



Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Player Eligibility
Source	CDMFA Boundaries & Release Committee 2022, Football Canada LTAD, ASAA Policy
Date	Rewrite 2024-03
Refer to Policies	Registration, Player Recruitment – Zones & Boundaries

CDMFA Player Eligibility

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.
- 1.5. Honest and Full Disclosure
 - 1.5.1. When providing information to the CDMFA, all parties involved are expected to provide complete and accurate information.
 - 1.5.2. The CDMFA reserves the right to investigate and/or follow up to ensure the accuracy of information presented.

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. See CDMFA Player Recruitment – Tampering Policy

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: Age divisions and naming format to be reviewed to align with LTAD for 2024-25 programming.

- 3.1. The club President and Registrar shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of the club’s rostered members.
- 3.2. All members must have completed the required waivers upon registration.
 - CDMFA Code of Conduct / UCC
 - CDMFA Media Release
 - CDMFA Privacy Policy
 - CDMFA Waiver of Liability
 - Football Alberta Waiver
- 3.3. Eligibility of a player to participate in CDMFA games or sanctioned events may be suspended or terminated by the CDMFA Executive in the event of any conduct that violates any standard of conduct set out by the CDMFA policies, including but not limited



to, the CDMFA Code of Conduct.

3.4. Age

- 3.4.1. Any individual meeting age requirements, regardless of weight, is eligible to play any position within their age division of the CDMFA.
Refer to CDMFA Policy “Registrations”
- 3.4.2. Upon request, players must provide the club Registrar with proof of age (i.e. Birth Certificate or Alberta Health Care Insurance card). Clubs must not keep copies of any proof of age documents or information contained therein.
- 3.4.3. Underage Players
CDMFA strongly discourages moving players outside of their designated age group, however, if the current age category does not fit the developmental age of the player, they can be moved (only up) an age category.
 - 3.4.3.1.1. The request must be made on the prescribed form: CDMFA Underage Player Form and submitted to the Senior Program Manager for consideration.

3.5. Grade

- 3.5.1. Upon request, players must also provide a current year original report card or a letter from the school that will prove to the club registrar’s satisfaction the player’s grade and school of enrollment during the current season of play.

3.6. Residence

- 3.6.1. It is expected that players will register with and play for the club in their designated zone.
- 3.6.2. As per the Recruitment Zone and Boundary policy, a player’s primary residence determines their assigned or designated zone.
 - 3.6.2.1. If an existing player’s primary residence changes and they wish to move to the club in the designated zone of their new residence, they must complete a Transfer Request. (Refer to CDMFA Transfer Policy).

4. Programs & Age Divisions

*Programs labelled as “Traditional” are inclusive of all genders.

4.1. Spring Tackle - Traditional U19

- 4.1.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the CDMFA.
- 4.1.2. 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.
- 4.1.3. U19 (Previously Midget) Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.

4.2. Spring Tackle - Girls U19

- 4.2.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the



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- Midget Level of the CDMFA.
- 4.2.2. (U19) 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.
 - 4.2.3. (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.
- 4.3. Spring Flag - Traditional U8-U18
- 4.3.1. U18. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
 - 4.3.2. U16. No player over the age of sixteen (16) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
 - 4.3.3. U14. No player over the age of fourteen (14) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
 - 4.3.4. U12. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
 - 4.3.5. U10. No player over the age of ten (10) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
 - 4.3.6. U8. No player over the age of eight (8) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.
- 4.4. Fall Flag - Traditional U9
- 4.4.1. U9 (Previously 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.
 - 4.4.1.1. It is mandated that the U8 division will be non-contact only. (Football Canada April 2018)
- 4.5. Fall Tackle - Traditional U11-U16
- 4.5.1. 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.
 - 4.5.2. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 9 shall be eligible to play Bantam Football in the CDMFA if they are currently on the roster of a High School football team.
 - 4.5.3. U16 (Previously 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.
 - 4.5.4. U13 (Previously Peewee) Division. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Peewee Division.
 - 4.5.5. U11 (Previously 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.	2016, 2017, 2018
Learn to Train	8, 9, 10	U11 (Atom) 6v6 Tackle	2014, 2015, 2016
Train to Train	11, 12	U13 (PeeWee) 9v9 Tackle	2012, 2013
Train to Train	13, 14, 15	U16 (Bantam) 9v9 or 12v12 Tackle	2009, 2010, 2011 No grade 10's
Train to Train	16, 17, 18	U19 (Midget) Traditional 12v12 Girls 6v6	2006, 2007, 2008 No grade 12's

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LTAD Level	NON-CONTACT PROGRAM Age on Dec 31 (year season is played)	Age Division	Birth Year **
Fundamentals	6, 7	U8	2016, 2017
Learn to Train	8, 9	U10	2014, 2015
Train to Train	10, 11	U12	2012, 2013
Train to Train	12, 13	U14	2010, 2011
	14, 15	U16	2008, 2009
	16, 17	U18	2006, 2007
	17, 18	18U	2004, 2005

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