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Football Alberta Membership (New dates for renewal)

It's that time of year again; you've had a (short) break and football training camps are starting to ready players for the new season. We have changed the effective Membership dates to follow the calendar year (January 1 2009 to December 31, 2009).

It will be easier for league/team administrators to register players at the start of the year for winter gym nights and spring camps and then to continue to register players as they join the team. It is extremely important for the well-being of players that insurance is valid (and thus paid for), before they are training/practicing/playing for your team. **Membership and insurance rates will stay the same for 2009.**

Team/League	Team	Insurance
Minor (Atom, PW, Bantam)	Team fee of \$105.00 (incl. GST)	\$15.00 per person
High School	Team fee of \$131.25 (incl. GST)	\$15.00 per person
Midget/Junior/University	Team fee of \$131.25 (incl. GST)	\$15.00 per person
Senior Men/Women		\$15.00 per person
Flag/Touch		\$7.00 per person

Each league/team administrator has been assigned a username and password to access the online system to register teams, players and team personnel. If your team registrar has changed, please pass the username and password along to them.

Visit the Football AB website for more information on membership benefits and services www.footballalberta.ab.ca/membership. **Please note:** All minor teams must have Football AB membership and insurance to be eligible for Provincials. As well, high schools must be in good standing with Football AB before their players can attend Senior Bowl and U17 tryouts!

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2008 Champions

Congratulations go out to:

Atom (age 9-10)
Edmonton Chargers

Pee-Wee (age 11-12)
Tier I Calgary Cowboys
Tier II W. Edm Black Raiders
Tier III Stettler Panthers
Tier IV Millwoods Maulers

Bantam (age 13-15)
Tier I Sherwood Park Rams
Tier II Foothills Falcons
Tier III Lloydminster Chargers
Tier IV GP Broncos

High School
Tier IV Ardrossan Bisons
Tier III Cochrane Cobras
Tier II Notre Dame Pride
Tier I Raymond Comets

Notable Names for 2008...

Junior Football players from AB named All-Canadian

Matt Scheurwater (R) - Okanagan Sun(John Diefenbaker, Cal.)
Cody Gross (DL) - Calgary Colts (Willow Creek HS, Claresholm)
Carmen Fruncillo (LB) - Calgary Colts (St Francis HS, Calgary)
Ryan Elaschuk (K) - Edmonton Wildcats (Lord Beaverbrook)

CJFL Coach of the Year

Keith Kendall, Calgary Colts

CJFL Life Membership Award

Jim Pankovich, President PFC, former Edmonton Wildcat HC

CIS All-Canadians from Alberta for 2008

1st Team: Simeon Rottier (T) - U of A (R.F. Staples H.S.)
Andrea Bonaventura (LB) - U of C (via Ontario)
2nd Team: Matt Walter (RB) - U of C (Bishop O'Byrne H.S.)
Nathan Coehoorn (WR) - U of C (Medicine Hat H.S.)
Mark Stinson (IR) - Toronto (Henry Wise Wood H.S.)
Dan Schutte (DT) - St Mary's (Hunting Hills H.S.)
Hugh O'Neill (P) - U of A (Ross Sheppard H.S.)

Home Depot NFL Youth Coach of the Year

Quinn Skelton, Medicine Hat High School (see page 8)

2008 Yearbook of Results

SENIOR MEN'S

<u>ALBERTA LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Calgary Wolfpack	9	1	0	330	165	18
Lloydminster Vandals	6	3	0	297	157	12
Parkland Panthers	5	3	0	238	165	10
Grande Prairie Drillers	5	4	0	272	270	10
Edmonton Stallions	4	5	0	213	153	8
Calgary Gators	3	5	0	164	168	6
Red Deer Buccaneers	2	5	0	88	195	4
Edmonton Seahawks	0	7	0	10	311	0

SEMIS: Calgary Wolfpack 15 Edmonton Stallions 10
 Lloydminster Vandals 42 Grande Prairie Drillers 21
 FINAL: Calgary Wolfpack 43 Lloydminster Vandals 21
 NATIONAL FINAL: Calgary Wolfpack 35 Tri-City Outlaws 7

