



Football Alberta Minor Provincials

Policy and Procedure Manual

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Football Alberta Minor Provincials Policies and Procedures

1.0 History and Vision

1.1 History

In 1991 a gathering of bantam league champions was held in Lacombe for the purposes of starting a post-season for minor football. That tournament was won by the Raymond Jr. Comets. Two years later in 1993 the first Football Alberta sanctioned Bantam Provincial Championship was held between the Champions of the Capital District Bantam Football Association and the Southern Alberta Minor Football Association. That game was won 29-12 by the Raymond Jr. Comets over the Leduc Ti-Cats. Both of these initial events spurred on the development of an Alberta wide playoff system for Minor Football.

In 1996 Football Alberta mandated age eligibility rules across the province to eliminate disparities between the leagues and everyone save for Red Deer Minor bought in thus creating a province-wide provincial playoff system which now included playoffs at Pee-Wee. In 2004 with the disbanding of Red Deer Minor and the creation of the Central Alberta Minor Football League the entire province was now represented and a new tiering system was designed for Provincials which saw the big three leagues (Capital District, Calgary, and Southern Alberta) send teams at three levels of bantam and two levels of pee-wee.

The rural leagues then sent their champions in at lower levels than Tier I for a more competitive opportunity. In 2006 a third level of pee-wee was added and in 2008 a fourth tier was added at both pee-wee and bantam. In 2014, both Bantam and Pee-Wee were limited to three Tiers and Atom was dropped due to LTAD concerns.

1.2 Vision

It is the intent of Minor Provincials offered through Football Alberta to meet three needs:

- To promote the sport through intra-provincial competition and building bonds between the minor leagues throughout Alberta
- To drive the aspirations of elite oriented programs towards excellence on field while still providing for other levels of play to participate.
- To assist in making football the place to be for 15 year old and underathletes.

Football Alberta's role will be to coordinate the cooperation of the minor leagues in the province in hosting Provincials Playoff and Championship Games.

2.0 Age Eligibility

2.1 Categories of play for Minor Provincials

Bantam – ages 15* and under as of the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31).

* - Anyone who is age eligible yet registered to enter Grade 10 or higher during the season of play would be ineligible for play at the bantam level. As well, anyone age eligible and currently registered to enter Grade 9 or lower during the season of play who is also registered to play on a high school team (Junior Varsity included) would be ineligible for play at the bantam level.

Pee-Wee – ages 12 and under as of the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

2.2 League Exceptions

Member Leagues are free to impose stricter eligibility guidelines on their registered athletes that may include weight limits, roster size limits, and positional constraints, however in doing so they take on all liability for those decisions. They may not circumvent the above listed age limits (and other requirement of the bantam level) which would render themselves ineligible for Provincial play.

3.0 League Qualifier's for Provincials

3.1 Member league eligibility to send teams to Provincials:

The league applying to send teams to Provincial play at any level (i.e bantam and pee-wee) must have all their member teams as registered and paid up members (including taking out the insurance) of Football Alberta by September 30 of each season. They also must pay the entry fee as determined by Football Alberta for each team they will be sending to Provincials by September 30 of each season. The minimum number of teams considered to be an eligible league is four teams and the league must conduct a playoff as per Section 3.6 and crown a league champion. The Tier's to which a member league may send teams too is determined by the Football Alberta Minor Football Committee at the December Planning Meeting each year following that years Provincial Playoffs when the Tentative Schedule is set.

3.2 School based minor teams

Any exception regarding teams who do not wish to take out Football Alberta's insurance for school based minor football teams due to having insurance through the school is **not** allowed. All teams and players must be fully registered with Football Alberta and take out the insurance to be eligible for Provincial play.

3.3 Number of teams a league may send to provincials

The number of teams a member league may send to provincials at any level is based on the criteria determined by the Minor Football Committee of Football Alberta. The number of teams at this time is limited to teams going to a maximum of two Tiers from each league. The formula is as follows:

Leagues with 16 or more teams will field teams in two Tiers

Leagues with 12-15 teams may field teams in two Tiers

Leagues with 8-11 teams may field teams in two Tiers

Leagues with 7 or less may only field a team in one of the Tiers

3.4 Tier Level Determination

Which "Tiers" leagues send their qualifying teams to will be determined each September at the Football Alberta Board meeting by the Minor Football Committee. Note that leagues may only send one team per tier unless a BYE situation exists at any Tier where a second team from a league will be asked to fill that BYE on a rotating basis from participating leagues. All Tier spots are to be determined via the playoff format in section 3.6.

3.5 League Tiering

Since each leagues playoffs will be used to determine which Tier's they will send representatives to as per section 3.6 leagues can internally Tier as they wish during the season as long as the parameters of section 3.6 are met to sort out their Provincial representation.

3.6 League Playoff Structure to determine Provincial Participants.

In order to qualify in the Tier's assigned for them to have representative teams, leagues must follow these prescribed playoff formats:

Leagues sending teams to two Tier's: A league can determine their schedule and league playoffs as they see fit, however at some point they must come to a point in their playoffs with the top four teams vying for their highest Tier spot in Provincials via single elimination. Below that their lower Tier spot in Provincials

can be sorted out via a playoff of any means as long as the “winning” team in that playoffs is essentially the 5th place team in the league after playoffs.

Leagues with one Tier representative: These leagues will only have representatives in one tier which will be determined at the Football Alberta planning meeting each December. They will run a playoff to determine their league champion and that team and only that team will advance to provincials that level determined at the Football Alberta Planning Meeting.

