



Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries - U19 Tackle
Source	CDMFA U19 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.

This policy takes precedence for all recruitment and eligibility matters related to U19 programming. Other league policies that conflict with or duplicate these provisions are deemed non-applicable. This policy governs exclusively for the **U19 Tackle Program**.

CDMFA 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 Rules, Policies, and Procedures (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 CDMFA 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 in section 3 of this policy. 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.

- 2.1.1. New to Football/CDMFA: Players that are new to Football and the CDMFA shall register with a club that has the recruitment rights based on their primary residence. In the case where there are more than one club in the recruitment area as listed in 3.1 the player may choose any club with the recruitment rights in that area.
- 2.1.2. Existing/Returning CDMFA Members: Players that have played with a CDMFA club shall register with that club. Where a player has past affiliations with multiple CDMFA clubs, they shall register with the most recent club they played for. If that club does not offer a U19 program they can register with a team that has recruitment rights based on their primary residence (see 3.1).

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. U19 TACKLE RECRUITING BOUNDRIES

- Edmonton: Clubs within the City of Edmonton can recruit players whose primary residence is within the City of Edmonton.
- Battle River Shock: Can recruit players whose primary residence is within Camrose County, including the City of Camrose, and Lacombe County, Stettler, City of Red Deer and Red Deer County.
- Beaumont: Clubs within the City of Beaumont can recruit players whose primary residence is within the City of Leduc, the City of Beaumont, City of Wetaskiwin, County of Wetaskiwin No.10, and Leduc County.
- Sherwood Park Clubs: Clubs within the corporate limits of Sherwood Park can recruit players whose primary residence is within Sherwood Park, Strathcona County, and the City of Fort Saskatchewan.
- St. Albert: Clubs within the City of St. Albert can recruit players whose primary residence is in St. Albert, Sturgeon County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan.
- Fort McMurray: Clubs within the City of Fort McMurray can recruit players whose primary residence is within the City of Fort McMurray, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and surrounding counties.



- Lloydminster: Clubs within the City of Lloydminster can recruit players whose primary residence is within the City of Lloydminster and the County of Vermillion River.
- Parkland: Clubs within Parkland County can recruit players whose primary residence is within Parkland County including the City of Spruce Grove, and the Town of Stony Plain, Edson, Whitecourt.

3.2 PLAYER RECRUITMENT FOR U19 TACKLE

- Players that have played with a CDMFA club shall register with that club. Where a player has past affiliations with multiple CDMFA clubs, they shall register with the most recent club they played for. If that club does not offer a U19 program they can register with a team that has recruitment rights based on their primary residence (see 3.1).
- Players that are new to Football and the CDMFA shall register with a club that has the recruitment rights based on their primary residence. In the case where there are more than one club in the recruitment area as listed in 3.1 the player may choose any club with the recruitment rights in that area.
- Players who participated in the previous U19 season with a club that was not their minor club, and whose minor club now offers a U19 team, may choose to register with either their previous U19 club or their minor club's U19 team.

3.3 RESERVE LANDS

3.3.1 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.

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 at the U19 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, as listed in section 3.
 - 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.