



## THE CALGARY PEEWEE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Rules & Regulations - 2010

Pursuant to Article 8.13 of the Bylaws of the Calgary and Area Pee Wee Football Association (hereinafter "Association"), the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Executive to govern conduct of the Association and football play during the 2010 season.

1. These regulations shall be read subject to the Bylaws of the Association and shall not, in any way or manner whatsoever be deemed to limit the effect of the Bylaws of the Association. 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:

**"Pee Wee Age Group"** means Individuals up to the age of twelve (12) years, whose thirteenth (13th) birthday does not fall on or before December 31, of the year.

**"Commissioner"** or **"Commissioners"** shall be that person or those persons chosen by the Executive;

**"District"** shall be the area in Calgary and the surrounding areas from which each Team may draw Players, as determined by the Executive and communicated to each Team;

**"Player"** means an individual of the Pee Wee Age Group;

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

3. The terms contained in these Regulations which are defined in the Bylaws, shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Bylaws.

4. Word importing the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine or neuter genders.

5. (a) Each Player shall submit to his Team the following, on or before the Player's first league game:

- A duly completed registration form, including, without limitation, proof of such Player's age, with all parts completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, such form to be in a form and contain such matters which are satisfactory to the Executive.
- A registration fee in the sum of \$125.00 (CAD) includes insurance or less as mandated by the League; and
- A medical form will be required by the Executive (mandatory)

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

(c) Any Team who knowingly allows a Player who has failed to provide his registration form, the registration fee, and the medical form to the Team 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 Executive or Commissioner.

(d) All Teams shall pay directly to Football Alberta the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per player for insurance. Such insurance shall be submitted to Football Alberta with a record of names in a form acceptable to Football Alberta.

(e) All Teams shall forward to the Society a registration fee in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each and every player that the Team has registered.

(f) When a Team operates a spring camp, the Team Member shall complete the appropriate Football Alberta form and forward the form to Football Alberta within forty-eight (48) hours of commencement of the camp. Prior to the commencement of the season, the Team shall pay to Football Alberta fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per player insurance fee for all players who attend the camp but do not register with the Team in accordance with clause 5(a) of this Regulation.

(g) Teams shall not charge any player greater than two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) in team fees. Any fees greater than two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) shall be optional. Teams shall not include the purchase of T-Shirts, Jackets, Photographs, in the mandatory registration fee. Nor shall any Team include the price of a banquet or Team dinner in the mandatory registration fee. All player expenses, aside from registration fees, shall be optional.

6. Each Player must be of the Peewee Age Group and must present a birth certificate or similar document to his Team as proof that he is of the Peewee Age Group.
7. A Player shall not be eligible to participate in any playoff games unless he has participated in one or more league games. Provided that if a Player has participated in one or more league games due to an injury suffered while playing football with his Team, he shall be eligible to participate in the playoff games of that Team.
8. Any Player registered in the Calgary Bantam Football Association shall not be eligible to play in any football games of the Association.
9. The following Regulation govern the conduct of each and every Player in the Association and any breach of the Regulation shall be dealt with as follows:

(a) A Player who:

- Utilizes tobacco in any form whatsoever;
- Consumes alcoholic beverages
- Utilizes profane language
- Destroys or pilfers property belonging to another person
- Utilizes narcotics or abuses other drugs; or
- Commits any other act which the Executive deems detrimental to the Association or its objects.

Maybe suspended or expelled from the Association, with or without warning by the Commissioner and the Team to which the offending Player belongs may forfeit one or more games, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

(b) In supplement to and not so as to limit the Rules of the Canadian Amateur Football Association, any Player guilty of Unnecessary Roughness shall be suspended for three (3) plays during the game by the game officials and any Player guilty of Unnecessary Roughness and suspended from play by the officials for the second time in that game shall be suspended for the balance of that game, and may also be suspended from the next league or playoff game, whichever is first, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

(c) Any Player found by the officials in a game to be guilty of rough play with intent to injure shall be immediately suspended from all further play in the Association pending a hearing in the presence of the Commissioner who shall, in his sole discretion, make a decision as to the further play of that Player.

(d) Any Team Member swearing on the field or the sidelines during a game shall be subject to an automatic objectionable conduct penalty.

