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MINNESOTA RØKKR AND EFUSE TO CO-HOST WOMEN OF THE ERENA EVENT SERIES

The first Warzone event is scheduled for May 26; with a play-in on May 19

\$26,000 in prize money is up for grabs

Eagan, Minn. – May 13, 2021 – [Minnesota Røkkrr](#) and [eFuse](#) announced a new Women of the eRena Warzone event, taking place on Wednesday, May 26. The women-only event, presented by Activision, will feature 16 teams competing for \$26,000 in prize money. The event is the first in a forthcoming series co-hosted by Røkkrr and eFuse.

[Version1](#), Minnesota Røkkrr's parent company, is co-branding the event series as part of its all-new **V1SIONARIES** series. V1SIONARIES is a women-only competitive event series designed to identify and promote talented gamers who compete in and stream various titles.

"There was a time in our recent history when studies showed women leaders were not seen as 'visionary,'" says Annie Scott Riley, vice president of marketing and creative at Version1.

"Today, we see a parallel in gaming, as women in the industry are consistently underrepresented and underestimated. They're not invited to the 'table,' which in this case is the team, the sponsor deal, the tournament. We want to provide opportunities for women to lead, shine and win – so we established V1SIONARIES, an event series to do just that."

The May 26 Warzone event is a competitive kill race featuring teams of four, captained by influential Warzone competitors. [Kalei Renay](#), [Loserfruit](#), [Emz](#) of Cloud9 and [Smixie](#) – who won a Women of the eRena Warzone event last year and is a recent eFuse CoEd Cup champion – have signed on to play, with other top competitors expected to join the event as captains. The May 26 main event will be live streamed on [Call of Duty Twitch](#) and hosted by Røkkrr's own [Ashley "MiDNiTE" Glassel](#).

"I'm so excited to play in another Women of the eRena event!" says Smixie, a top Warzone streamer and event captain. "Being a part of this series from Røkkrr and eFuse means a lot to professional gamers like me, who have talent and passion to contribute to the Warzone and gaming community. It's great to see more organizations creating space for women in gaming."

The play-in event will take place on May 19, 2021 from 4:30-7:30pm CT. **Sign-up is open until Tuesday, May 18 at 11:00am CT to 30 teams of women-only competitors on a first come, first serve basis. Those interested in competing in the play-in can find tournament rules and can sign-up here: <https://efuse.gg/o/wote>.** There is no cost to register for the play in.

"Women are the most underrepresented, yet among the most skilled communities in gaming," said Matthew Benson, CEO of eFuse, the 'LinkedIn for Gamers,' "By partnering with the inspiring leadership at V1, eFuse is extending our commitment to discovering female talent. We're thrilled to welcome them as partners of the 'Women of the eRena' Warzone series as we boost our prize pool to \$26,000 and elevate our event production. While universally true, but especially for women in esports - opportunities change lives."