BYE Fillers: In certain Tier’s a league may be required to send two teams at that level to fill a BYE. In that case the team that loses the “Championship” game that determines a Tier rep for that league will be the team that is asked to fill the BYE. This will rotate yearly amongst the participating league at any Provincial Tier Level as long as the BYE exists.

3.7 Special Situations

In the event of special situations arising (i.e. leagues pulling out of provincials at the last minute or league under or overestimating their number of teams at the Planning Meeting) it will be the responsibility of the Technical Director of Football Alberta to set the schedule accordingly circumventing the above policies if necessary.

4.0 Scheduling of Games

4.1 Time of Year

Provincial Football Finals in all Tiers will be confirmed at the Football Alberta Board Meeting each September for the following year. They will be based on the following guidelines:

Bantam: Finals to be contested on the second and third full weekend in November

Pee-Wee: Finals to be contested on the second full weekend in November

4.2 Saturday Games & Remembrance Day

A request has been put in by the Southern Alberta Minor Football Association to schedule the games that their teams will be competing in Provincially only on Saturdays. This will be honored by all competing leagues unless the league hosting one of their teams is unable to provide a reasonable Saturday timeslot due to unavailability of facilities and/or officials. This will be vetted through the Technical Director of Football Alberta. Friday night games would be considered as an alternative to Sunday games in the case of SAMFA. All other leagues will be subject to availability of appropriate facilities and must be available to play on either the Saturday or Sunday. As well any game(s) scheduled for November 11 (Remembrance Day) must have a moment of silence pre-game and cannot start prior to 11:15 a.m. that day.

4.3 Time of Day and Multiple Games

Games are subject to availability of facilities, but in the case that Provincial Playoff Games are able to request times here are the guidelines (see above for Remembrance Day conditions)

Single Game: Should be scheduled for a 1:00 p.m. kickoff

Doubleheader: On a field with lights: 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

On a field without lights: 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Tripleheader: Must be on lighted field: 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.

4.4 Order of Multiple Games

In the case of multiple games played at a single venue the following guidelines should apply to determine the order of games played that day:

- **Tiering:** If two or more Pee-Wee Games or two or more Bantam Games are scheduled for the same facility then the lowest Tiered game (ie. Tier II or III) would go first with the highest Tiered game scheduled last.
- **Championship vs. Semi-Final:** In the case where Pee-Wee and Bantam games would be scheduled at the same facility on the same day it is likely that the Pee-Wee game is a championship final while the Bantam game is a semi-final. In this case the championship game would be scheduled last as to allow for an appropriate closing ceremony without interference from a following game.
- **Championship and Championship:** In the case where two or more championship games are scheduled for the same facility on the same day the “Tiering” rule (see above) would determine the order of play. In order to facilitate appropriate closing ceremonies for games with scheduled games after them, the teams from the next game may begin their warm-ups during the closing ceremonies as long as they keep within the 30 yard line and in.
- **Conflict with High School Provincials:** In the case of high school provincial games being a part of multiple scheduled games in the same facility on the same day, the high school game shall be the last scheduled game of the day unless one or more of the Minor games is a championship final in which case they would be the last scheduled event of the day. This is subject to the cooperation of the High School Leagues and the pecking order for booking facilities.

5.0 Conducting the Games

5.1 Rules for the Games

The games shall be governed strictly by the most recent edition of the Canadian Amateur Rule Book for Tackle Football (CARBTF). The only exception being at the Pee-Wee level where Rule 3, Section 3, Article 5 regarding Converts following touchdowns, (a) and (b) are switched so that kicking a convert is worth 2 points and scoring a convert via running or passing it past the goal line is only worth 1 point. If a game goes past 2 overtimes, starting in the 3rd overtime each team must go for a single point only (run a play from the 5-yard line, no kicking allowed).

5.2 9-A-Side Field Size

The 9-a-side field shall be 110 yards long (Goal line to goal line) and 50 yards wide. End zones shall be 15 yards deep. If possible, the hash marks should be placed 15 yards from each side line. The 9-a-side field markings can be painted or marked with cones.

5.3 Timing of the Games

All games played in the Football Alberta Minor Provincials will be the duration lined out as per Rule 1, Section 3, Article 1 of the CARBTF modified to the High School level and below consisting of 48 minutes divided into 4 quarters of 12 minutes each. They shall be timed as in Rule 1, Section 5, Article 1.

5.4 Official Football

The official football to be used for Provincial Playoffs will be the Wilson TDY and Spalding J5Y Leather or composite football for Bantam. Wilson TDJ and Spalding J5J Leather or composite Football for Pee-Wee. Leagues and teams may continue to use whatever they wish during league play but for the purposes of Provincials the host team must have a good selection (minimum 3) of quality TDY or TDJ leather or composite balls for usage by the officials.

NEW FOR 2022 – Due to the Wilson Ball shortages a Nike leather or composite can be used. Bantam = Nike Vapor One Youth. Pee-wee = Nike Vapor Junior (not the Nike Pee-wee ball)

Unless Football Alberta provides the game balls separately, as outlined in Rule 1, Section 2, Article 1 the HOME or HOST team will provide the game ball. It would be preferable that 3 balls are provided and the use of ballboys to speed up the game is employed however a minimum of one quality ball from the above

list is mandatory. The referee will determine the suitability of said ball(s) and cannot start the game until the officials are satisfied.