10. Team Districts are as agreed to by the teams. No Team may register a player from outside their district without that player having been waived by the Team in whose district the player resides. Players who reside outside a Team district and play for a Team without a waiver from the Team in whose district the player resides shall be deemed to be ineligible. The only exception shall be players who change residence within the football season. Those players shall be deemed to be resident in that district which was their residence on August 1, of the current year.
11. Any Player who is waived by a Team shall be waived for the entire duration of that Player's eligibility for Peewee Football.
12. 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 Association. If, in the sole opinion of the Executive, any such person conducts himself in a manner which may be detrimental to the Association, he shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from the Association. Head Coach please refer to signed declaration.
13. Prior to the commencement of each game, other than exhibition games, each Team involved in the games shall provide the timekeeper with one (1) copy of the roster of players for that game, with players listed in numerical order, in accordance with their respective sweater numbers, as well as all coaches names, trainers, spotters or photographers, on a computer generated, typewritten, or handwritten roster form. Failure to include a player or players on such roster shall result in the immediate disqualification of such player or players from the remainder of that game. Only players who are actually dressed for that game shall be included on the game roster. Any deletions from the regular roster of the Team shall be noted on the game roster with a reason for that player's exclusion from the game roster.
14. Teams participating in league play must have clean uniforms. It is the responsibility of the coaches and managers to see that their Players comply with this Regulation.
15. Each Home team participating in a league game shall provide at least three (3) people for the duration of the game as sideline personnel.
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  - a) 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 Commissioner deems fit.
  - b) In the circumstance where no officials have arrived there will be no game, a make up game will be rescheduled if possible.
17. No Team shall contact any Team outside the Association with a view to engaging in exhibition games, or playoff games, unless it has received the prior written permission of the Executive.
18. At the Annual General Meeting each Team shall provide to the Executive:

- (a) A list of inventory for that Team prior to the commencement of the season. Such inventory shall include all equipment used by the Team and its age;
- (b) A complete Team roster in a form suitable to the Executive; and
- (c) A complete set of Financial Statements for the team suitable to the Executive.

19. a) Subject to the Regulations, the Canadian Amateur Football Rule book shall apply to all games played in the Association.

b) Bench conduct shall apply to anyone on the team roster for the game, the following apply:

- Utilizes tobacco in any form whatsoever;
- Consumes alcoholic beverages
- Utilizes profane language
- Destroys or pilfers property belonging to another person
- Utilizes narcotics or abuses other drugs; or
- Commits any other act which the Executive deems detrimental to the Association or its objects.

Any person the Executive deems to be disobeying these rules shall be ejected from the field.

c) Coaches Conduct: there will be a no tolerance policy to poor conduct from coaches on the sidelines. Any infraction would be dealt with by the coach's peers.

20. Timing of league and exhibition games shall be as follows;

- (a) All quarters shall be twelve (12) minutes in duration and during the last three (3) minutes of the second and fourth quarter, timing shall be in accordance with the Rule Book (stop time).
- (b) Excluding the last three minutes of each half, the clock will only be stopped for touchdowns, time outs and player injuries.
- (c) If there are twenty-nine (29) or more points between teams, the clock will not stop for touchdowns, excluding the last three (3) minutes of the second and fourth quarter.
- (d) If there are twenty-nine (29) or more points between teams, the team with the lower score can ask the timekeeper to run the time clock without stopping; including the last three (3) minutes of the second and fourth quarter.
- (e) Half time shall be five (5) minutes in duration
- (f) All games, other than playoff games, which are tied at the end of regulation time, shall be registered as a tie game.

21. Timing of Playoff games shall be the same as specified in Regulation 20. Also, overtime in accordance with the Rule Book shall apply to playoff games only.

22. Blocking below the waist shall be a ten (10) yard penalty except where it occurs in the close line play area where it shall not be penalized. For the protection of the center on long snaps, no player may make direct contact with the center until he comes to a hitting position with his head up.

23. Players shall wear mouth guards at all times during practice and during all games.

24. All restraining zone fouls on kicked balls shall be ten (10) yard penalties from the point of foul.

25. Each Team shall be entitled to two (2) time outs per half.

26. Scoring shall be in accordance with the Rule Book with the exception that Converts after a touchdown shall count for;

