

Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Player Eligibility, Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries Policy
Source	CDMFA Boundaries & Release Committee
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CDMFA Eligibility, Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries

1. UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS

- 1.1. Football is for the players.
- 1.2. All member teams are honourable.
- 1.3. CDMFA is a facilitating organization.
- 1.4. CDMFA shall hold Member Associations accountable to these RPPs.

2. PLAYER RECRUITMENT

- 2.1. Teams and Clubs are free to recruit players without hindrance from within their assigned recruitment zone. Teams and Clubs shall not recruit players within the recruitment zone of another Club when that Club has a team competing in the same Level. The act of “actively recruiting” players shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, making the initial contact with a prospective player who resides within another Club’s recruitment zone, or making subsequent unsolicited contact with a prospective player who resides within another Club’s recruitment zone.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: Age divisions and naming format to be reviewed to align with LTAD for 2024 programming.

- 3.1. Any individual meeting age requirements, regardless of weight, is eligible to play any position within their age division of the CDMFA.
 - 3.1.1. Refer to CDMFA Policy “Registrations” regarding proof of age, grade and residence.
- 3.2. Spring Tackle - Traditional U18
 - 3.2.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the CDMFA.
 - 3.2.2. No individual entering Grade 12 at any time during the school year of the current season will be eligible to play in the Midget level of the CDMFA. The “school year” shall be the year of the current season, ending at the completion of the term concurrent with that season. For the purposes of this clause, the third year of high school will be deemed to be Grade 12, regardless of the actual courses that an individual may be enrolled in.
 - 3.2.3. (U18) Midget Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.

- 3.3. Spring Tackle - Girls U18
 - 3.3.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the CDMFA.
 - 3.3.2. (U18) Sr Girls Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.
 - 3.3.3. (U16) Jr Girls Division. No player over the age of sixteen (16) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.

- 3.4. Spring Flag - Traditional U8-U16
 - 3.4.1. (U16) Bantam Division. No player over the age of fifteen (15) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Bantam Division.
 - 3.4.2. (U13) Pee wee Division. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Pee wee Division.
 - 3.4.3. (U11) Atom Division. No player over the age of ten (11) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Atom Division.
 - 3.4.4. (U9) Novice Division. No player over the age of eight (8) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Novice Division.

- 3.5. Fall Flag - U9
 - 3.5.1. (U9) Novice Division. No player over the age of eight (8) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Novice Division.
 - 3.5.1.1. It is mandated that the U8 division will be non-contact only. (Football Canada April 2018)

- 3.6. Fall Tackle - Traditional U11-U16
 - 3.6.1. No individual entering high school (grades 10, 11, or 12), at any time during the calendar year of the current season, will be eligible to play in the Bantam Level of the CDMFA.
 - 3.6.2. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 9 shall be eligible to play Bantam Football in the CDMFA if he is currently on the roster of a High School football team.
 - 3.6.3. (U16) Bantam Division. No player over the age of fifteen (15) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Bantam Division.
 - 3.6.4. (U13) Pee wee Division. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Pee wee Division.
 - 3.6.5. (U11) Atom Division. No player over the age of ten (10) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Atom Division.

LTAD Level	TACKLE PROGRAM ** Age on Dec 31 (year season is played)	Age Division **	Birth Year **
Fundamentals	6, 7, 8	U9 (Novice) Flag only.	2015, 2016, 2017
Learn to Train	8, 9, 10	U11 (Atom) 6v6 Tackle	2013, 2014, 2015
Train to Train	11, 12	U13 (PeeWee) 9v9 Tackle	2011, 2012
Train to Train	13, 14, 15	U16 (Bantam) 9v9 or 12v12 Tackle	2008, 2009, 2010 No grade 10's
Train to Train	16, 17, 18	U18 (Midget) Traditional 12v12 Girls 6v6	2005, 2006, 2007 No grade 12's