Only the ball(s) provided by the HOME or HOST team are to be used in the game. No switching of balls for the GUESTS or VISITING team when they are on offense will be tolerated.

5.5 Game Facilities

The game facility *must* feature a proper lined field as outlined in the CARBTF as well as adequate heated dressing rooms, a score clock, and snow clearing capability (pre-game only). The head referee will have the final say on the “safety” of the playing surface should there be icy conditions present. Sideline heaters are recommended once the temperature drops below 0 degrees Celcius and should be provided to both benches. Spotter’s booths and public address systems are also recommended but not mandatory.

5.6 Communication Equipment

Due to the unequal nature of communication equipment usage around the province it is NOT a requirement of the host team to provide this item for the game. Should teams wish to communicate from a Spotters Booth to the sidelines they are on their own and must make their own arrangements. If one team is using such communication equipment and the other is not, it is NOT a requirement that the team using the communication equipment cease using it. Teams are on their own in regards to communication equipment and there is no requirement that both sides be equal during the game in this area.

5.7 Game Video

There is NO requirement for the exchange of video prior to any Minor Provincial game, nor any requirement to film the game and provide copies to both teams after the completion of the game. Should teams wish to set up an exchange on their own they are more than welcome to but Football Alberta will not be involved in any aspect of that including ruling on the quality of said film. Buyer beware!

5.8 House League Rules

No “house league” rules or more restrictive eligibility rules as outlined in Section 2.2 of this PPM will be enforced in any game conducted in the Football Alberta Minor Football Provincials.

5.9 Game Coordinator

One person will be assigned the duty of being the Game Coordinator for each game played in the Football Alberta Minor Football Provincials. This person will ensure the proper conduction of the game and have final say on any questions and will be guided by this PPM. Preferably this person will be a member of the Football Alberta Executive or Board of Directors. In the case that no one from that group is available a designate approved by the Technical Director of Football Alberta will fill that role. This person’s will also host the visiting team from their arrival to their departure and ensure the meal (if any) is provided to them in a timely fashion and that their bench and locker room area are secure from harassment. They must also report the score of the game to the appropriate person within a half hour of the completion of the game and fill out (along with the Head Official) an Incident Report (see Appendix “C”) detailing anything that needs to be dealt with further by the Football Alberta office and emailed to Football Alberta.

5.10 Game Officials

See Section 6.0 to determine how the on-field officials are assigned by Football Alberta. As well the head referee in each contest will work in concert with the Game Coordinator in filling out an Incident Report (should one be warranted) at the completion of the game they are working.

5.11 Minor Officials

See Section 7.0 regarding Host Team or League selection and assignment of Minor Officials which includes the Timers, Yardstick Crews, Ball Boys, Public Address Announcers, etc.. Note: all selected individuals in this category are to assume neutral roles in the game in that they forfeit the right to cheer for the home team or comments otherwise about the visitors or officials. Should they step over the line in the opinion of the Game Coordinator they are to be removed from their duties immediately and the game shall not continue until the host team or league provides an adequate substitute.

5.12 Protests

In the tradition of football it will be understood that game results are final and non-protestable. This includes any “bad calls” or misinterpretation of the rules by the game officials or timing mistakes by the timer. They are all part of the game and shall not be used in a protest to overturn the results of a game. The only exception is in the area of eligibility. If the losing team has specific evidence (i.e. non-anecdotal) that the winning team used a player or players who is older than the age guidelines of Section 2.1 of this PPM they have within a half hour of the completion of said game to produce such evidence and a \$200 bond to the Game Coordinator who will then investigate it immediately and rule within an hour of the protest. Should the evidence prove correct the game results will be overturned and the \$200 returned. Should the evidence prove to be incorrect the losing team will forfeit the money and the game results stand.

5.13 Ineligible Players

Should ineligible player(s) be determined at any time other than in Section 5.11 it will be result in a fine against the team in question (See Section 5.13) and removal of player(s) in question but results of the games will not be overturned.

5.14 Failure to Comply

Any blatant failure by the host league to comply with the requirements outlined in Section 5.0 or teams caught with any ineligible players will be subject to a \$1000 fine which must be paid prior to the December Planning Meeting. An example of failing to comply would be an inappropriate facility as judged by the officials on-site. If a proven complaint is received in this area then a jury of three Board Members of Football Alberta would be convened to rule on the complaint and assess it accordingly within three days of the game in question. Failure to pay said fine will eliminate that league from further participation in Minor Provincials until the fine is paid.

Should any issues arise prior to hosting a game out of the control of the host league that may jeopardize the leagues ability to comply with Section 5.0 they are to contact the Technical Director immediately to seek his approval of any changes that may contradict Section 5.0. The TD would then be responsible for informing the other league/team and rule on exempting the host league in this particular case should the TD deem it reasonable.

5.15 Misconduct and Suspensions

Any behavior by anyone associated with either team in a Minor Provincial game recorded on the Incident Report (see Appendix “C”) as reported by the Game Coordinator that is felt to be worthy of future suspensions will be dealt with immediately (i.e. no later than the Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. following the game) by a committee made up of the Technical Director, the VP Officials, and VP Programs of Football Alberta. This would involve activities such as abuse of officials or opposition post-game or extreme examples of rough play or unsportsmanlike conduct and would be subject to suspensions from upcoming Minor Provincial games to further suspensions into future regular seasons. A decision on suspensions dealing with future seasons would be ratified at the Planning Meeting if they were appealed by the offending party prior to that. It would be the Technical Director’s responsibility to inform them of their rights.

