

# Fury FC to Face FC Edmonton in Amway Canadian Championship

CSA Announces 2014 Amway Canadian Championship Schedule

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Friday, December 6, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – The Canadian Soccer Association today announced the schedule for the 2014 Amway Canadian Championship, the national competition featuring the country's five professional clubs that determines Canada's representative for the CONCACAF Champions League.

"It's a privilege for us to participate in this competition," said Ottawa Fury FC head coach Marc Dos Santos. "It will be the first one in the club's history, so we want to make sure that we honour our city and our fans."

The seventh edition of the championship will see Ottawa Fury FC, Canada's newest NASL club, and FC Edmonton, play a preliminary knock-out home and away round. The winner, the team that scores the greater aggregate of goals over the two matches, will secure the fourth semi-final place and join the three Canadian MLS clubs, Montreal Impact, Toronto FC and Vancouver Whitecaps FC in the next round.

"Fury FC is delighted to participate in the 2014 Amway Canadian Championship as the 5<sup>th</sup> professional club in Canada", said Fury FC President, John Pugh. "With a berth in the semi-final against the Montreal Impact as the prize for the winner, our home and away preliminary round tie against FC Edmonton is sure to be very competitive. We look forward to welcoming the "Eddies" to Ottawa for the first leg on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The three MLS clubs have been seeded according to their final position in league play for 2013, with the winner of the preliminary round entering the competition seeded in fourth place.

## 2014 Amway Canadian Championship seeding

- 1. Montreal Impact
- 2. Vancouver Whitecaps FC
- 3. Toronto FC
- 4. Winner of Ottawa Fury FC/FC Edmonton





As per previous years, the semi-final stage of the competition is played on a home and away knock-out format in which the highest ranked team will play at home in the second leg. The team which scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the final.

The final will also be played on a home and away basis (two legs). The highest seeded team qualified for the final has the option of deciding which leg it plays at home. Once again, the team that comes on top on aggregate for the two matches is declared champion and earns the right to represent Canada in the 2014-2015 CONCACAF Champions League.

## **2014 Amway Canadian Championship schedule** (home team listed first)

23 April 2014 - Preliminary round - first leg Ottawa Fury v FC Edmonton

30 April 2014 - Preliminary round - second leg FC Edmonton v Ottawa Fury

7 May 2014 - Semi Final 1 - first leg Ottawa Fury FC/FC Edmonton v Montreal Impact

7 May 2014 - Semi Final 2 - first leg Toronto FC v Vancouver Whitecaps FC

14 May 2014 - Semi Final 1 - second leg Montreal Impact v Ottawa Fury FC/FC Edmonton

14 May 2014 - Semi Final 2 - second leg Vancouver Whitecaps FC v Toronto FC

28 May 2014 - Final First Leg\*

4 June 2014 - Final Second Leg

\*this game will be played on 27 May if Vancouver Whitecaps FC plays at home

Once again this year the Amway Canadian Championship will be broadcast on Sportsnet.





Through the first six editions of the Amway Canadian Championship, Impact Montréal were inaugural champions (2008) followed by Toronto FC who won the Voyageurs Cup in four successive seasons (2009 to 2012), before Impact Montreal won the championship again in 2013. In CONCACAF Champions League, both Impact Montréal (2008-09) and Toronto FC (2011-12) have reached the quarter-final phase of continental club championship.

Tickets to the Amway Canadian Championship preliminary knock-out round featuring Ottawa Fury FC and FC Edmonton are included in all Fury FC season ticket packages. Secure your attendance at the Amway Canadian Championship by making a \$25 deposit to purchase season tickets by <u>clicking here</u> or by calling 613.232.6767 X1

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### **About Ottawa Fury FC**

On June 20, 2011 the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced that Ottawa, ON had been awarded an expansion franchise. The new team, owned by the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG), will commence League play in the 2014 NASL season. On February 26, 2013 OSEG announced that Ottawa's NASL franchise would be named Ottawa Fury FC. For more information about Ottawa Fury FC, visit <a href="www.OttawaFuryFC.com">www.OttawaFuryFC.com</a>. Follow Ottawa Fury FC on Twitter <a href="@OttawaFuryFC">@OttawaFuryFC</a> and Facebook at <a href="http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC">http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC</a>

## **About the Amway Canadian Championship**

The 2014 Amway Canadian Championship features Canada's five professional clubs taking part in a two-legged home-and-away three-round competition. The winning club will lift the Voyageurs Cup and earn the right to represent Canada in 2014-15 CONCACAF Champions League. Follow the 2014 Amway Canadian Championship on Twitter by using #canChamp. For more details visit canadasoccer.com/championship.





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