**to be revised for 2024

LTAD Level	NON-CONTACT PROGRAM Age on Dec 31 (year season is played)	Age Division	Birth Year **
Fundamentals	6, 7,8	8U (Novice)	2015, 2016, 2017
Learn to Train	9, 10	10U (Atom)	2013, 2014
Train to Train	11, 12	12U (PeeWee)	2011, 2012
Train to Train	13, 14, 15, 16 **	16U (Bantam)	2008, 2009, 2010

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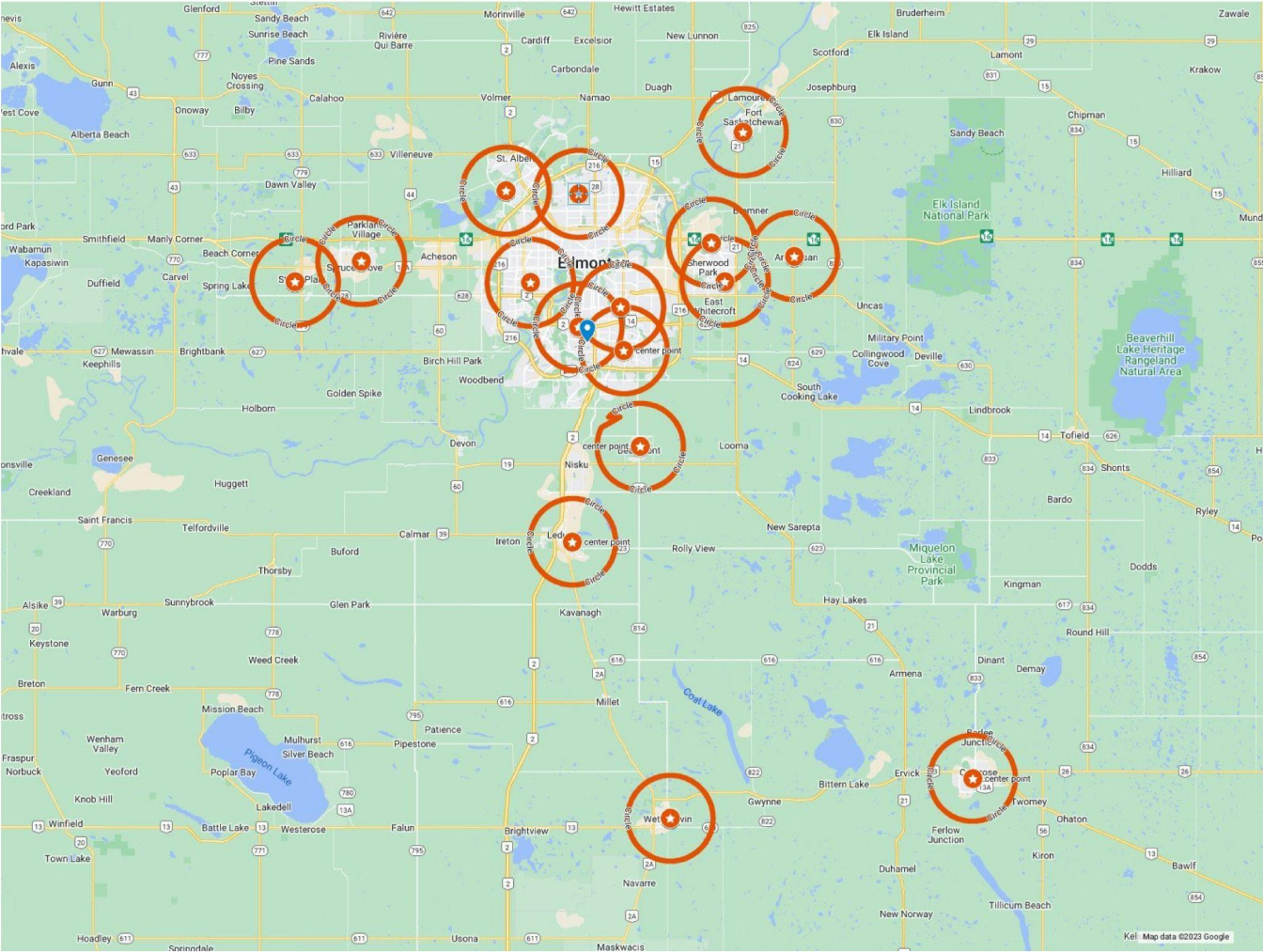
4. RECRUITMENT ZONES AND BOUNDARIES

