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Policy Name	General Provisions, Definitions & Interpretations
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General Provisions, Definitions & Interpretations

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the following provisions, definitions and interpretations shall apply to all rules, policies and procedures of the Capital District Minor Football Association.

Ignorance of the CDMFA Policy & Procedures document in its entirety, on the part of the member administrators, coaches, athletes, their families, or others will not be accepted as a valid reason for granting an exception to the application of any portion of the policy. All parties are required to adhere to the Bylaws, Honesty Disclosure, and Code of Conduct at all times.

1.1. Interpretations

- 1.1.1. The third person masculine gender, when used throughout this document, shall be understood to mean the third person of all genders.
- 1.1.2. Where anywhere in this document the meaning of a word, phrase, sentence, or clause is unclear or otherwise ambiguous, the Executive shall interpret the meaning of said word, phrase, sentence or clause.
- 1.1.3. When such an interpretation is conducted by the Executive, it shall be done in a reasonable fashion and effect shall be given to the intent of the words.

1.2. The following definitions shall apply, except when the context of the word, words, acronym, or phrase is such that an alternative meaning of the same is obvious.

- 1.2.1. Act means the *Societies Act* RSA 2000, Chapter S-14 as amended, or any statute substituted for it.
- 1.2.2. The initials "CDMFA" shall mean the Capital District Minor Football Association.
- 1.2.3. The word "Club", or phrases "Member Club", "Member Association" or "Participating Association" shall mean an association that is duly recognized as a participant in the CDMFA and has met the criteria set forth in the CDMFA Bylaws for membership.
- 1.2.4. The word "Team" or phrase "Member Team" shall refer to the players, coaches, and team officials of a single team which plays under the authority of a Club and CDMFA.
- 1.2.5. The word "Board" and the phrase "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the CDMFA, including the elected members of the Executive and the individual representatives of each Participating Association.
- 1.2.6. The word "Executive" shall mean the elected officers of the CDMFA, as defined in the bylaws.
- 1.2.7. "Administrators" shall mean the Board Members, Team Managers, and Committee Leaders



- 1.2.8. The word “family” shall refer to the legal guardians of one or more players participating in the football program of a Participating Association
- 1.2.9. The word "football" shall mean the game of Canadian football, played under the rules established in the current version of the Canadian Rule Book for Tackle Football, as modified by the CDMFA.
- 1.2.10. The acronym "RPP" shall mean the rules, policies, and procedures as set forth in this document.
- 1.2.11. The term “Bylaws” shall mean the Bylaws of the CDMFA as amended.
- 1.2.12. The word “Level” shall mean the age level of competition.
- 1.2.13. The word “Division” shall mean a number of teams within a Level that shall be placed in a group for scheduling and tiering purposes, in accordance with directives set forth by Football Alberta.
- 1.2.14. The word “import” shall mean a player who has transferred from another CDMFA club.
- 1.2.15. The phrase “recruitment boundary” shall mean the limit of a recruitment zone.
- 1.2.16. The phrase “recruitment zone” shall mean that area that is assigned to a Club or Team within which they shall have player recruitment rights, as defined within this Document.
- 1.2.17. The phrase “transferred player” shall mean a player who has been permitted by a Club or by the CDMFA to play on another team, when the player’s primary place of residence lies within the releasing Club’s recruitment boundaries.
- 1.2.18. The phrase “primary residence” shall refer to the place where a person lives most of the time and is considered their home for legal, school registration, and tax purposes, and in the case of a player or parent/guardian shall be the residence that is entered into the CDFMA registration system.