

Policy Category	Operations
Policy Name	Player Eligibility
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Sherwood Park Rams Player Eligibility

1. UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS

- 1.1. Football is for the players.
- 1.2. All members are honorable.
- 1.3. The Sherwood Park Rams shall hold Members accountable to these RPPs.
- 1.4. Honest and Full Disclosure
 - 1.4.1. When providing information to the Sherwood Park Rams, all parties involved are expected to provide complete and accurate information.
 - 1.4.2. The Sherwood Park Rams reserves the right to investigate and/or follow up to ensure the accuracy of information presented.

2. PLAYER RECRUITMENT

2.1. The Sherwood Park Rams are free to recruit players without hindrance from within our assigned recruitment zone. The Sherwood Park Rams, inclusive of parents, players and staff, 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. [See Player Recruitment – Tampering Policy.](#)

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The club President and Registrar shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of the club’s rostered members.
- 3.2. All members must have completed the required waivers upon registration.
 - CDMFA Code of Conduct / UCC
 - CDMFA Media Release
 - CDMFA Privacy Policy
 - CDMFA Waiver of Liability
 - Football Alberta Waiver

3.3. Eligibility of a player to participate in Sherwood Park Rams games or sanctioned events may be suspended or terminated by the Rams Executive in the event of any conduct that violates any standard of conduct set out by the Sherwood Park Rams policies, including but not limited to, the Sherwood Park Rams Codes of Conduct.

3.4. Age

3.4.1. Any individual meeting age requirements, regardless of weight, is eligible to play any position within their age division of the Sherwood Park Rams.

Refer to Sherwood Park Rams Policy “Registrations”

3.4.2. Upon request, players must provide the club Registrar with proof of age (i.e. Birth Certificate or Alberta Health Care Insurance card). Clubs must not keep copies of any proof of age documents or information contained therein.

3.4.3. Underage Players

The Sherwood Park Rams strongly discourages moving players outside of their designated age group, however, if the current age category does not fit the developmental age of the player, they can be moved (only up) an age category.

3.4.3.1.1. The request must be made on the prescribed form which is the CDMFA Underage Player Form, signed by all required parties and submitted to the CDMFA Senior Program Manager for consideration.

3.5. Grade

3.5.1. Upon request, players must also provide a current year original report card or a letter from the school that will prove to the club registrar’s satisfaction the player’s grade and school of enrollment during the current season of play.

3.6. Residence

3.6.1. It is expected that players will register with and play for the club in their designated zone.

3.6.2. As per the Recruitment Zone and Boundary policy, a player’s **primary residence** determines their assigned or designated zone.

3.6.2.1. If an existing player’s primary residence changes and they wish to move to the club in the designated zone of their new residence, they must complete a Transfer Request. (Refer to Sherwood Park Rams & CDMFA Transfer Policy).

4. PROGRAMS & AGE DIVISIONS

*Programs labeled as “Traditional” are inclusive of all genders.

4.1. Spring Tackle - Traditional U19 (not currently running this program)

4.1.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the Sherwood Park Rams.



4.1.2. 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 Sherwood Park Rams. 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.

4.1.3. U19 (Previously Midget) Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams.

4.2. Spring Tackle - Girls U19 (not currently running this program)

4.2.1. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 8 shall be eligible to play in the Midget Level of the Sherwood Park Rams.

4.2.2. (U19) Sr Girls Division. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams.

4.2.3. (U16) Jr Girls Division. No player over the age of sixteen (16) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams.

4.3. Spring Flag - Traditional U8-U18

4.3.1. U18. No player over the age of eighteen (18) on December 31 of the in current year is eligible to play. (Not currently running this program)

4.3.2. U16. No player over the age of sixteen (16) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.

4.3.3. U14. No player over the age of fourteen (14) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.

4.3.4. U12. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.

4.3.5. U10. No player over the age of ten (10) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.

4.3.6. U8. No player over the age of eight (8) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play.

4.4. Fall Flag - Traditional U9

4.4.1. U9 (Previously Novice Division). No player over the age of eight (8) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams Novice Division.

4.4.1.1. It is mandated that the U8 division will be non-contact only. (Football Canada April 2018)

4.5. Fall Tackle - Traditional U11-U16

4.5.1. 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 for the Sherwood Park Rams.

4.5.2. No individual who is currently enrolled in Grade 9 shall be eligible to play Bantam Football in the CDMFA if they are currently on the roster of a High School football team.



4.5.3. U16 (Previously Bantam) Division. No player over the age of fifteen (15) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams Bantam Division.

4.5.4. U13 (Previously Peewee) Division. No player over the age of twelve (12) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams Peewee Division.

4.5.5. U11 (Previously Atom) Division. No player over the age of ten (10) on December 31 of the current year is eligible to play for the Sherwood Park Rams Atom Division.

LTAD Level	Tackle Program Age on Dec 31(year season is played)	Age Division
Fundamentals	6, 7, 8	U9 (Novice) Flag only
Learn to Train	8, 9, 10	U11 (Atom) 6v6 Tackle
Train to Train	11, 12	U13 (Peewee) 9v9 Tackle
Train to Train	13, 14, 15	U16 (Bantam) 9v9 or 12v12 Tackle
Train to Train (not currently running, included for posterity)	16, 17, 18	U18 (Midget) Traditional 12v12 Girls 6v6

LTAD Level	Non-Contact Program Age on Dec 31 (year season is played)	Age Division
Fundamentals	6, 7, 8	U8 (Novice)
Learn to Train	9, 10	U10 (Atom)
Train to Train	11, 12	U12 (Peewee)
Train to Train	13, 14, 15, 16	U16 (Bantam)