

### Notice #3 - Football - Regular NOM

#### Current

#### Section XIV

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- A. Each football region will determine their representatives to provincials at each Tier. The regions are not the same as the ASAA zones.
- B. The football regions consist of the following leagues:

Region 1	South & Rangeland
Region 2	Big Sky, Rockyview & Big Rock
Region 3	Calgary
Region 4	Central
Region 5	Edmonton *Note that Edmonton public has now amalgamated with Edmonton Metro into region 5 ie – there is no Region 6
Region 7	Wheatland and Fort McMurray
Region 8	Mighty Peace
6-a-side	Alberta 6-a-side Football League

- C. The provincial playoff entries by tier will be as follows:

Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Region 1	Region 1	Region 1A	Region 1
Region 3A	Region 2	Region 1B	Region 2A
Region 3B	Region 3	Region 2	Region 2B
Region 4	Region 4	Region 3	Region 3
Region 5A	Region 5A	Region 4	Region 4
Region 5B	Region 5B	Region 5	Region 5
Region 7	Region 7	Region 7	Region 7
Region 8	Region 8	Region 8	Region 8

- I. Home teams and second round matchups will be determined on a year to year basis. B teams coming out of any region are given on the basis of number of teams in that tier.
- II. Allocation of a B team berth to any given region is determined based on the number of teams in that Tier from that region.
- III. Any changes to the number of regional berths will be strictly based on the number of teams per region.

D. The ASAA office will determine and post on the ASAA website the provincial playoff brackets no later than June 15 of each year.

E. Teams that receive an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a region at a given Tier must declare their intention to participate in the quarterfinal game by September 30. If a team that receives an automatic berth pulls out of the quarterfinal game after September 30, that team will be charged \$1,000. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$750 to the replacement team.

F. Vacant Berths

- I. In the event that a region does not fill their berth, or a team withdraws prior to the provincial quarterfinals, this spot will become a vacant berth.
- II. In all classifications and divisions, a vacant berth is allocated to the region with the most registered teams in that Tier, that does not already have a second berth
- III. A region cannot receive more than one vacant berth per Tier

5. F. The Tier II provincial quarterfinal (northern semi-final) playoff rotation is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Quarter Final Matchup 1</b>	<b>Quarterfinal Matchup 2</b>
1 - 2022	5a vs. 7	5b vs. 8
2 - 2023	7 vs. 5a	8 vs. 5b
3 - 2024	5a vs. 5b	7 vs. 8
4 - 2025	5b vs. 5a	8 vs. 7
5 - 2026	5a vs. 8	5b vs. 7
6 - 2027	8 vs. 5a	7 vs. 5b

## 9. 6-a-side Football

A. 6-a-side football shall be an official variation of 12-a-side football.

The rules for 12-a-side football established by Canadian Amateur Football Association will apply to 6-a-side, with the following exceptions:

- I. Kick-off takes place from the 40 yard line (no matter the length of the field)
- II. Time: 12 minute stop time quarters, at no point will the games move to straight time
- III. Conversion points are reversed from 12-a-side Football. Kicked conversion - 2 points. Pass or run – 1 point
- IV. Only the middle of the three linemen is ineligible each play. If four men are down, both inside linemen are ineligible (numbers are irrelevant)
- V. Three linemen must be set for one second before the ball is snapped (not necessarily in the three point stance). In all other ways, 6-a-side football follows the rules for 12-a-side tackle football and is governed by all the above stated policies included in Section XIII of the handbook.
- VI. In 6-a-side football, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

## Proposed

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- A. For Tiers I, II, III, IV, the ASAA Provincial Playoffs are 8-team brackets made up of a north region and a south region for each Championship category.
- B. Zones will determine their representatives to provincials for Tiers I, II, III, IV.
  - a. The North Central Zone and North West Zone are combined and must coordinate with one another to determine their representative to ASAA quarterfinals.
  - b. If a team plays in a league that is made up mostly of teams from a different zone, that school (or the zone secretary of the impacted school(s)) may submit a request to the ASAA Executive to compete out of their league's zone for football only. Requests must be submitted by September 1.
- C. Quarterfinal and semifinal matchups will be determined based on proximity (i.e. north and south regions).
  - a. North Region - Edmonton, North Central/North West, North East
  - b. South Region - Calgary, South, South Central
  - c. Central Zone will float and act as an opposite to the wildcard
- D. Regional matchups and host privileges will alternate on an annual basis. Ideally, zones will host once every two years, but may have to travel two years in a row because of wildcard allocations.
- E. All teams must register and declare their intention to participate in provincials by September 15. If a team receives an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a zone at a given Tier and pulls out of the quarterfinal game after

September 15, that team will be charged \$1,000. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$750 to the replacement team.

- F. If a zone does not have a team registered (with intention to compete in provincials) by September 15, their spot in that Tier will be considered a wildcard.
- G. Wildcards are awarded to the zone with the highest number of registered teams as of September 15 in that classification. If that zone already has a second berth, the wildcard will go to the zone with the next highest number of teams. A zone cannot receive more than one wildcard.
  - a. Where a zone has more than one berth, it is that zone's responsibility to determine which team is their #1 representative and which team is #2. This must be communicated to the ASAA office by the Monday before the quarterfinals.
- H. If the wildcard allocation results in an unreasonable travel expectation for the wildcard team, the ASAA reserves the right to adjust the brackets to ensure greater travel equity.
  - a. Wildcards will not be granted home field advantage unless mutually agreed upon by both teams and approved by the ASAA office.
- I. The final draws for each tier (absent of team names) will be sent out by the ASAA office no later than September 30.

#### 9. 6-a-side Football

- A. **ADD:** The ASAA supports the Alberta 6-a-side Football League by providing ASAA Provincials Playoffs and the Provincial Championship at the Alberta Bowl.
  - a. This support will be revisited every 5 years (years ending in 0 & 5), with the goal of eventually having the ASAA take over jurisdiction.
  - b. This support is contingent on the premise that all 6-a-side teams and associated schools in the ASAA Provincial Playoffs abide by ASAA bylaws and policies and are registered appropriately.
  - c. Only 1A/2A teams are eligible.

**Delete 3B, 4B, 4C, 4D & 5F, 9A.VI.**

#### Rationale:

- The ASAA and its zones need to have more clearly defined jurisdiction over football. The current structure which has ASAA utilize existing leagues confuses member schools around jurisdiction and it needs to be clear to all parties that these are ASAA run and organized events, and do not fall under Football Alberta jurisdiction.
- The ASAA consistently requires zones to be responsible for what happens within their zones, including determining provincial representation in all other ASAA sports, so football should follow suit.
- The current regions mostly align with the ASAA geographic zones so there will be minimal impact on current structures.
- Tables 4C & 5F are based on the assumption that certain zones will receive wildcards. This should not be in policy as it could contradict 4.C.II. and 4.C.III. Proposed policy 4G addresses wildcard allocation adequately.

- June 15 is an unreasonable date to finalize wildcards and draws as schools cannot register their teams yet. There have been many instances in which teams start up or fold between June 15 and September 15.
- There are several independent teams in football and no policy exists that clearly addresses their path to provincials (NB) Big Sky and Big Rock leagues in region 2 no longer exist.
- In 2021, the North Central Zone had one team registered in Tier III, and none in Tiers I, II, or IV. In 2022, the North Central Zone had one team in Tier IV and none in Tiers I, II, or III. North Central teams generally play in the same league as North West teams. Based on fairness, logistics and proximity, it is reasonable to have them compete with the North West Zone for all tiers except 6-a-side, where the North Central Zone has several teams.