



Newsletter

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CDMFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Tracy Kociuba

As the President of the CDMFA, it is my pleasure to extend a huge thank you to everyone for making 2025 an outstanding season.

Our athletes truly shone this year. We saw incredible teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship on display across the entire league. From the first practice to the final whistle, the growth, effort, and passion you demonstrated was inspiring. To our players; you are what makes this league special. Continue to carry the lessons you learned – hard work, resilience, and respect – into everything you do.

A season like this doesn't happen without a dedicated community. We owe a debt of gratitude to our amazing coaches, team managers, and field volunteers.

Your countless hours of planning, coaching, and ensuring game days ran smoothly were invaluable. Thank you for being positive mentors and role models for our kids.

While we take a well deserved break (albeit short), the board will immediately begin planning for next year to make the 2026 season even better! Keep an eye on our website and social media for information regarding registration, upcoming training camps, and volunteer opportunities in the spring.

Have a safe and happy holiday season! We look forward to seeing everyone back on the field soon!

STAY TUNED!



Stay tuned for information about Off-Season Training and Sanctioned Camps for the winter months!!



Click on the calendar icon to see the full calendar.

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS*

*subject to change/always refer to the website for the most current information for an event.

December 4th, 2025 – CDMFA Board Meeting
December 24-31th, 2025 – Christmas Break



Click on the links for our website and socials!!



NOW HIRING PROGRAM MANAGER

Join the Team Shaping the Future of Youth Football!

The Capital District Minor Football Association (CDMFA), one of Canada's largest and most respected youth football organizations, is hiring a Program Manager to lead and coordinate programs across Edmonton and the surrounding area. This full-time role provides the chance to make a lasting impact on athletes, coaches, and the football community. From managing game-day operations and development camps to fostering growth in female football and supporting junior coaches and officials, the Program Manager will be at the heart of CDMFA's mission to deliver safe, inclusive, and high-quality programming year-round.

 Apply by December 22, 2025 → Send resume & cover letter to vpfinance@cdmfa.ca



To view the complete job posting, click [HERE](#).

2026 SPRING PROGRAMMING

Click on the images for more information about each program!

U19
TACKLE

12/Side Tackle Football. This division is more competitive and more skills-focused than any of our younger divisions. Ages: 14 years old to 18 years old, must be entering Grade 10 in the fall. No individual entering Grade 12 at any time during the school year of the current season will be eligible to play in the U19 level. **There are restrictions on the percentage of grades on the roster in this league.

FEMALE
TACKLE

Full-Field 6-a-side Football. U16 and U19 age divisions. The goal of our Spring Female Tackle Programs is to ensure our female athletes have a safe, fun and team environment where our players can further their skills, their game knowledge and their fitness levels. Club practices start from late February to early March (club dependent). Games start mid-April and run until late May or early June.

SPRING
FLAG

All our Flag divisions are designed to develop skills, provide a basic understanding of football terminology, and will allow players to expand their skills. Flag Football teams practice footwork, eye-hand coordination, catching, throwing and overall technique during their practice times twice a week, and they test those skills on weekend game days. U8 to U19 age divisions.

COMING SOON!



2025 PLAYOFFS U13 & U16 RECAP

The 2025 Fall Season Playoffs were a tremendous success, and we extend our congratulations to all the teams who participated! A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to making these games run smoothly.

U13/U16 CDMFA Championships

The U13 and U16 Championships were filled with thrilling moments and showcased the incredible talent within the league. Below are the results: (click on the pictures to view a larger image):

U13 CDMFA Division Champions
Fort Saskatchewan Falcons



U13 Mills Tier III Champions
Sherwood Park Rams



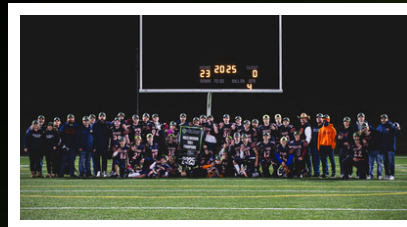
U13 Mills Tier II Champions
Fort McMurray Ravens



U13 Mills Tier I Champions
West Edmonton Raiders



U16 Mills 9/Side Champions
Beaumont Bears



U16 CDMFA Division Champions
Fort Saskatchewan Falcons



U16 Morgan Tier II Champions
Lloydminster Holy Rosary Jr Raiders



U16 Morgan Tier III Champions
Leduc Ti-Cats

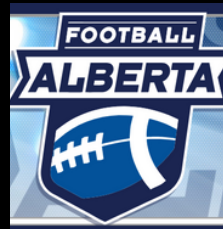


We are proud of all the players, coaches, and support staff who worked tirelessly to achieve these outstanding results. The dedication and sportsmanship displayed throughout the playoffs were truly commendable. Here's to another successful season and looking forward to even greater accomplishments in the future!

2025 FOOTBALL ALBERTA PROVINCIALS U13 & U16 RECAP

CDMFA was honored to host several of the Football Alberta Provincial Games, where our teams and league shone brightly.

