

Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Policy on Fair Play
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## Fair Play Recommendations

- 1.1. The safety of the player is the first and foremost concern of the Board and Executive of the Capital District Minor Football Association. The head coach of each member team in the CDMFA shall ensure that:
  - 1.1.1. A player will be properly dressed with appropriately certified equipment.
  - 1.1.2. The players are adequately trained and taught the aspects of the game of football.
- 1.2. It is the responsibility of the CDMFA to ensure that any player who shows an interest in playing the sport should be given the opportunity to do so. No one should ever be turned away.
  - 1.2.1. As per Football Canada Competition Review, April 2018 “Cannot prevent a player from an opportunity to play based on his/her skill level”
    - 1.2.1.1. at the U16 level” (2020)
    - 1.2.1.2. at the U14 level or below” (2022)
- 1.3. The **three** youngest levels of the sport (**Novice, Atom and Peewee**) should be regarded as “entry level” with participation and learning as the main goals. Playoffs and Championships are proper in this context, but pursuit of them should not override the main goals. Two-way play should be regarded as a strategy of last resort and should be discouraged more strenuously at the younger age groups.
- 1.4. Any guarantee of playing time or participation should be a two-way street. Coaches should commit to rewarding those players who fully commit to their program in terms of full attendance at practices and positive attitudes with a minimum of 8 on field plays per game. Players who do not conform to this model should be dealt out playing time based on the coach’s discretion. It is the responsibility of the participating associations offering minor football in the CDMFA to oversee the implementation of these recommendations as they fit their particular situations. These are recommendations only and will not be subject to interpretation as “rules” for participation.