



Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries Policy
Source	CDMFA Boundaries & Release Committee
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Refer to	Registration Policy, Player Eligibility Policy, Player Recruitment/Tampering Policy

This document is intended to define the CLUB recruitment zones for “new to football” players for all programs except U19 Spring Tackle.

****For U19 Tackle Programs, refer to “Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries - U19 Tackle” Policy Document.****

CDMFA 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.
- 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.
- 1.6. New to Football Player shall mean any player who has never been officially registered on a club/program roster (Flag or Tackle) within the CDMFA in any prior calendar year.
- 1.7. Primary Place of Residence

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.

 - 1.7.1. Acceptable proof of primary residence (as verified by the Club Registrar) must include two of the following documents, dated within the last 90 days; a primary utility bill (electric, gas, water), government issued ID, or a lease/mortgage statement in the parent/guardian’s name.

2. PLAYER RECRUITMENT

- 2.1. Teams and Clubs are free to recruit new players without hindrance from within their assigned recruitment zone. Teams and Clubs shall not recruit players within the recruitment zone of another Club. 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. RECRUITMENT ZONES AND BOUNDARIES *New Players*

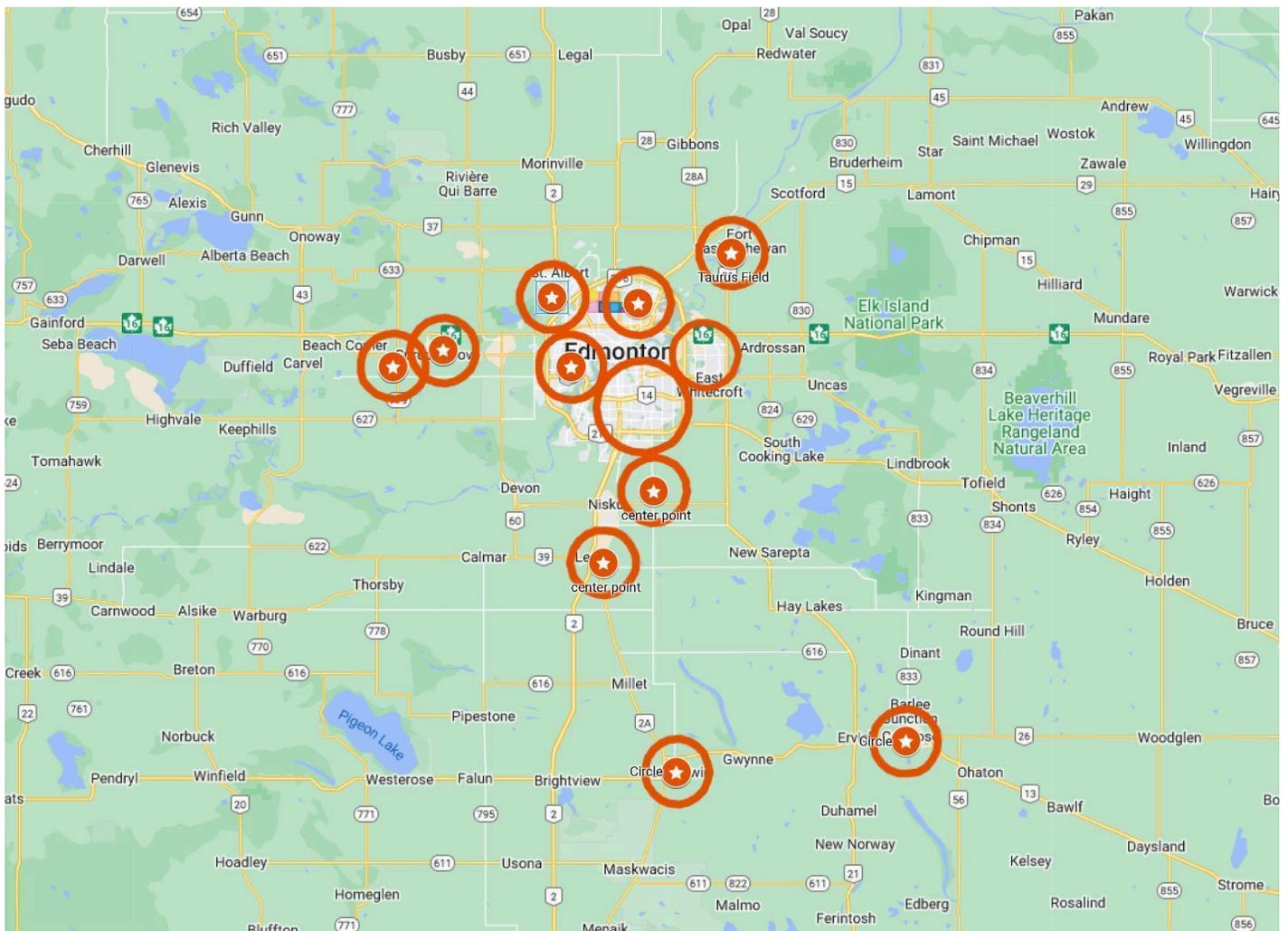
For the purpose of this Section, a player's primary residence, shall be used to determine recruitment rights. Clubs shall have recruitment rights within Recruitment Zones as defined by the following Recruitment Boundaries:

