its inaugural 2025 season.

Rooted in community and driven by purpose, AFC Toronto exists not only to compete at the highest level, but to create a platform for girls and women to lead, grow, and thrive — on and off the pitch. Guided by its ethos — Run It Our Way — the club is reimagining what it means to pursue excellence, build meaningful connections, and define success on its own terms.

Learn more at [afctoronto.com](https://afctoronto.com) or follow @afc.toronto on social media.

### **About the Northern Super League**

The Northern Super League is Canada's first professional women's soccer league with six founding clubs: Calgary Wild FC, Halifax Tides FC, Montréal Roses, Ottawa Rapid FC, AFC Toronto and Vancouver Rise FC. Built by players including former Canadian Women's National Team players Diana Matheson, Christine Sinclair (part-owner of the Vancouver Rise FC) and supporters, the League is rooted in global best practices and strives to champion Canadian excellence in sport, equity, and inclusion. For broadcast, streaming and ticket information, visit [www.NSL.ca](https://www.NSL.ca).