



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2021  
**To:** ASAA Member Schools  
**From:** ASAA Executive Committee  
**Re:** ASAA Policy regarding Midget Football

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Dear ASAA Member Schools:

The ASAA Executive reviewed a request from a member school regarding the ASAA's policy Section XIV, Football, 2.A:

*Only sixty percent (60%) of a midget team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to Grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to midget teams that ASAA student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA football season of play.*

The request received was that the sixty percent (60%) be raised to one hundred percent (100%) only for the spring of 2021. Flexibility is not requested for the 2021/22 school year. It was further requested that current Grade 12 students be permitted to participate in spring football. As noted below, the ASAA has approved the request, effective March 15, 2021 until the end of the 2020/21 school year only. Included in the rationale from the member school was:

- It gives one last chance of a high school football experience to current grade 12 students who lost their ASAA season in the spring of 2020 and the fall of 2021.
- It opens the door for students who attend school in jurisdictions where school athletics have not yet been approved during 2020/21 and may not be approved for the remainder of the current school year to play football.
- From a safety standpoint, it allows for tighter cohorts than may otherwise be the case, potentially lowering COVID-19 transmission possibilities between schools.
- The request is not to create a competitive advantage for any team; the goal is to allow sport to gain a foothold in the lives of students once again.

**ASAA Note 1:** Government of Alberta restrictions apply. At this time no interschool competition is permitted, but the Government is updating COVID-19 related restrictions each three (3) weeks with the next update coming March 21, 2021.

**ASAA Note 2:** Participation in school athletic activities can only occur with the approval of a school's principal and school jurisdiction, via its School Superintendent.

The ASAA Executive Committee, in keeping with the best interests of students at all grade levels, and as required in ASAA Bylaw Article V<sup>1</sup>, Duties of the Executive Committee #4, has obtained the approval of the majority of ASAA zones to approve the request from the zone to open up the Seasons of Play on a limited time basis.

All other policies of the ASAA remain in effect for this spring, including its three years of eligibility policy, U/19 policy and Transfer policy.

For additional information, please contact the ASAA office.

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<sup>1</sup> ASAA Bylaw Article Article V, #4:

*The Executive Committee has the authority to rule on any issue or circumstance not covered in the official handbook of the ASAA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may, under circumstances which in their absolute jurisdiction warrant it, operate the business and activities of the ASAA in a manner which accommodates any interruption of normal operating activities (e.g. adjusting seasons of play, cancelling or postponing events)*

- A. *Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, normal operating activities may be considered to be interrupted under any circumstance which render it impossible or inadvisable to follow the specific requirements of these bylaws or the policies of the ASAA.*
- B. *Before relying on this article, the Executive Committee must pass a resolution to engage their powers under this article, citing the details of the circumstances which make it necessary to do so, and obtain the approval of no less than five of the eight zone executives for the resolution.*

