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## **President Message**

BMFA President - Anja Lewis



I cannot believe it is April already and our Spring Season is just around the corner! Let's hope mother nature decides to cooperate.

As our Winter Skills Camps come to a close, I would like to thank our Coaches and Board Members for their efforts in providing an amazing learning experience for our players. Without these volunteers, our program would not be able to continue to provide this quality programming to our community.

This year, we had 88 kids registered between our Bantam/Peewee and Atom/Novice Programs!

Registration is now open for our Spring/Fall Seasons and is filling up fast! Be sure to register soon to secure your spot.

Some of the events coming up that BMFA is looking forward to include: the Annual Beaumont Days Parade (keep an eye out for our float entry!) and the Leduc Jamboree at the end of June.

We are very excited for 2024 and look forward to seeing everyone on the field!

**GO BEARS!** 



2024 Spring/Fall Registration Open!



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# Registration for the Spring/Fall 2024 Season is now Open!

The 2024 Football season is finally upon us, and your BMFA Board and Coaches are excited to get started and hit the field running!

Registration is now open for the Spring/Fall Season. You will notice this year that the names have changed for the divisions to align with Football Canada.

U9 - Formerly Novice U11 - Formerly Atom U13 - Formerly Peewee U16 - Formerly Bantam

Visit our website for more details or to register!

Make sure to register early to secure your spot as spaces are limited. If you are unable to attend the spring session, we recommend that you still register, but please let your Division Director know so that the coaches can plan accordingly.

The Spring session will kick off the middle of May with practices on the Multi-Purpose Outdoor Field and working towards competing in the Annual Leduc Jamboree at the end of June. Players and families can then enjoy a well deserved summer break before hitting the field again in August for for our Fall Season. All dates and times will be confirmed.

Below, you will find the 2024 Fee Guide, as well as a description of our refund policy. Should you have any questions regarding registration, please reach our to our Registrar at

registration@beaumontfootball.ca.

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

June 30, 2024: Last day to withdraw with BMFA season fee reimbursed.

<u>August 15, 2024:</u> Last day to withdraw with 50% of BMFA season fee reimbursed.

**NOTE:** CDMFA Fees, Football AB Fees and a \$20 BMFA Admin Fee are Non-Refundable





with Training Director - Krista Brayford

We are looking for volunteer athletic trainers for all our Divisions for the upcoming season. Trainers are required to be on the field during both practices and games.

BMFA will ensure that all trainers have the necessary courses and tools to be confident in their role. Required course fees will be reimbursed upon approval and successful completion.

If you are are interested in volunteering to be a trainer for any of our divisions this coming season, please contact our Training Director, Krista Brayford.

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## How do you know if your child is ready for tackle football?

As an Association, we are often asked this question when new players and parents are interested in the sport of football.

It is a question that does not have a simple answer!

Our governing league, the Capital District Minor Football Association (CDMFA), follows the rules of tackle football set forth by Football Canada. The age at which players are allowed to start tackle football is the U9 (Atom) level or around 9-10yrs old. But is that the right age for every child?

Some players develop faster than others and will be much taller and have a more physical presence. There will also be players who are quite timid and shy while their counterparts are adventurous, less fearful and want to start hitting as soon as they touch the field.

Age can be a terrible catch-all when deciding when your child is ready for tackle football because each child is going to develop at a different rate. Therefore age alone should not be the only deciding factor; consider also their emotional and physical development compared to other kids at that level.

Here are a few more questions you can ask yourself:

### Can they handle Contact?

Have you observed your child rough housing with other siblings or friends? Does this type of behavior seem upsetting to them? If not, then it is most likely that they should be ready to start training for contact football.

## What is their skill development level?

Do they have any knowledge of football? Have they played Novice or flag football previously? Starting with the basic skills can help them progress to the tackling aspect of the game.

## Are they bored of flag football or other sports?

Maybe they need something different and are finding the other sports not challenging enough

#### Have you found a good coach?

Make sure the program you pick for your child is utilizing coaches who have been given the proper training. Safe contact in tackle football is very important in reducing injury. All coaches with BMFA are provided training as required by CDMFA guidelines.

### Sneak Peek of New Merch...



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