5.16 Jersey Conflicts

In the event where both teams in any Minor Provincial game have primary colors that are the same then it will be the responsibility of the host team to find alternative jerseys.

6.0 Football Alberta Responsibilities

The Football Alberta office under the direction of the Technical Director will have responsibilities in the following areas:

- Coordinate a Planning Meeting each year in December which will include a session for the Minor Football Committee. This Committee will be made up of representatives from each participating league/association and designated Football Alberta minor representatives. The purpose of the meeting would be to plan the following years playoff structure for the Football Alberta Minor Provincials and deal with any issues from the previous yearsevent.
- Produce a schedule of events for Minor Provincials that will be approved at the Football Alberta

- A.G.M. the last week of January each year.
- Invoice each league accordingly based on the number of teams entering provincials on the yearly fees as determined by the Minor Football Committee by June 1st of each year with payment due by September 30th.
- Send out the final schedule and hosting/travelling details to all members of the Minor Football Committee and/or League Presidents/Commissioners as well as Football Alberta's Vice President of Officials by September 30th of each season.
- Ensure collection of the trophies from the previous year's champions by October 15th of each season.
- Collect the numerical rosters from participating teams by the Tuesday prior to the first week of Minor Provincials and vet them against the rosters submitted for insurance. The discovery of any players missing on the insurance submission should be dealt with prior to game day (i.e. get them signed up and paid on the insurance roster) or the players should be ruled ineligible to participate.
- Through the Vice President of Officials coordinate assignment for all Football Alberta Minor Provincial Games and distribution of the PPM to all host sites and head referees.
- Communicate with the leagues as well as host and visiting teams to troubleshoot any problems in the week prior to any Minor Provincial games.
- Coordinate distribution of Trophies and Medallions to each host site for the final games for all Football Alberta Minor Provincials.
- Coordinate distribution of all Minor Provincial game results to media outlets from across the province within an hour of the completion of the last game on competition days.
- Coordinate distribution of the travel vouchers to eligible teams (see Section 8.0) as determined by the Minor Football Committee by November 30th of each year.
- Assign Game Coordinators for each game played.
- Deal with any issues post-game as detailed in Incident Reports submitted by the Game Coordinators.

7.0 Member League Responsibilities

- Send a representative to the Football Alberta Planning Meeting each December (preferably the President or Commissioner) to bring any issues to the table from the previous years event as well as assist in planning the schedule for the following season
- Ensure that the invoice for Provincials participation is fully paid by September 30 of each season.
- Upon completion of their leagues championships submit a numerical roster of all teams who have advanced to Minor Provincials into Football Alberta's office by the Tuesday following at the latest. **Any player not listed on the Membership/Insurance form will be ineligible for provincial play unless dealt with immediately that week.**
- In the case of hosted games, book and pay for the venue that will be used for the game, and a pre-game practice (should the visiting team request one). The game facility *must* feature adequate heated dressing rooms, a score clock, and snow clearing capability (pre-game only).
- In the case of game where their team(s) are travelling, ensure that their teams are properly booked for transportation and are aware of the subsidies available to them for travel (see Section 8.0)
- Pay for the game officials (minimum 5 at \$40.00/per person) at the end of the game. ***Football Alberta will assign the officials out of our office, but you will pay for them.***
- Provide Minor Officials (ie. stick crews, timers, p.a. announcers) for the game
- Provide a luncheon (ie. Sandwiches or pizza and pop) post game for the visiting team as a gesture of goodwill between leagues. **NEW FOR 2024 - It is optional for the Host to provide a meal for the home team.**
- Coordinate with the Game Coordinator (see Section 5.8) to report the scores ***immediately*** upon the ***completion*** of the game to the number provided by the Technical Director

As approved at the Football Alberta 2025 Annual General Meeting:

League Championship games resulting in a team advancing to a Minor Provincial Game must be video recorded by the League and shared with Football Alberta. Football Alberta will share the game with both teams once the video is received and approved. The video must be completed by the League or an assigned person by the League not one of participating teams. The Member League must ensure the video is high quality and completed by a professional videography company or an experienced videography who has recorded football games before. The videotaping must be completed from a minimum of 20' of elevation and done as close to centre field as possible. Failure to provide an adequate recording of the game by 11:59pm on the Sunday before the Provincial Game could result in a \$1,000 fine for the League.

To ensure good quality and fairness of Game Film for Minor Provincials, Football Alberta has established the following criteria. Each Bantam League is responsible for filming their final game that leads to Football Minor Provincial. The below criteria to ensure the video is useful for both teams.