- 3.1. Clubs shall have exclusive recruitment rights to players whose primary residence is within 5 kilometers of their designated clubhouse.
 - 3.1.1. Designated clubhouse shall be the official address of the club as filed with the CDMFA Executive, which must be a physical location.
 - 3.1.2. The "5-Kilometer Zone" shall be measured as a straight line (as the crow flies) radial distance from the designated clubhouse address of the respective club.
- 3.2. Any player with a residence outside the designated 5-kilometer zone of any club may select the club they chose to play for.
 - 3.2.1. These are open recruitment zones for any CDMFA club.
- 3.3. Any player with a residence that lies in an "overlapped" 5-kilometer zone of multiple clubs, may choose between those clubs.
 - 3.3.1. These are shared recruitment zones for the CDMFA clubs within the 5-kilometer zone.
- 3.4. Clarification for Outlying Groups with "Modified Format"
 - 3.4.1. Raven's & Northern Spirits share both communities and split the programming between the two clubs.
 - 3.4.1.1. Fort McMurray Raven's Football Association (Traditional Tackle U8-U19)
 - 3.4.1.1.1. Ravens will share the City of Fort McMurray, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and surrounding counties with the Fort McKay Northern Spirits
 - 3.4.1.2. Fort McKay Northern Spirits (Girls Tackle U16 & U19)
 - 3.4.1.2.1. Fort McKay Northern Spirits will share the City of Fort McMurray, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and surrounding counties with the Fort McMurray Ravens
 - 3.4.2. The Sherwood Park Zone (including all areas within the Sherwood Park corporate limits) is designated as a Shared Recruitment Zone for the Sherwood Park Rams, Strathcona County Wolverines, and Sherwood Park Northstars. A new player residing in this zone may register with any of these clubs without requiring a transfer.
 - 3.4.3. Stony Plain Bombers and Spruce Grove Cougars have shared programming and recruitment zones. A new player residing in this zone may register with

either of these clubs without requiring a transfer.

- 3.5. Reserve Lands: A new-to-football player whose primary residence is located on Reserve Lands, and not within a defined municipal or county recruitment zone, is eligible to play for any CDMFA club of their choice without requiring a transfer.
- 3.6. “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.
 - 3.6.1. Current or existing players who meet the criteria to switch to a different association, need to file a Transfer Request with the CDMFA Executive Committee. (Refer to Transfer Policy)

Map of Associations in Greater Edmonton Area





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

4. NEW CLUB AND TEAM RECRUITMENT BOUNDARIES

4.1. New Club / Association: from within the CDMFA Zone

- 4.1.1. 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 infringement.

4.2. New Club / Association: from outside the CDMFA Zone (Refer to Football Alberta Provincials Policy "Good Neighbour Policy")

- 4.2.1. If a new or current team is coming from an area served by an existing league or association and elects to join CDMFA
 - 4.2.1.1. They must obtain written approval from their existing league/association to leave. The application to join CDMFA must be reflected in the Board Meeting minutes of their existing league, and a copy provided to CDMFA.
 - 4.2.1.2. They must then receive written approval from the CDMFA Board of Directors, reflected in the minutes "allowing for the transfer of a team from their traditional area."
 - 4.2.1.3. Copies of both sets of Minutes must be submitted to Football Alberta prior to June 1 of the competition year.
- 4.2.2. Failure to complete the prescribed process will make the team ineligible to participate in Football Alberta Provincial Finals.

4.3. Existing CDMFA Member Club with a new team

- 4.3.1. 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.
- 4.3.2. 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.