

# The Kickoff

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD OF EMSA

## KICKING HUNGER TO THE SIDELINES!

Another successful EMSA Kicks Hunger Campaign for 2025! For the third year in a row, we have been able to reach our goals. This November, the EMSA community helped us collect 648lbs of non-perishable food items and \$1,000 in donated cheques!

Thank you to all the clubs, leagues and members who participated with a special shout out to Oakridge SC and AEL FC for their generous donations.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our thank yous to the BMO Centre for hosting our donation bins all month and our staff for spreading the word.



## Changing The Game One Kick At A Time



A huge congratulations to our very own Jennifer Jaquith from NorWest United Soccer Club for being recognized as a Volkswagen Game Changer!

Jaquith has been recognized for her commitment to advancing the development of women and girls in soccer with the establishment of the program "She's Got Goals." Her passion, leadership, and commitment to youth soccer shine bright. Truly making a difference on and off the field!

Watch the full story here →

[youtube.comhttps://youtube.com/watch?v=yBN4q9j\\_LIw&themeRefresh=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBN4q9j_LIw&themeRefresh=1)

## Good Luck in Ontario Cup!



The Ontario Indoor and Futsal Cup have begun! Good luck to all of our clubs and teams who are taking part in the competition.

## Hit. Stop. Sit.



It's no longer a suggestion - it's the law. Follow us on our social media to learn about Rowan's Law and what it means for you. More details here →

<https://emsadistrict.com/DisplayPage.aspx?PageID=5981>

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# GO-GETTERS & GAME CHANGERS!



## From Railway City to the Isle of Spice

Raquelle Mitchell is headed south! She has been selected from the Railway City L2 Women's team to head to Grenada, playing for their Senior National Women's team.

"We are so proud of Rocky. She works hard, has the best attitude, and truly exemplifies resilience and perseverance. What an accomplishment." - Railway City FC

## Chasing her dreams

Driven, hungry and aiming high - Kuni Steinbock has been making her mark in Germany as a standout performer on FC Viktoria 1889 Berlin. She's been on the team since 2024, finishing school, dominating the regional league and chasing the dream of playing professionally.

Keep up the great work!



## Making waves

Sadie Waite is heading full speed into the Ottawa Rapids! She has signed with the team for the next NSL season.

From St. Thomas to Whitecaps, she was recognized and recruited by the U17 National Team and also played for FC Londons' U18 Team.

A leader. A competitor. A big-moment player.

Good luck Sadie!



## Braga bound

From London TFC to Braga, Portugal! Sofia Martins is taking the next step in her development at one of Europe's top clubs.

This achievement reflects the power of strong development pathways, global partnerships, and players earning their opportunities. Congratulations and good luck on the next chapter!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Ontario Soccer Summit

If you haven't already, make sure to secure your tickets for this year's Ontario Soccer Summit! The fun starts on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
More details → <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/the-soccer-summit>



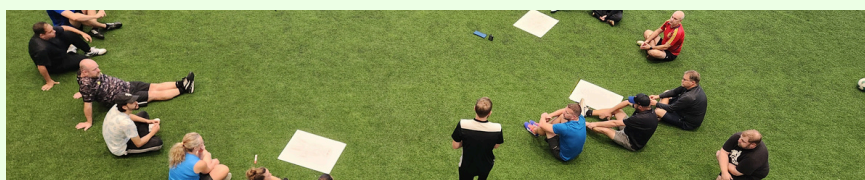
### Shine the Light

Shine the Light is back! Register Now:  
<https://app.eventconnect.io/events/42611/registration-type/create?nav=hidden>



### Coaching Boys Into Men - Big Goals, Bigger Lessons

EMSA has partnered with the London Abused Women's Centre to bring Coaching Boys Into Men program to our soccer community. For more information head to → <https://emsadistrict.com/DisplayPage.aspx?PageID=6403>



### Sign Up for Coaches Courses

Register now on [coachcentre.ca](http://coachcentre.ca)  
Learn to Train - Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Fundamentals - Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Soccer For Life - Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Learn to Train for Women Coaches - Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Active Start - Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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