



Football New Brunswick Provincial Championship Application of Rules and Regulations

Updated 2014

These rules and regulations apply only to PeeWee and Bantam Provincial playoff games between teams from two different conferences.

1) Conferences:

- a) Capital Area Minor Football Association
- b) Fundy Minor Football Association
- c) Moncton Football Association

2) Playoff Structure

All three conference champions will advance to the provincial semi-finals. The seedings will rotate on a three year cycle in the following order:

- Year A – Semi Finals
- Year B – Provincial Finals
- Year C – No Hosting

The conference champion hosting provincial finals gets a bye to the finals, while the other two conference champions play in the semi finals

3) Rules

Unless otherwise specified, games will be conducted in accordance with the Canadian Rulebook for Amateur Tackle Football.

4) Age Eligibility

- a) PeeWee - players cannot be older than **13 on December 31** in the year of play.
- b) Bantam - players cannot be older than **15 on December 31** in the year of play.

5) Player Weight Limits

There will be **no weight limits**.

6) Converts

A kicked convert is worth **2 points**. A convert by pass or run is worth 1 point.

7) Number of Downs (New for 2014)

a) Games played in Fredericton and Saint John

Teams will play **4 down football with the one yard neutral zone**. The offence **must throw a legal OVERHAND forward pass on at least one of the first three downs in each series of downs**.

Failure to do so will result in an "Illegal Procedure" penalty. Officials will not stop play until the ball is dead. Attempting to pass and getting sacked or being forced to run will not satisfy this rule. The ball must be thrown as a legal forward pass. A lateral pass will not satisfy this rule. Officials should point this out to a team that has just thrown a lateral pass. A five yard penalty will be applied and the down repeated. The offensive team will still be obligated to pass the ball again after the penalty has been applied.

The defensive team has the option to decline the penalty, let the play stand and bring up fourth down. The offensive team can run the ball on fourth down.

In order to avoid this penalty teams are strongly advised to pass on either first or second down.

The offence is not required to pass the ball in any set of downs that starts inside their own 15 yard line.

b) Games Played in Moncton

Pee wee games will follow the same rules outlined in section 7a.

Bantam games will play **3 down football with the one yard neutral zone**.

8) Length and Timing of Games

Games will consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes each for a total of 60 minutes of playing time.

Except for the last 3 minutes of each half, the timing of games will be "**straight time**". The time clock will run continuously and only stop in the following situations:

- (1) A team time out. Each team will have 2 timeouts per half.
- (2) An officials timeout.

(3) A prolonged injury where a player is on the ground for more than 15 seconds.

(4) A prolonged officials conference or delay of more than 15 seconds.

During the last 3 minutes of each half the clock will stop after each play. It will start again in accordance with **Rule 1 Section 5 Article 1** of the Canadian Rulebook for Amateur Tackle Football.

9) **Mercy Rule**

When a team has taken and maintained a lead of at least **30 points**, the remainder of the game will be timed "**straight time**".

10) **Postponed Playoff Games**

All playoff games cancelled due to inclement weather must be replayed at the earliest reasonable opportunity. If the hosting team does not have a lighted field satisfactory for the rescheduled game it will lose home field advantage and therefore have to travel to the other team's home field to complete the game.

11) **Recommended Setup for N.B. Championship Games**

It is strongly recommended that the host team have a public address system in place at these games to introduce the team lineups and to do a play-by-play announcement. Game programs (typed team lineups will suffice) are also encouraged; as well as a visible scoreboard and a visible time clock. Coloured goal line pylons and yard line markers will also help present the professional image that we want to convey to the players and fans who attend the game.

12) **Recommended Awards Presentation Procedure at N.B. Championship Games**

At the end of the game, the two teams will shake hands and then line up on their respective 45 yard lines. Any player of the game awards will be presented first. Next the silver medals will be presented individually. Each player should have their name called out and have their "moment of glory" when they are given their medal. Then the gold medals will be presented in the same manner. Finally, the captains of the winning team will be called to midfield to receive the championship trophy and banner.

13) **Official Football**

- a) The **official game ball for PeeWee play** will be the **Wilson TDY 1714** composite leather football. It is required that a new ball be used for each playoff game.
- b) The **official game ball for Bantam play** will be the **Wilson TDS 1715** "official size" composite leather football. It is required that a new ball be used for each playoff game.

14) **Uniform Colours**

Once the participating teams have been determined a comparison of uniform colours will be made. If they are too similar the hosting team must change jerseys to accommodate the visiting team.

15) Fair Play Award

Selecting this award is a very "subjective" and difficult process. Consequently the association hosting the provincial championship game award this banner to one of its teams and that it be presented at halftime of the championship game. This procedure will guarantee that each association gets a banner every three years. It should also ensure good attendance at the ceremony by the team winning the award. Criteria for selection is the **Football New Brunswick Fair Play Code**.

16) Appeals

Any appeals must be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Director of Football New Brunswick within 48 hours of the end of a game. The Executive of Football New Brunswick will rule on any appeals. Appeals cannot be made on the basis of alleged errors by game officials.