For the purpose of this Section, a player's primary residence, shall be used to determine recruitment rights. Clubs shall have recruitment rights within Recruitment Zones as defined by the following Recruitment Boundaries:

- 4.1. Clubs shall have exclusive recruitment rights to players whose primary residence is within 5 kilometers of their designated clubhouse.

- 4.2. Any player with a residence outside the designated 5 kilometer zone of any club, may select the club they chose to play for.
 - 4.2.1. These are open recruitment zones for any CDMFA club.
- 4.3. Any player with a residence that lies in an “overlapped” 5-kilometer zone of multiple clubs, may chose between those clubs
 - 4.3.1. These are shared recruitment zones for the CDMFA clubs within the 5-kilometer zone
- 4.4. Clarification for Outlying Groups with “Modified Format”
 - 4.4.1. Raven’s & Northern Spirits share both communities and split the programming between the two clubs.
 - 4.4.1.1. Fort McMurray Raven’s Football Association (Traditional Tackle U8-U18)
 - 4.4.1.1.1. Ravens will share the City of Fort McMurray, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and surrounding counties with the Fort McKay Northern Spirits
 - 4.4.1.2. Fort McKay Northern Spirits (Girls Tackle U16 & U18)
 - 4.4.1.2.1. Fort McKay Northern Spirits will share the City of Fort McMurray, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and surrounding counties with the Fort McKay Northern Spirits
 - 4.4.2. Clubs who offer Traditional Tackle U18 Programming (Midget) only:
 - 4.4.2.1. Parkland Predators (Parkland Football Association) Traditional Tackle U18
 - 4.4.2.1.1. Recruit from the Town of Stony Plain, the City of Spruce Grove, and the County of Parkland
 - 4.4.2.2. Battle River Shock (Traditional Tackle U18)
 - 4.4.2.2.1. Recruit from the County of Camrose, including the City of Camrose
 - 4.4.2.3. Lloydminster Red Dogs (Traditional Tackle U18)
 - 4.4.2.3.1. Recruit players from the County of Vermilion River, including the City of Lloydminster
- 4.5. Reserve Lands: if you do not belong to a county and live on reserve land, you are eligible to play for any club.
- 4.6. Any player wishing to play in a tackle program outside their zone, would have to proceed through the release process. (Refer to the Release Policy & Procedure)
 - 4.6.1. “New to Football” players from all areas *outside* of the designated recruitment zones outlined above, are free to play with any club of their choice.
 - 4.6.2. Current or existing players wanting to switch to a different association, need to file a Release Request with the Eligibility Committee.

Map of Associations in Greater Edmonton Area



*An interactive version of this map to be included on the CDMFA website.

5. NEW CLUB AND TEAM RECRUITMENT BOUNDARIES

- 5.1. Any registered society proposing to enter a new Member Club into the CDMFA, subject to Bylaw 7 must submit, with their application, a proposed Recruitment Zone. Where any territorial infringement is objected to by an existing Participating Association, a resolution will be arbitrated by a Committee consisting of: one representative from each Participating Association affected and three impartial members of the then current Executive and/or the Board of Directors of the CDMFA. This committee may recommend rejection of the proposed expansion on the grounds of the infringement.
- 5.2. Where an existing Member Club wishes to field a Team in a Level where it currently has no existing Team, that new team's Recruitment Zone shall be the same as the Recruitment Zone already in effect for that Club.
- 5.3. Where an existing Member Club wishes to field an additional Team or Teams in a Level where it currently has an existing Team or Teams, the Recruitment Zone of the new Team shall be the same as the Recruitment Zone already in effect for that Club.