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American Football League Europe Confirms Warsaw Eagles as Ninth Franchise for the 2027 Season

The American Football League Europe (AFLE) today confirmed that the Warsaw Eagles, one of Poland's most successful American football clubs, will join the league as its ninth franchise ahead of the 2027 season. The announcement was made live on stage at the AFLE Honors, held Saturday, September 5, 2026, in the Business Club of the Schauinsland-Reisen-Arena, where the Warsaw Eagles were also presented with the AFLE Honors' Prospect Team award.

With the addition of the Warsaw Eagles, the AFLE strengthens its footprint in Poland alongside the Wroclaw Panthers and continues its structured expansion into some of Europe's most established football markets as the league prepares for its second season. The club will compete in the AFLE under its established Warsaw Eagles name and existing branding, carrying its identity and history straight onto a new stage.

A Storied Club with a Winning Pedigree

Founded in 1999, the Warsaw Eagles are Poland's oldest American football organization and, in 2004, co-founded the Polish American Football Association, the sport's national governing body. Playing out of Warsaw under longtime Owner Paul Kuśmierz, the club has won the Polish Bowl six times – in 2006, 2008, 2018, 2024, 2025 and 2026 – including three consecutive titles. Today, the Eagles field senior, junior and development squads, making them one of the largest and most established football programs in Poland.

The Warsaw Eagles' championship pedigree, established infrastructure and deep talent pipeline made the club a natural fit for the AFLE's next phase of growth. The addition brings the league to currently nine franchises for 2027 and reinforces the AFLE's commitment to building competitive, sustainably run clubs across key European markets.

Expanding the League's Footprint

"The Warsaw Eagles are exactly the kind of team we set out to bring into this league – proven winners with a passionate fan base and a real American football tradition," said Andreas Nommensen, Commissioner of the AFLE. "A threepeat as Polish Bowl champions says everything about what this club is capable of, and the next logical step for them is to prove themselves at the European level. Their championship pedigree and the passion of their fans are exactly what we want at the top of this league and adding them takes another important step toward the AFLE we envisioned when we built it. Naming them our Prospect Team tonight was an easy call, and we can't wait to see them out on the field."

Paul Kuśmierz, Owner of the Warsaw Eagles, said: "Today marks a defining milestone in the history of the Warsaw Eagles. It is an extraordinary honor to officially announce that our organization will be joining the American Football League Europe (AFLE)."

He added, "When this franchise was built, our goal was simple: to compete at the highest possible level and represent Polish football on the international stage with pride, passion, and uncompromising excellence. Entering the AFLE is the culmination of years of relentless hard work from our players, coaches, staff, and partners. More than anything, it is a tribute to our incredible fans, whose unwavering dedication has carried us to this moment. The AFLE represents the premiere standard of American football in Europe. To take the field alongside the continent's top organizations is both a privilege and a thrill. We welcome this challenge with open arms and clear

purpose. We are not just entering a new league – we are bringing the spirit, toughness, and pride of Warsaw to a whole new stage.

To our fans: this achievement belongs to you as much as it does to us. Get ready – the best chapter of Warsaw Eagles football begins now.

To all AFLE fans across Europe: come visit Warsaw and experience our games for yourselves. Discover a beautiful city full of history, energy, and character, and experience the unique atmosphere that surrounds the Warsaw Eagles. Our stadium, our fans, and our city are ready to welcome you with open arms. Fly high. #GoEagles"

About The AFLE

The AFLE (American Football League Europe) is a newly established professional football league dedicated to building a sustainable, team-driven competition across Europe. Headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, and Hamburg, Germany, the league operates as an association in Vienna, Austria, owned and governed by its participating teams.

Founded on principles of transparency, collaboration, and long-term development, the AFLE was created to provide stability and professional structures for European football after years of uncertainty across the landscape.

The league's inaugural season kicked off on May 23, 2026, and concluded with the AFLE Gold Bowl on September 6, 2026. The 2026 season featured eight franchises from across Europe: Rhein Fire and Berlin Thunder from Germany, the Vienna Vikings from Austria, the Wroclaw Panthers from Poland, the Alpine Rams from Switzerland, the Paris Lights from France, the Firenze Red Lions from Italy, and the London Warriors from the United Kingdom. The Warsaw Eagles from Poland will join as the league's ninth franchise for the 2027 season.

The AFLE aims to connect fans across borders and establish a truly international competition platform that brings together established football markets and ambitious new projects.

Backed by long-term private investment, the AFLE focuses on responsible growth, modern governance, and strong media engagement. The league works closely with clubs, players, officials and partners to develop football sustainably for the next generation.

The AFLE's mission is to create a trusted home for European football, built on stability, professionalism and community.

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