UNIVERSITY

<u>CANADA WEST LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
U of Saskatchewan Huskies	6	2	0	217	83	12
U of Calgary Dinosaurs	5	3	0	146	127	10
U of Regina Rams	5	3	0	163	179	10
Simon Fraser Univ. Clan	5	3	0	122	128	10
U of Manitoba Bisons	3	5	0	126	160	6
UBC Thunderbirds	2	6	0	117	160	4
U of Alberta Golden Bears	2	6	0	140	194	4

SEMIS: SFU 40 Saskatchewan 30
 Calgary 24 Regina 17
 HARDY CUP: Calgary 44 SFU 21
 VANIER CUP: Laval 44 Western 21

JUNIOR

<u>PRAIRIE FOOTBALL CONF.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Saskatoon Hilltops	8	0	0	311	54	16
Calgary Colts	6	1	1	252	184	13
Edmonton Wildcats	4	3	1	273	178	9
Winnipeg Rifles	2	5	1	230	238	5
Regina Thunder	2	5	1	132	262	5
Edmonton Huskies	0	8	0	68	340	0

PFC SEMIS: Saskatoon 35 Winnipeg 28
 Calgary Colts 28 Edmonton Wildcats 21
 PFC FINAL: Saskatoon 31 Calgary Colts 14
 Van. Island Raiders 27 Saskatoon Hilltops 25
 NATIONAL FINAL: Van. Isl. Raiders 35 Burlington Braves 8

MIDGET (Spring)

<u>CALGARY MIDGET LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Boulton Division						
Hilltoppers	6	0	0	237	36	12
Mavericks	3	3	0	99	118	6
Cowboys	2	4	0	114	103	4
Broncos	1	5	0	90	163	2
Northern Raiders	0	6	0	9	238	0
Parkinson Division						
Bulldogs	5	1	0	146	123	10
Colts	4	1	1	135	77	9
Eagles	4	2	0	231	103	8
Falcons	3	2	1	142	106	7
Wildcats	1	5	0	75	212	2

FINAL:

MIDGET (Spring)

<u>CAPITAL DISTRICT MIDGET</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Tier 1						
Parkland Outlaws	3	0	1	105	47	7
Sherwood Park Rams	2	0	2	84	43	6
West Edmonton Raiders	2	2	0	74	106	4
Sherwood Park Wolverines	1	2	1	72	112	5
St Albert Storm	0	4	0	36	63	0

FINAL: Parkland Outlaws 16 Sherwood Park Rams 0

Tier 2

Division 1

Edmonton Chargers	4	1	0	145	83	8
Leduc TiCats	4	1	0	181	64	8
Edmonton Mustangs	2	3	0	68	63	4
St Albert Storm	2	3	0	75	101	4
Edmonton Seahawks	1	4	0	87	167	2

Division 2

Edmonton Eagles	5	0	0	140	65	10
Millwoods Grizzlies	3	2	0	82	71	6
Ft McMurray Ravens	2	3	0	88	104	4
Leduc Straycats	2	3	0	120	112	4
Parkland Bandits	0	5	0	30	187	0

FINAL: Edmonton Chargers 48 Edmonton Eagles 7

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>MIGHTY PEACE LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
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McLeod Division

Peace River Pioneers	4	0		227	52	8
Whitecourt Cats	3	1		131	117	6
Beaverlodge Royals	2	2		101	95	2
Hinton Wolfpack	1	3		52	149	2
Valleyview Cougars	0	4		20	117	0

Wapati Division

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Grande Prairie Warriors	4	0		103	25	8
Sexsmith Sabres	3	1		114	44	6
St Joe's Celtics	2	2		125	69	4
Peace Wapati Titans	1	3		59	96	2
Fox Creek Flames	0	4		6	162	0

PEACE SEMIS: Peace River 52 Sexsmith 0

G.P. Comp 36 Whitecourt 3

ATHABASCA SEMIS: Beaverlodge 52 PWA 0

St. Joe's 32 Hinton 12

PEACE BOWL: Peace River 31 G.P. Comp 8

ATHABASCA BOWL: St Joe's 10 Beaverlodge 7



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2008 Yearbook of Results cont'd.

