



## Playing Time

Each player and each player's parent (s) / guardian (s) agree to the following policy regarding a player's playing time:

### **Pee Wee & Bantam Regular Season**

The respective coaching staffs will make every effort to ensure that each player receives positionary equitable field time during each league game keeping the safety of the player in mind (we are not going to play a 3 foot player against a 6 foot player or 50lb against a 200lb player).

It will be the sole discretion of the respective coaching staffs what position a player plays based on their evaluation of the players overall ability .

Player safety will be paramount when deciding what position a player will play.

If a player attends every practice during the week immediately preceding a game, the coaching staff will try to the best of there abilities to play that player at the league game on that weekend and give that player equitable positionary playing time to the best of the coaching staffs ability.

If a player misses one practice during a week of practice immediately preceding a game without good cause and informing coaches, the player may see reduced playing time at that weekend's game. It will be the decision of the coaching staff if the player will miss any playing time based on the players reason for being absent from practice.

If a player misses more than one practice during the week without good cause or informing coaches, it will be coach's discretion whether that player will receive playing time at the league game that weekend.

During the regular season, coaches will focus on positional fair play, player development, team play and rules of the game, keeping players safe and having fun.

A coach may discipline a player if deemed necessary by the coaching staff by reducing that players playing time at that week's game even if the player has attended all weekday practices.

### **Pee Wee & Bantam Play-off / Provincial Play**

Coaches will have complete latitude and discretion how much playing time each player receives during a play-off or provincial game.

Unlike the regular season that is considered a fair-play season, Play-offs will be approached as a competitive season. SMFA does NOT guarantee that your player will see field time in the play-



offs.

Coaches are permitted to play the same player on offence, defense and special teams.

### **Atom**

The Atom program is a (house league. The Atom program will focus on player development, team building, and fair play with the sole purpose of exposing the player to the game of football. Each coaching staff will put forth their best effort to ensure that all players receive fair and equal playing time. **There will be no shortening the bench in Atom football.**

The Atom program is designed to be a fun and developmental league for ALL participants regardless of athletic ability. There is no emphasis placed on winning in Atom football. The focus of the program is to allow each player to enjoy the game of football by doing their best and having fun in a team orientated environment. The game of football itself teaches many valuable life lessons like team work, commitment, the value of doing your best and many others. By participating in Atom football we hope that each young person will begin to develop characteristics that will set that child up for success later in life.