Although, all our teams did not come away with victories, we are extremely proud of their display of sportsmanship, dedication and game play. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and team staffs. (Click on pictures to enlarge).



FOOTBALL ALBERTA ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year Football Alberta honors coaches, officials, media and significant volunteers with the Football Alberta awards. For award details, click on the Football Alberta logo!

Please take the time to nominate a CDMFA coach, volunteer or someone you feel deserves special recognition.

Complete a [nomination form](#) and email your nomination to admin@footballalberta.ab.ca prior to noon on Monday January 6, 2025. Award winners will be chosen at Football Alberta's AGM in January.



ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT FEMALE FOOTBALL?

We are looking for committee members who are passionate about helping to develop our female programs, on and off the field!

These athlete's are challenging stereotypes and highlighting their skill and passion for playing the game. Let's help showcase their hard work!

As a committee member, you will assist with recruiting efforts and promotions, as well as help plan and implement flag & tackle programs for females in the capital region.

If you are interested, email: info@cdmfa.ca



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LEGACY

RECOGNITION

The inaugural CDMFA Legacy Awards were presented at the 2025 Fall Season Year End Banquet.

The CDMFA Legacy Recognition honors individuals whose contributions to the organization have had a significant, lasting, and positive impact on the sport, the community, and the program over time.

We were honored to announce three recipients for 2025 – Mario Miles, Marvin Mills and Susan Morgan.

MARIO MILES



(1952 - 2024)

Mario Miles Sr. was the visionary founder of the Millwoods Grizzlies Minor Football Association, which he proudly established in 1996 alongside his wife, Sherline. Driven by the philosophy of "Build it and they will come," Mario's mission was to provide the best minor football program in Edmonton, giving countless children and young adults the opportunity to flourish in the sport, build confidence, and develop lifelong relationships. Mario dedicated an astonishing 28 years of his life to the Grizzlies, serving as both a relentless coach (from 1996 to 2024) and a passionate leader. Starting with securing

equipment and meeting parents in his own basement, his tireless efforts forged the Grizzlies into a vibrant community. His compassion and commitment left an indelible mark on the hearts of the thousands of players and families who benefited from his program. Mario Miles Sr. built a movement, not just an organization, and his lasting legacy will continue to impact the community for generations. We honor his dedication and remember the powerful call he ended every game and practice with: "GRIZZLIES ALL IN."

MARVIN MILLS



(1953 - 2017)

For 27 dedicated years, Marvin Mills was the heart, soul, and driving force of the NEMFA SeaHawks. Beginning in 1991, Marv transformed the nascent organization—which started with 17 players, 13 donated uniforms, and one football—into the thriving club it is today. Operating initially from the trunk of his car and his home, he was instrumental in the official registration of the North Edmonton Minor Football Association (NEMFA) in 1993. Marv quickly proved his impact as a leader, earning the CDMFA "Bantam Coach of the Year" award in 1993. His crowning achievement came in 1996, when he led the PeeWee team—which had never won a game

to a spectacular season, sweeping the League Tier 1, Northern Provincial, and Football Alberta PeeWee Championships, earning him another Coach of the Year title. Serving in every role imaginable, from General Manager to President, Marv secured critical resources, founded new programs, and oversaw massive growth from one team to four levels with over 150 players. His legacy is one of selfless commitment, highlighted by his inspiring return to coaching in 2012, despite the onset of total blindness. Marvin's tireless guidance ensured that every child who wanted to play football could do so. He left a lasting mark on generations of SeaHawks. Once a SeaHawk, Always a SeaHawk.

SUSAN MORGAN



(1954 - 2016)

Susan Morgan's unparalleled commitment to youth football began in 1989 and launched a nearly three-decade legacy of service. As President and General Manager of the Edmonton Chargers for 28 years, she transformed the club into a model organization, developing its permanent home and leading teams to multiple Provincial Championships. More than a club leader, Susan was the bedrock of minor football in Edmonton. Joining during a time of severe decline, she was instrumental in stabilizing the local league, driving its growth from just seven bantam teams to over 70 teams across five levels of play, and establishing the Capital

District Minor Football Association as a thriving league with a bright future. Her influence extended provincially through her roles as a Football Alberta District Representative, where she was a key driving force behind initiatives like the creation of the Minor Provincials, Bantam Bowl, and Team Alberta U16. Known as a tough, no-nonsense advocate with a heart of gold, Susan ensured that no child was ever denied the chance to play, regardless of their economic standing. Her monumental work fundamentally shaped the game for thousands of young athletes. She was posthumously inducted into the Football Alberta Life Membership Hall of Fame and is dearly missed.



2025 FALL YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

Our 2025 U13 and U16 Fall Awards Banquet was held on November 21, 2025 at the Polish Hall Banquet and Event Centre.

Thank you to all those who attended and helped us celebrate the Team and Individual achievements from the the 2025 Fall Season. For a complete listing of Award Recipients, click [HERE](#).



Executive Director
Ryan Schulha



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