Filming Requirements

- **Responsibility:** The League is responsible for ensuring the game is filmed in the best possible quality with the proper equipment from the proper location. **This is a League requirement NOT a home or visiting team responsibility.**
- **Elevated Position:** The camera must be placed in a high, central location to provide a wide, unobstructed view of the entire field. The ideal position is at the midfield line (55-yard line), from a broadcast booth, press box, or a dedicated elevated platform. The minimum height is 20' but 25+ is recommended.
- **High-Quality Film:** The video must be recorded in high definition, with a minimum resolution of 1080p. The camera should have a wide-angle lens to capture all 24 players on the field simultaneously. The film is designated as "Coach Film" not broadcast film by zooming in and following the ball.
- **Tripod Use:** A sturdy tripod is mandatory to prevent camera shake and ensure a steady shot.
- **Complete Coverage:** The camera operator must film the entire game, from the opening kickoff to the final whistle, including all plays. The camera operator should start each clip when the offensive breaks the huddle and stop the play 5 seconds after each whistle. The camera should not zoom in on the ball but instead stay focused on the entire field to capture all player movements. One straight recording of the game will not be accepted.
- **Video Exchange:** The League must provide the film by 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday night before the Provincial Game. The League must provide the game film through Hudl or Google Drive.
- **Sanctions for Non-Compliance:** Any League that fails to provide a video, or provides a video that doesn't meet the quality criteria, will face sanctions from Football Alberta. These sanctions will include a \$1,000 fine, or in severe cases, forfeiture of the game.
- **Dispute Resolution:** If a team believes the provided film doesn't meet the policy's standards, they can file a formal complaint with Football Alberta. The league will review the video and determine if a penalty is warranted.
- **Integrity:** The policy is designed to uphold the integrity of the game by ensuring all teams have equal access to film for post-game analysis and preparation for future playoff matchups.

- **Receiving the Game Film:** Each team qualifying for Football Alberta Minor Provincials must send their Hudl Account or Email for a Google Share to techdirector@footballalberta.ab.ca by 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday night before the Provincial Game.

8.0 Travel Subsidy

8.1 Amount of Subsidy

At all levels of Minor Provincials, Football Alberta will provide a travel voucher for travelling teams for the FINAL Championship games only under the formula below:

100 – 300 km: Up to \$500

301 – 600 km: Up to \$1000

601 – 1200 km: Up to \$2000

1201 +: Up to \$3000

(Note: this is round trip total km's)

Receipts to be sent in are for busing, meals and hotel if required up to the grant amount.

8.2 Travel Subsidy Claim Procedure

Any travelling team eligible for a travel subsidy must claim it by the end of November in which Provincials are played. This can be done simply by submitting receipts to the Football Alberta office either by mail or email which total to an amount equal to or exceeded the specified voucher (see Section 8.1).

There also must be notice of who or what association the subsidy check should be made out to. Failure to submit receipts by the specified time will result in forfeiture of the money.

9.0 Seasons of Play

Season of Play for all Minor Football in the Province to be included in the Minor Provincials Policy and Procedure Manual read as follows:

- **Off-Season:** This includes the months of December, January, and February in their entirety. Teams and association may do all the administrative activities they wish and are also free to host gatherings for their players in whatever venue they wish (i.e. gym nights). Players can attend off-season camps as individuals or whatever indoor team activity their club provides.
- **Spring Season:** This includes the months of March, April, May, and June in their entirety. All teams may do any and all on and off-field activities they wish during this time. This will allow for ample time for the Midget season to take place and all other levels of minor football to run as much or as little spring programming as they wish.
- **Summer Break:** This includes the entire month of July. Teams and associations may continue to do administrative activities during this time (i.e. registrations, equipment handouts), but no formal on or off field activities for the players will be allowed in equipment or not. Athletes may attend summer football camps (i.e. University of Calgary Summer Football Camp) or Alberta Summer Games/Football Alberta elite program events as individuals but no coach, team, league, or association that is a member of Football Alberta at the minor football level may be the sponsor or organizer of summer camps for the purposes of training their athletes as a team.
- **Fall Season:** Teams and Associations will be allowed to start practices on August 1st of each year. Leagues and Associations will be allowed the flexibility to determine when they can start their regular season and/or pre-season tournaments but it would be recommended that 10 calendar days and at least 6 practises be allowed before any competition between teams takes place. The regular season for all leagues will conclude

with their championship games played the first full weekend in November (i.e. both Saturday and Sunday are November dates). This will allow for 14 weeks of league play including playoffs.

- **Provincials:** Provincial play for Pee-Wee and Bantam representative teams will commence the second full weekend in November and will conclude as per the schedule set by the Minor Football Committee and the previous years Planning Meeting.
- **Consequences** for not following the Seasons of Play Guidelines would fall into two categories:

TEAM – if a single team chooses not to follow the Seasons of Play Guidelines they would then forfeit any right to access Football Alberta programs and services. This would include everything from insurance to coaches clinic access to Alberta Summer Games and Bantam Bowls. Their League or Association would be free to choose whether or not they would be allowed to continue in regular season play or not but regardless of their record on the year, should they be allowed to continue, they would not be eligible for Provincials

LEAGUE or ASSOCIATION – if an entire league or association chooses not to follow the Seasons of Play Guidelines they would suffer the same consequences as in the TEAM section above as a group and none of their representative teams would be eligible for Provincials.

NOTE: In either situation above the discovery of these incidents would have to be proven by evidence provided and would be dealt with on a case by case basis.

10.0 Good Neighbor Policy

The Good Neighbor Policy for all Minor Football in the Province to be included in the Minor Provincials Policy and Procedure Manual read as follows:

The following addition to the Policy and Procedure Manual deals with the situation that arises when, from time to time a new or current minor football team from an area of the Province traditionally served by an existing league elects to join another league for whatever reason. An example in the past would include the Foothills Bantam and Pee-Wee teams from Okotoks joining the Capital District League in the Edmonton area. This new suggested policy is not designed to prevent such moves but only to ensure everyone is properly informed and every effort is made to ensure:

- new teams play in their local areas/leagues in order to keep the cost of participation to a minimum to the parents and players
- existing or new teams that have disagreements with their local leagues need to follow an approved procedure in order to go to a new league

The only power Football Alberta has in these situations is our Provincial Playoffs so here is the Policy:

Good Neighbor Policy

Each Minor Football League or Association within Alberta being members in good standing with Football Alberta must adhere to the following when accepting new teams.

