

# Capital District Minor Football Association (CDMFA)

## **About CDMFA**

CDMFA is the association that oversees and organizes minor football leagues in Edmonton and the surrounding areas (including some teams further away such as Fort McMurray). As of 2024, CDMFA comprises 23 member associations, each operating teams across various age divisions (U9 all the way to U19).

## **CDMFA Mission**

To be an association of football clubs that strives for a safe, affordable and first-class amateur football opportunity in the Capital District by governing league play, supporting member organizations, and promoting teamwork, leadership and good sportsmanship with a focus on the development of participants and the enjoyment of everyone.

## **Why CDMFA**

The CDMFA plays a crucial role in the regional sports landscape by:

- **Facilitating Competition:** It offers structured leagues that enable youth to engage in organized football, fostering athletic development and community engagement.
- **Supporting Member Clubs:** The association provides resources and guidance to its member clubs, ensuring consistency in coaching standards, safety protocols, and organizational practices.
- **Promoting Inclusivity:** With programs like the female tackle football league, the CDMFA encourages participation from diverse groups, promoting inclusivity within the sport.

## **Relationship Between CDMFA & SCMFA Wolverines**

We work collaboratively to deliver Minor Football Programs to our Community. This partnership ensures:

- **Cohesion:**
  - Clubs operate independently but within a framework of rules and standards set by the CDMFA. This creates consistency across the league. These are worked and voted on during board meetings and the AGM by member clubs.
- **Player & Staff Development:**
  - CDMFA's structured environment allows clubs to focus on nurturing skills, teamwork, and character development in players and staff (coaches, managers, trainers).
- **Community Connection:**
  - CDMFA supports clubs in their efforts to engage and strengthen ties with local communities (such as Elks partnerships).

## **Why We Need to Be a Part of CDMFA**

Being part of the CDMFA provides numerous benefits:

- Access to a well-established network that facilitates league play, tournaments, and events.
- Resources and support to improve coaching, safety, and overall club operations.
- Credibility and recognition within the minor football community.
- Advocacy for football programs at a regional level, ensuring the sport's growth and sustainability.

## **Ensuring Respect for the CDMFA**

Respecting the CDMFA's rules, structure, and mission is essential to maintaining a thriving football club. We need to encourage players and their families to:

- Understand that CDMFA's guidelines are designed to ensure fair play, safety, and inclusivity.
- Recognize the effort and resources CDMFA invests in organizing and supporting minor football.
- Represent their club and the league positively, fostering a culture of respect and sportsmanship.
- As a member club, we participate in decision making for the league.

Membership in the CDMFA is not just a requirement; it is an opportunity to be part of a thriving and supportive football ecosystem. By aligning with CDMFA's mission and values, member clubs ensure that players and families enjoy a safe, competitive, and enriching experience that promotes the love of football for years to come.

