

Policy Category	Operational - Program
Policy Name	CDMFA Player Eligibility, Club Recruitment Zones and Boundaries Policy
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## CDMFA ELIGIBILITY, 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.

### 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.

### 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 9 shall be eligible to play Bantam Football in the CDMFA if he is currently on the roster of a High School football team.
- 3.3. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the CDMFA.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. Any individual meeting age requirements, regardless of weight, is eligible to play any position within their age division of the CDMFA.
  - 3.5.1. (U18) Midget Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18)

on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.

- 3.5.2. (U16) Bantam Division. No player over the age of sixteen (16) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Bantam Division.
- 3.5.3. (U13) Pee wee Division. No player over the age of thirteen (13) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Pee wee Division.
- 3.5.4. (U11) Atom Division. No player over the age of eleven (11) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA Atom Division.
- 3.5.5. (U8) 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.
  - 3.5.5.1. It is mandated that the U8 division will be non-contact only. (Football Canada April 2018)
- 3.5.6. (U19) Sr Girls Division. No player over the age of eighteen (19) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play in the CDMFA.
- 3.5.7. (U16) Sr 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. RECRUITMENT ZONES AND BOUNDARIES**

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:

- 4.1. Within Edmonton Corporate Limits: all teams within Edmonton would share the city limits as their recruiting zone (Millwoods Minor Football, South Edmonton Minor Football, South West Edmonton Minor Football, West Edmonton Raiders Football, North Edmonton Minor Football)
  - 4.1.1. Communities of Trumpeter/Big Lakes and the Army Base (CFB Edmonton) to be shared between St.Albert, Fort Saskatchewan, and the Edmonton teams.
- 4.2. Outside Edmonton Corporate Limits: each town/city would exclusively recruit from their own community and then share the surrounding area.
  - 4.2.1. City of St.Albert: St Albert Minor Football
  - 4.2.2. Sturgeon County: shared Fort Saskatchewan Minor Football & St Albert Minor Football
  - 4.2.3. City of Fort Saskatchewan: Fort Saskatchewan Minor Football
  - 4.2.4. Strathcona County: shared between Sherwood Park teams: Strathcona Minor Football (Wolverines), Sherwood Park Northstars, Sherwood Park Rams
  - 4.2.5. City of Beaumont: Beaumont Minor Football
    - 4.2.5.1. City of Beaumont is excluded from the Leduc Minor

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- 4.2.6. County of Leduc: Shared between Leduc and Beaumont
- 4.2.7. City of Leduc: Leduc & District Minor Football
- 4.2.8. Town of Devon is in Parkland. It will be shared between Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland, Beaumont and Leduc.
- 4.2.9. City of Spruce Grove: Spruce Grove & District Minor Football (Cougars)
- 4.2.10. City of Stony Plain: Stony Plain Minor Football (Bombers)
- 4.2.11. City of Camrose: Camrose Buffaloes Football
- 4.2.12. County of Camrose: Shared Camrose & Wetaskiwin
- 4.2.13. County of Wetaskiwin: Shared Camrose & Wetaskiwin
- 4.2.14. City of Wetaskiwin: Wetaskiwin & District Amateur Football (Warriors)
- 4.2.15. City of Fort McMurray and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: Fort McMurray Ravens
- 4.2.16. City of Lloydminster and County of Vermilion River: Lloydminster Minor Football Association
- 4.2.17. Reserve Lands: if you do not belong to a county and live on reserve land, you are eligible to play for any club.
- 4.3. Any player wishing to play on a team outside their zone, would have to proceed through the release process.
  - 4.3.1. "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.
  - 4.3.2. Current or existing players wanting to switch to a new association, need to file a Release Request with the Disciplinary Committee.

## **5. NEW CLUB AND TEAM RECRUITMENT BOUNDARIES**

- 5.1. 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 the infringement.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. 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.