If either a new or current team is coming from an area served by existing league or association (i.e. there are teams either in the same community or the team in question is inside the traditional boundaries of an existing league) and elects to join another Minor Football League or Association that is a member in good standing with Football Alberta they must:

- Receive formal written approval from the existing league or association (i.e. League “A”) that they are leaving the existing league or choose not to join the existing league as a newteam and request a transfer out of their area to another existing league or association (i.e. League “B”). The application to join an alternative league must be reflected in the minutes of a Board or Executive Meeting of League “A”
- Receive formal written approval from League “B” to join based on submission of the minutes from League “A” allowing the transfer of a team from their traditional area. This must also be reflected in the minutes of a Board or Executive Meeting of League“B”
- Both of these Minutes must be submitted to Football Alberta prior to June 1st of the competition year.

Failure to so will make the team in question ineligible for a period of three years to participate in Football Alberta Minor Provincials should they qualify out of League “B”.

NOTE: This will not prevent a team from joining another league outside the traditional boundaries of a league they are closest if they so choose. It will only effect their ability to progress to Provincials.

Appendix B

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Bantam

Tier I

1993 – Raymond Jr. Comets 29 Leduc Ti-Cats 12
1994 – Raymond Jr. Comets 20 Leduc Ti-Cats 14 (OT)
1995 – Leduc Ti-Cats 56 Brooks Roadrunners 38
1996 – Edmonton Chargers 28 Raymond Comets 26
1997 – Sherwood Park Rams 38 Cardston Cougars 10
1998 – Taber Cowboys 27 Calgary Hilltoppers 20
1999 – Sherwood Park Rams 20 Raymond Jr. Comets 18
2000 – Raymond Jr. Comets 35 Sherwood Park Northstars 7
2001 – Calgary Cowboys 32 Sherwood Park Rams 6
2002 – Raymond Jr. Comets 21 Edmonton Chargers 7
2003 – Sherwood Park Rams 44 Calgary Wildcats 22
2004 – Sherwood Park Rams 42 Calgary Bulldogs 13
2005 – Sherwood Park Rams 31 Calgary Bulldogs 0
2006 – Sherwood Park Rams 14 Raymond Jr. Comets 2
2007 – Raymond Jr. Comets 43 Calgary Hilltoppers 7
2008 – Sherwood Park Rams 37 Raymond Jr. Comets 7
2009 – Spruce Grove Cougars 31 Calgary Stampeders 30
2010 – Calgary Hilltoppers 10 Raymond Jr. Comets 0
2011 – Calgary Mavericks 28 Sherwood Park Rams 7
2012 – Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 28 Cardston Cougars 0
2013 – Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 25 Sherwood Park Rams 16
2014 – Sherwood Park Wolverines 41 Brooks Roadrunners 7
2015 – Edmonton Chargers 47 Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 40
2016 – Sherwood Park Rams 36 Calgary Hilltoppers 22
2017 – Sherwood Park Rams 15 Raymond Comets 0
2018 – Calgary Stampeders 66 Leduc Ti-Cats 0
2019 – Spruce Grove Cougars 39 Sherwood Park Rams 14
2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
2021 – Raymond Comets 9 Calgary Cowboys 0
2022 – Calgary Cowboy 21 Lethbridge Rams 0
2023 – Calgary Cowboys 31 Lethbridge Rams 22
2024 – Raymond Comets 21 Calgary Colts 7

Tier II

2004 – St. Albert 49ers 16 Foothills Eagles 14
2005 – Calgary Mavericks 48 Sherwood Park Wolverines 0
2006 – Edmonton Chargers 17 Cochrane Lions 8
2007 – Calgary Wildcats 13 Foothills Falcons 7
2008 – Foothills Falcons 54 Calgary Colts 26
2009 – Calgary Wildcats 34 St. Albert Fury 32
2010 – Edmonton Chargers 20 Calgary Stampeders 14
2011 – Calgary Mavericks 28 Sherwood Park Rams 7
2012 – Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 28 Cardston Cougars 0
2013 – Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 25 Sherwood Park Rams 16
2014 – Sherwood Park Wolverines 41 Brooks Roadrunners 7

2015 – Edmonton Chargers 47 Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 40
 2016 – Sherwood Park Rams 36 Calgary Hilltoppers 22
 2017 – Red Deer Notre Dame Cougars 20 Parkside Pythons 12
 2018 – Medicine Hat Hawks 29 Edmonton Mustangs 6
 2019 – Lloydminster Red Dogs 30 Stettler Cougars 21
 2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
 2021 – Medicine Hat Hawks 35 Lloydminster Red Dogs 21
 2022 – Medicine Hat Hawks 67 Red Deer Notre Dame Jr. Cougars 33
 2023 – Red Deer Notre Dame Jr. Cougars 27 Medicine Hat Crescent Heights Jr. Vikings 22
 2024 – Red Deer Hunting Hills 27 Brooks Roadrunners 7