<u>EDMONTON PUBLIC (SR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bright Conference						
Parkland Predators	5	0	0	141	22	10
Ross Sheppard Thunderbirds	4	1	0	115	58	8
Harry Ainlay Titans	3	2	0	113	75	6
Strathcona Lords	2	3	0	77	121	4
Jasper Place Rebels	1	4	0	51	101	2
M.E. Lazerte Voyageurs	0	5	0	42	161	0

SEMIS: Parkland 36 Strathcona 7
 Ross Sheppard 24 Harry Ainlay 7
FINAL: Parkland 35 Ross Sheppard 23

<u>Gilfillian Conference</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
McNally Tigers	3	1	0	145	54	6
J Percy Page Panthers	3	1	0	98	27	6
W.P. Wagner Warriors	2	2	0	67	136	4
Eastglen Blue Devils	2	2	0	113	100	4
Queen Elizabeth Knights	0	4	0	59	165	0

SEMIS: McNally 40 Eastglen 32
 J. Percy Page 16 W.P. Wagner 14
FINAL: J. Percy Page 27 McNally 6

<u>EDMONTON PUBLIC (JR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jasper Place Rebels	4	0	0	162	38	8
Parkland Predators	3	1	0	177	53	6
M.E. Lazerte Voyageurs	1	3	0	54	111	2
Ross Sheppard Thunderbirds	1	3	0	27	93	2
Harry Ainlay Titans	1	3	0	14	139	2

SEMIS: Jasper Place 52 Ross Sheppard 0
 Parkland 49 M.E. Lazerte 0
FINAL: Parkland 22 Jasper Place 14

<u>EDMONTON METRO (SR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Carr Conference						
Bev Facey Falcons	5	0	0	228	21	10
Austin O'Brien Crusaders	4	1	0	168	102	8
Salisbury Sabres	4	1	0	110	115	6
St. Albert Skyhawks	2	3	0	72	134	4
Leduc Tigers	1	4	0	100	177	2
Archbishop Jordan Scots	0	5	0	46	175	0

SEMIS: Bev Facey 55 St Albert 21
 Austin O'Brien 20 Salisbury 20
FINAL: Bev Facey 32 Austin O'Brien 15

<u>Miles Conference</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Archbishop O'Leary Spartans	4	2	0	166	106	8
Holy Trinity Trojans	4	2	0	200	146	8
Ardrossan Bisons	4	2	0	216	127	8
St Francis Xavier Rams	3	2	1	166	96	7
Beaumont Bandits	3	2	1	150	114	7
Bellerose Bulldogs	2	4	0	116	199	4
Fort Saskatchewan Sting	0	6	0	27	253	0

SEMIS: Archbishop O'Leary 14 St Francis 8
 Ardrossan 24 Holy Trinity 14
FINAL: Ardrossan 31 Archbishop O'Leary 28

<u>EDMONTON METRO (JR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bev Facey Falcons	7	1	0	302	58	14
St Albert Skyhawks	7	1	0	287	39	14
Bellerose Bulldogs	6	2	0	240	80	12
Salisbury Sabres	5	3	0	178	100	10
St Francis Xavier Rams	4	4	0	190	143	8
St Joseph Saints	3	5	0	183	196	6
Austin O'Brien Crusaders	2	6	0	53	285	4
Archbishop O'Leary Spartans	2	6	0	80	293	4
Archbishop Jordan Scots	0	8	0	16	325	0

SEMIS: Bev Facey 34 Salisbury 7
 St Albert 7 Bellerose 1
FINAL: Bev Facey 42 St Albert 6

<u>WHEATLAND LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
North						
St Paul Bengals	5	1	0	149	118	10
Grand Centre Royals	4	2	0	157	97	8
Athabasca Pacers	2	3	1	135	145	5
Westlock Thunderbirds	2	4	0	108	154	4
Lac La Biche Huskies	2	4	0	108	154	4
Bonnieville Voyageurs	1	5	0	89	213	2

<u>South</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Lloydminster Barons	6	0	0	191	55	12
Holy Rosary Raiders	5	1	0	208	45	10
Vermillion Mauraders	4	2	0	119	56	8
Wainwright Commandos	3	3	0	145	103	6
Vegreville Vortex	1	4	1	81	161	3
Sedgewick Rams	0	6	0	41	234	0