- (a) one (1) point by scoring a touchdown;
  - (b) two (2) points by scoring a field goal.
27. Full contact practices shall not be allowed until the Team shall have completed the Football Alberta Membership application from and /or league registration form which is provided by the Commissioner, or his designate, to each of the Teams. Team Members shall be responsible for maintaining a membership application on file for each and every player on that Team.
28. In any event, Teams are not permitted to provide equipment to players prior to August 1st of the current year. Only after that date may Teams commence Full Contact practices.
29. Without restricting the generality of any of the Regulations any Team using ineligible Players shall forfeit each game in which such ineligible Player has played and the coach or coaches may be liable to suspension following an investigation by the Commissioner.
- No two way ball players with the exception of down lineman or specialty teams. Any coach or Team Member playing a player on both defense and offence in the same game shall be subject to suspension at the Executive's sole discretion unless said coach or Team Member has first secured the agreement and consent of the opposing coach prior to the game.
30. Each Team shall have a minimum of fourteen (14) eligible Players and shall be allowed a maximum of forty (40) eligible Players in full football equipment for each regular season and playoff game.
31. a) All coaches shall have obtained, or be in the process of obtaining, at least level one (1) Technical and Theory component of the Canadian Amateur Football Association Coaching Certification Program. All coaches who are in the process of obtaining level one (1) Certification must complete Level One (1) prior to the commencement of the following season. This also applies to any coaches who change teams. A maximum one (1) year period will be allowed for any coach to obtain level one (1) Certification.
- b) The cost of certification is up to each individual team.
32. Each Teams Head Coach must be certified by the Canadian Amateur Football Association as having attained level one (1) in the Coaching Certification Program.
33. The Executive, in its sole discretion, shall set the schedule for the league. 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 Executive.
34. In the event of a tie in the standings, at the end of the regular season, the following tie breaking formula shall be used to determine rankings:
- 1.) Head to head games between tied teams.
  - 2.) Total season points against (least points against having the advantage).
  - 3.) Total number of wins
  - 4.) Coin toss with Team with name closest to the beginning of the alphabet calling the toss
35. In accordance with Clause 4.3 of the Bylaws all Team members shall enter into written agreement with the Society which shall include terms as deemed by the Executive, 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 Society from time to time;
  - (b) Agreement to follow the philosophy of the Society;

(c) Agreement to hold in trust for the Society or a successor Team all funds raised and equipment purchased; and

(d) Agreement to have all disputes between members decided by the Commissioner.

36. (a) Any complaints or concerns from a member regarding a breach of the Rules and Regulations, or Bylaws by a player member shall be directed to the Commissioner. The Commissioner, in his complete discretion, shall deal with the complaint and come to a decision on any action to be taken. Such complaints may be either verbal or written.
- (b) If the Commissioner, in his sole discretion, deems there are no reasonable grounds for the complaint, he may dismiss the complaint and shall so advise the complainant.
- (c) If the Commissioner deems there is reasonable grounds for a complaint against a player member, he shall advise the player member of the complaint and shall hear submissions from the subject player member and his parents only. At the initial hearing, the Commissioner shall not hear from any witnesses aside from the subject of the complaint and his parents. After the initial hearing, the Commissioner, in his sole discretion, may render a decision to either dismiss the complaint or to take disciplinary action against the subject of the complaint.
- (d) After the initial hearing if the Commissioner, in his sole discretion, cannot make a determination on whether to dismiss the complaint or to take disciplinary action against the subject, he may convene further hearings to hear from witnesses.
- (e) The rules of evidence do not apply in any hearing convened by the Commissioner. No party shall be entitled to representation at any hearing. The decision of the Commissioner is final subject to appeals as stated in the Bylaws.
37. (a) Any complaints or concerns from a member regarding a breach of the Rules and Regulations or Bylaws by a Team, coach or manager, or disputes between teams or coaches or managers, shall be directed in writing to the Commissioner who shall then either hear and determine the dispute or bring the complaint forward to the Executive.
- (b) The Commissioner shall have complete and unfettered discretion in determining whether the matter should be determined by him or forwarded to the Executive. In the event the matter is forwarded to the Executive they, in their complete discretion, shall deal with the complaint and come to a decision on any action to be taken. No action shall be taken by the Executive or the Commissioner on verbal complaints or concerns about Team Members, coaches, or manager.
- (c) If the Executive, in its sole discretion, deems there are no reasonable grounds for the complaint they may dismiss the complaint and shall so advise the complainant.
- (d) If the Executive deems there is reasonable grounds for a complaint against a coach, Team, or manager, the Executive shall provide a copy of the written complaint to the subject of the complaint and shall schedule a hearing (the "initial hearing") within one (1) month of the provision of the written complaint to the subject. At the initial hearing the Executive shall hear submissions from the subject only. At the initial hearing the Executive shall not hear from any witnesses aside from the subject of the complaint. After the initial hearing, the Executive, in its sole discretion, may render a decision to either dismiss the complaint or to take disciplinary action against the subject of the complaint.
- (e) After the initial hearing, if the Executive, in its sole discretion, cannot make a determination on whether to dismiss the complaint or to take disciplinary action against the subject, the Executive may convene further hearings to hear from witnesses.
- (f) The Rules of evidence do not apply in any hearing convened by the Executive. No party shall be entitled to representation at any hearing. The decision of the Executive is final subject to appeal as stated in the Bylaws.

38. The penalty for the breach of any rule or regulation shall be determined by the Executive of the Calgary and Area Pee wee Football Association in their sole discretion, after due investigation in accordance with these regulations.