Tier III

2004 – Edmonton Seahawks 24 Lethbridge Stampeders 14
 2005 – Leduc Wildcats 17 Cochrane Lions 16
 2006 – Calgary Mavericks 29 Lacombe Raiders 14
 2007 – Edmonton Chargers 20 Brooks Roadrunners 7
 2008 – Lloydminster Chargers 20 Cochrane Lions 0
 2009 – Edmonton Black Raiders 33 Medicine Hat Hawks 0
 2010 – Calgary Colts 37 St. Paul Bengals 14
 2011 – Cochrane Lions 14 Bonnyville Bandits 10
 2012 – Calgary Wildcats 25 Bonnyville Bandits 6
 2013 – Calgary Colts 65 Millwoods Grizzlies 0
 2014 – Cold Lake Royals 20 Lethbridge Jr. Rams 0
 2015 – Bonnyville Bandits 75 Cardston Jr. Cougars 35
 2016 – Lloydminster 18 Lethbridge Jr. Coyotes 0
 2017 – St. Paul Bengals 27 Lacombe Raiders 9
 2018 – Grande Prairie Broncos 61 Lacombe Raiders 0
 2019 – Edmonton Chargers 7 Airdrie Raiders 4
 2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
 2021 – No game in 2021
 2022 – Calgary Wildcats 22 Spruce Grove Cougars 13
 2023 – Foothills Eagles 18 Edmonton Chargers 14
 2024 – Calgary Wildcats 35 Fort. Saskatchewan Falcons 0

Tier IV

2008 - Grande Prairie Broncos 26 Strathmore Spartans 6
 2009 - Grande Prairie Broncos 33 Fort McMurray Ravens 7
 2010 - Grande Prairie Raiders 37 Medicine Hat Colts 30
 2011 – Grande Prairie Broncos 34 Parkside Pythons 28 (4OT)
 2012 – Grande Prairie Broncos 40 Medicine Hat Hawks 15
 2013 – Lethbridge Jr. Bulldogs 53 Grande Prairie Broncos 13
 2014 – Tier IV provincials discontinued
 2019 – Magrath Wolverines 50 Red Deer Notre Dame Jr. Cougars 12
 2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
 2021 - Tier IV provincials discontinued

Bantam 9-A-Side Tier I

2021 – Leduc Ti-Cats 53 Claresholm 12

2022 – St. Paul Bengals 58 Edmonton Chargers 13

2023 – St. Paul Bengals 43 Grande Prairie Broncos 35

2024 – St. Paul Bengals 26 Grande Prairie Raiders 15

Bantam 9-A-Side Tier II

2021 - Edmonton Seahawks 30 Drumheller Titans 12

2022 – Lethbridge Rams 54 Springbank Phoenix 0

2023 – Olds Bulldogs 26 Claresholm Cobras 23

2024 – Taber Rebels 22 Ponoka Broncos 6

Pee-Wee

Tier I

1996 – Edmonton Seahawks 26 Cochrane Lions 16
1997 – Calgary Cowboys 30 Sherwood Park Colts 17
1998 – Sherwood Park Colts 34 Cochrane Lions 16
1999 – Calgary Cowboys 28 Edmonton Chargers 0
2000 – Edmonton Chargers 12 Calgary Wildcats 2
2001 – Edmonton Chargers 34 Calgary Wildcats 21
2002 – Calgary Wildcats 22 West Edmonton Raiders 6
2003 – West Edmonton Raiders 9 Calgary Hilltoppers 8 (OT)
2004 – Calgary Cowboys 38 Millwoods Grizzlies 14
2005 – Sherwood Park Bulldogs 16 Calgary Wildcats 8
2006 – St. Albert Riders 11 Calgary Bulldogs 6
2007 – Calgary Bulldogs 49 Sherwood Park Bulldogs 14
2008 – Calgary Cowboys 28 Edmonton Chargers 7
2009 – Edmonton Chargers 57 Calgary Mavericks 40
2010 – Calgary Cowboys 44 Edmonton Chargers 6
2011 – Calgary Cowboys 78 Sherwood Park Sabrecats 60
2012 – Sherwood Park Bulldogs 33 Calgary Cowboys (Navy) 0
2013 – Edmonton Chargers 56 Calgary Cowboys (Navy) 14
2014 – Millwoods Grizzlies 34 Calgary Mavericks 30
2015 – Calgary Cowboys (Navy) 30 Edmonton Chargers 14
2016 – Leduc Wildcats 54 Calgary Stampeders 16
2017 – Spruce Grove Cougars 20 Edmonton Chargers 14
2018 – Calgary Wildcats 26 St. Albert Riders 16
2019 – Calgary Wildcats 46 Spruce Grove Cougars 0
2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
2021 – Calgary Cowboys 40 Airdrie Storm 0
2022 – Calgary Colts 20 Calgary Wildcats 6

Tier II

2004 – Edmonton Chargers 40 Calgary Mavericks 2
2005 – Edmonton Chargers 28 Foothills Eagles 26
2006 – Foothills Eagles 63 Millwoods Maulers 26
2007 – West Edmonton Black Raiders 36 Calgary Colts 8
2008 – West Edmonton Black Raiders 8 Calgary Falcons 1
2009 – Calgary Falcons 22 Millwoods Maulers 0
2010 – Calgary Bulldogs 34 Calgary Mavericks 12
2011 – Foothills Eagles 64 Edmonton Chargers 0
2012 – Calgary Cowboys (Grey) 36 Edmonton Mustangs 7
2013 – West Edmonton Raiders 55 Foothills Eagles 26
2014 – Okotoks Eagles 20 St. Albert Riders 6
2015 – St. Albert Riders 42 Calgary Colts 12
2016 – Airdrie Storm 54 Edmonton Chargers 22
2017 – Calgary Mavericks 56 Millwoods Grizzlies 6
2018 – Calgary Bulldogs 42 Edmonton Seahawks 6
2019 – Foothills Eagles 40 Sherwood Park Rams 0
2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
2021 – No game in 2021
2022 – Red Deer Steelers 34 Bonnyville Renegades 12