SEMIS: Lloydminster 21 Westlock 6
 Holy Rosary 30 Grand Centre 20
FINAL: Lloydminster 27 Holy Rosary 10

<u>CENTRAL ALBERTA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Sylvan Lake Lakers	8	0	0	264	85	16
Stettler	7	1	0	220	123	14
Notre Dame Cougars	6	2	0	235	69	12
Hunting Hills Lightning	4	4	0	170	114	8
Camrose Trojans	4	4	0	149	126	6
Lacombe Rams	3	5	0	132	141	6
Wetaskiwin Sabres	2	5	1	135	296	5
Lindsay Thurber Raiders	1	6	1	85	164	3
Rocky Mountain House Rebels	0	8	0	53	353	0

SEMIS: Sylvan Lake 35 Hunting Hills 25
 Stettler 15 Notre Dame 8
FINAL: Sylvan Lake 57 Stettler 27

Football Canada Cup 2009



Will be held in Saskatoon from July 3-12, 2009. Once again this year Football Alberta will be fielding a team at the U19 level as well as two teams at the U17 level (Northern Alberta and Southern Alberta). Stay tuned to the Football Alberta website for further information

2008 Yearbook of Results cont'd.

<u>CALGARY DIV. 1 (SR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Notre Dame Pride	6	0	0	185	58	12
St Francis Browns	5	1	0	144	44	10
Henry Wise Wood	4	2	0	121	87	8
Bowness Trojans	3	3	0	149	79	6
Lord Beaverbrook Lords	2	4	0	70	131	4
St Mary's Saints	1	5	0	63	170	2
Centennial Coyotes	0	6	0	31	194	0

SEMIS: Notre Dame 37 Lord Beaverbrook 0
Henry Wise Wood 24 St Francis 15

FINAL: Henry Wise Wood 10 Notre Dame 7

<u>CALGARY DIV. II (SR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bishop O'Byrne Bobcats	7	0	0	215	70	14
John Diefenbaker Chiefs	6	1	0	164	86	12
Central Memorial Rams	4	3	0	144	131	8
Bishop Grandin Ghosts	4	3	0	88	78	8
Western Canada Redmen	3	4	0	102	132	6
Crescent Heights	2	5	0	123	169	4
Bishop McNally/Father Lacombe	2	5	0	94	147	4
Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs	0	7	0	70	187	0

SEMIS: Western Canada 17 Bishop O'Byrne 7
John G Diefenbaker 24 Bishop Grandin 10

FINAL: John G. Diefenbaker 22 Western Canada 8

<u>CALGARY DIV. III (SR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Ernest Manning Griffins	6	0	0	203	77	12
Bishop Carroll Cardinals	4	2	0	152	71	8
Forest Lawn	3	2	1	146	88	7
William Aberhart Trojans	2	3	1	155	123	5
Dr E.P. Scarlett Lancers	2	4	0	64	155	4
James Fowler	0	6	0	28	234	0

SEMIS: Ernest Manning 18 Dr EP Scarlett 17
Forest Lawn 10 Bishop Carroll 9

FINAL: Ernest Manning 28 Forest Lawn 18

<u>CALGARY DIV. 1 (JR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bishop O'Byrne Bobcats	7	0	0	217	21	14
Western Canada Redmen	4	2	1	129	91	9
St Francis Browns	4	3	0	104	78	8
Henry Wise Wood	4	3	0	147	125	8
Notre Dame Pride	3	3	1	112	114	7
Lord Beaverbrook Lords	2	4	1	78	153	5
Bowness Trojans	2	4	1	71	167	5
Centennial Coyotes	0	7	0	69	178	0

SEMIS: Bishop O'Byrne 33 Notre Dame 5
Henry Wise Wood 8 Western Canada 3

FINAL: Bishop O'Byrne 30 Henry Wise Wood 8

<u>CALGARY DIV. II (JR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
John G Diefenbaker Chiefs	6	0	0	184	28	12
Bishop Grandin Ghosts	5	1	0	166	88	10
Central Memorial Rams	3	3	0	60	84	6
St Mary's Saints	2	4	0	77	106	4
Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs	1	5	0	62	125	2
Crescent Heights	1	5	0	43	161	2

