

# PEACE COUNTRY BANTAM FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## 2015 Standards

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Peace Country Bantam Football League (hereinafter "League"), the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Executive to govern conduct of the League and football play during the 2015 season.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These regulations shall be read subject to the Bylaws of the League and shall not, in any way or manner whatsoever be deemed to limit the effect of the Bylaws of the League. In the event a conflict between the Bylaws and the Regulations arises, the Bylaws shall govern.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise specifies or requires:

**"Bantam Age Group"** means Individuals that are in grade 7 to grade 9 but can't turn 16 during the calendar year of that season.

**"The Board"** means the appointed person representing the individual teams, one (1) rep per team, as the PCBFL Board of Directors;

**"Player"** means an individual of the Bantam Age Group;

**"Rule Book"** means the Canadian Rule Book for Amateur Football.

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIRMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

3. In accordance with the Bylaws all Team members shall enter into written agreement with the League which shall include terms as deemed by The Board, in their sole discretion, to be relevant and to include, but not be limited to;

(a) Agreement to abide by the Rules and Regulations as established, amended, and adopted by the League;

(b) Agreement to follow the philosophy of the League; and

(c) Agreement to have all disputes between members decided by The Board.

4. Each Player shall submit to the following, on or before the Player's first league game:

- o A completed registration form as deemed by the league and a signed Parent's Code of Conduct.

(a) Any Player who has failed to provide his registration form on or before such Player's first league game shall be ineligible to participate in any activity of the League including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, practicing with any Team or playing any football games.

(b) Any Team who knowingly allows a Player who has failed to provide his registration form on or before such Player's first league game, to practice, or to play in any league games shall forfeit any league games in which such Player has played and may be liable to suspension or penalty, as determined by The Board.

(c) Any parent that fails to comply with the Code of Conduct anytime during a League sponsored event will face discipline from the Board. On a first offence there will be a verbal warning issued, on the second offence there will be a written warning issued, on the third offence the parent will be asked to leave the event immediately and may be suspended from future events as deemed by the Board. Any offences that occur after the third one has been received will be reviewed by the Board immediately and may result in that parent and their player being suspended or removed from the League.

5. Each Coach shall submit to the following, on or before the Coach's first league game:

- A completed registration form as deemed by the league and a signed Coach's Code of Conduct.
- A Criminal records Check or P.I.C.

(a) Any Coach who has failed to provide his information and the Criminal Records Check on or before such Coach's first league game shall be ineligible to participate in any activity of the League including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, coaching any football games.

(b) Any Team who knowingly allows a Coach who has failed to provide his information and the Criminal Records Check on or before such Coach's first league game shall forfeit any league games in which such Coach has coached and may be liable to suspension or penalty, as determined by The Board.

(c) Any Coach that fails to comply with the Code of Conduct anytime during a League sponsored event will face discipline from the Board. On a first offence there will be a verbal warning issued, on the second offence there will be a written warning issued, on the third offence the coach will be asked to leave the event immediately and may be suspended from future events as deemed by the Board. Any offences that occur after the third one has been received will be reviewed by the Board immediately and may result in that coach being suspended or removed from the League.

6. Each team shall submit to the following, on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> of that season.

- Submit a complete roster of all players that have registered with the team with their name, grade, age, and school and jersey number listed.

(a) Any team that has failed to provide their roster by this date shall be ineligible to participate in any activity of the League including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, playing any football games.

(b) Any Team who manipulates or submits a false or knowingly incorrect roster shall forfeit any league games in which they have played to that point and may be liable to suspension or penalty, as determined by The Board.

7. All adults associated with any Team in a capacity as coach, manager, trainer, or otherwise shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the objectives of the League. If, in the sole opinion of the Board, any such person conducts himself in a manner which may be detrimental to the League, he shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from the League.

## **GAME REQUIREMENTS**

8. The Board, in its sole discretion, shall set the schedule for the league with input from all the teams with consideration to any issues raised by the teams. Each Team shall strictly adhere to the

schedule which is to be provided to each Team prior to the first game of the season subject to variations communicated to any Team from The Board.

9. Teams must be prepared to play their respective games at the time scheduled for such game. Teams arriving late will be penalized in accordance with Rule Book or otherwise, as The Board deems fit.
10. In the circumstance where no or not enough officials (min. 2) have arrived there will be no game, a make-up game will be rescheduled if possible.
11. Each Home team participating in a league game shall provide at least three (3) people for the duration of the game as sideline personnel as well as set up the field a half hour (30 minutes) prior to game time and clean up the field immediately after the game.
12. Timing of league and exhibition games shall be as follows;
  - Each game shall consist of four (4) quarters of play time, each being twelve (12) minutes long.
  - Half time shall be ten (10) minutes in duration, in between the second and third quarter.
  - Games will be timed as per the rule book.
  - Overtime will be conducted in accordance with the rule book.
13. Each Team shall be entitled to two (2) time outs per half and one (1) in overtime, with no unused time outs carrying over. Time outs will stop the clock for thirty (30) seconds when called.
14. In the event of a tie in the standings, at the end of the regular season, the points for and against between the tied teams will determine the standings for the play-offs.
15. During any game, if the referee deems that the general conduct of the game, or the discipline of the players, spectators or coaches, is unsatisfactory, they may halt the game and hold an immediate, on field, conference with the coaches of the teams involved. Their efforts, through the coaches, to elevate the play to sportsmanlike standards must be upheld failing which they would declare the game "Ended".

## **FAIR PLAY POLICY**

16. This season there will be a max number of 40 players on each team in the League.
17. Before each League game the teams will provide the League with a list of ineligible players (up to approximately six (6) players) who will not be playing due to expectable League reasons.
18. All rostered players, not listed on the pre-game ineligible list, must have a minimum of 10 plays per game. The only exception to this is if a player is injured to the point that it is not safe for them to return to play, which will be denoted by that players shoulder pads being removed on the sidelines.
19. All teams' rosters will be frozen on or around September 15<sup>th</sup> and that roster will be submitted to the League at that time as the official team roster. New players will only be allowed to be added after this time by making an application to the Board.

20. Any team found to be manipulating or breaking the Fair Play Policy in a game or as a whole, will forfeit that game or the entire season, as determined by the Board, and may be liable to suspension or penalty from the League.

## **COMPLAINT RESOLUTION**

21. Complaints made to the PCBFL are required to be in writing with signature and contact information. Complaints made without these two requirements will not be considered at any time. Once a complaint has met these requirements, the Board will discuss how to investigate the matter further at that time. The Board will review and approve all responses and/or penalties that are decided on for each official complaint. The complainant will be contacted immediately upon resolution of the complaint to let them know the outcome.

22. The penalty for the breach of any rule or regulation shall be determined by The Board of the Peace County Bantam Football League in their sole discretion, after due investigation in accordance with these regulations.