Tier III

2006 – Airdrie Storm 20 Sherwood Park Cougars 0
2007 – Calgary Falcons 28 Leduc Bobcats 0
2008 – Stettler Panthers 46 Calgary Hilltoppers 20
2009 – Red Deer Steelers 16 Calgary Bulldogs 8
2010 – Red Deer Steelers 28 Sherwood Park Sabrecats 10
2011 – Innisfail Cyclones 12 Calgary Colts 0
2012 – Lacombe Explosion 30 Parkland Predators 22
2013 – Lacombe Explosion 35 Cochrane Lions 7
2014 – Sylvan Lake Bears 64 Bonnyville Renegades 0
2015 – Bonnyville Renegades 40 Red Deer Steelers 30
2016 – Bonnyville Renegades 72 Strathmore Badgers 8
2017 – Lloydminster Colts 42 Stettler Panthers 0
2018 – Lloydminster Colts 24 Lacombe Explosion 8
2019 – Lloydminster Colts 46 Red Deer Hornets 12
2020 – No Minor Provincials in 2020
2021 – Red Deer Hornets 50 Wainwright Guard Dogs 6

Tier IV

2008 – Millwoods Maulers 33 Red Deer Steelers 14
2009 – Camrose Buffalos 34 Innisfail Cyclones 12
2010 – Spruce Grove Cougars 50 Strathmore Spartans 0
2011 – Lacombe Explosion 38 Spruce Grove Cougars 0
2012 – Stettler Panthers 55 St. Albert Colts 22
2013 – Lloydminster Steelers 46 Red Deer Hornets 6
2014 – Tier IV provincials discontinued

Pee wee 9-A-Side Tier I

2021 – Fort Saskatchewan Falcons 46 Sylvan Lake Bears 20
2022 – St. Albert 49'ers 77 Stettler Panthers 0
2023 – Strathcona Wolverines 22 Spruce Grove Cougars 0
2024 – Strathcona Wolverines 34 Sylvan Lake Bears 18

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2023 – Leduc Wildcats 45 Stettler Panthers 8
2024 – West Edmonton Raiders 26 Red Deer Servus Bucks 6

Atom

Tier I

1996 – St. Albert Redskins 28 Edmonton Chargers 0
1997 – Sherwood Park Warriors 6 Edmonton Chargers 0
1998 – Leduc Bobcats 39 Stony Plain Blue Bombers 6
1999 – West Edmonton Raiders 28 Edmonton Seahawks 0
2000 – Edmonton Chargers 32 Sherwood Park Eskimos 0
2001 – West Edmonton Raiders 14 Edmonton Seahawks 8
2002 – Millwoods Grizzlies 6 West Edmonton Raiders 0 (OT)

2003 – Sherwood Park Broncos 40 Leduc Bobcats 0
2004 – Sherwood Park Eskimos 6 Sherwood Park Warriors 0
2005 – West Edmonton Black Raiders 6 Sherwood Park Warriors 0
2006 – West Edmonton Black Raiders 6 Sherwood Park Broncos 0
2007 – Edmonton Chargers 27 Millwoods Maulers 12
2008 – Edmonton Chargers 24 West Edmonton Black Raiders 0
2009 – Edmonton Mustangs 28 Sherwood Park Eskimos 0
2010 – Sherwood Park Warriors 30 Edmonton Chargers 12
2011 – Edmonton Chargers 20 Leduc Bobcats 8
2012 – Millwoods Grizzlies 33 Sherwood Park Eskimos 19
2013 – West Edmonton Raiders 14 Sherwood Park Eskimos 6
2014 – Atom Provincials discontinued

Female

U19

2024 – West Edmonton Raiders 68 Foothills Eagles 8
2025 – West Edmonton Raiders 43 Calgary Wildcats 24

U16

2024 – St. Albert Valkyries 30 Central Alberta Fire 18
2025 – St. Albert Valkyries 54 Central Alberta Fire 24

Appendix “C”

INCIDENT REPORT

The following shall be filed to the Football Alberta Office no later than 8:00 a.m. on the Monday following the game in question should an incident (See list below) occur in a Minor Provincial Football Game.

Incidents that Require Reporting on:

- Player or Coach Ejections from Game.
- Intent to injure situations
- Excessive verbal abuse of officials or opponents by ANYONE (i.e. coaches, players, fans) associated with the game.
- Removal of Minor Officials due to lack of neutrality
- Post-Game verbal or physical exchanges
- Inappropriate violation of locker room areas by non-team personnel.
- Any other issue deemed not the best interests of the game by the Game Coordinator.

GAME:

(i.e. Bantam Tier II Semi-Final)

DATE:

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

LOCATION:

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

(continue on back if necessary)

NAME(S) OF OFFENDING INDIVIDUAL(S): _

RECOMMENDATION:

No further action

Suspension/banning for next game (if applicable)

Suspension/banning for next season (if applicable)

Other

Signature of Game Coordinator

Signature of Head Official

Date

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