SEMIS: John G Diefenbaker 38 Sir Wins. Church 0
Bishop Grandin 15 Central Memorial 6

FINAL: John G Diefenbaker 35 Bishop Grandin 14

<u>CALGARY DIV. III (JR)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Dr E.P. Scarlett	6	0	0	190	56	12
William Aberhart	5	1	0	158	49	10
McNally/Lacombe	3	3	0	93	110	6
Forest Lawn	2	4	0	65	122	4
Ernest Manning	2	4	0	58	130	4
James Fowler	0	6	0	48	145	0

SEMIS: Dr EP Scarlett 35 Forest Lawn 7

William Aberhart 28 McNally/Lacombe 19

FINAL: Dr EP Scarlett 28 William Aberhart 10

<u>ROCKYVIEW LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Cochrane Cobras	6	0	0	319	28	10
Springbank Pheonix	4	2	0	102	112	6
Chestermere Cowboys	3	3	0	92	107	6
Bow Valley Bobcats	2	4	0	68	173	4
George McDougall Mustangs	2	4	0	29	128	2
Bert Church Cargers	1	5	0	49	111	2

TIER III SEMIS: Springbank 36 Bert Church 21

TIER III FINAL: Cochrane 49 Springbank 1

TIER II SEMIS : Bow Valley 15 George McDougall 7

TIER II FINAL : Bow Valley 17 Chestermere 2

<u>BIG SKY LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
South Division						
Holy Trinity Academy Knights	6	0	0	168	15	12
Rundle College Cobras	4	1	1	223	84	9
Highwood Mustangs	3	1	2	129	109	8
Bow Valley Wolverines	3	2	1	158	125	7
Oilfields Drillers	6	0	0	14	168	0
North Division						
Olds Spartans	4	2	0	104	123	8
Innisfail Cyclones	3	3	0	125	90	6
Drumheller Titans	3	5	0	97	160	6
Strathmore Spartans	1	5	0	118	185	2
J.C. Charyk Hawks	1	5	0	84	161	2

TIER III SEMIS: Strathmore Spartans 20 Innisfail Cyclones 7

TIER III FINAL: Strathmore Holy Trinity

TIER IV SEMIS: Rundle College Cobras 20 Bow Valley 7

Highwood Mustangs 34 Olds Spartans 12

TIER IV FINAL: Highwood Mustangs 35 Rundle College 2

<u>RANGELAND LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1 - Brooks Buffalos						
2 - Medicine Hat Mohawks						
3 - Swift Current Colts						
4 - McCoy Colts						
5 - Crescent Heights Vikings						

Final standings
not submitted

SENIOR BOWL HS ALL-STAR GAME

Monday May 18th at 12:00 pm

McMahon Stadium, Calgary

North Try-outs in Edmonton: April 17 -19

South Try-outs in Calgary: April 24 - 26

Online registration, payment and medical form

MUST be received by March 23, 2009.

2009 Bantam Bowl

A North vs. South All-Star game for graduating Grade 9's.
Monday May 18th at 12:00 at Foote Field, Edmonton

South Try-outs in Calgary: April 18 & 19

North Try-outs in Edmonton: April 25 & 26

Players must be
invited by their
coach to attend
and be registered
with Football AB

U17 South Selection Camp

April 17 - 19

U17 North Selection Camp

April 24 - 26

2008 Yearbook of Results cont'd.

SOUTHERN AB LEAGUE

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Division A						
Raymond Comets	3	0				
L.C.I. Rams	2	1				
Catholic Central Cougars	1	2				
Cardston Cougars	0	3				
Division B						
Willow Creek Cobras	4	1				
W.R. Myers Rebels	4	1				
Winston Churchill Bulldogs	3	2				
Kate Andrews Pride	3	2				
Pincher Creek Mustangs	1	4				
Kainai Warriors	0	5				

TIER I : Raymond 56 LCI 14

TIER II: Medicine Hat 48 Catholic Central 27

TIER III: Winston Churchill 23 Pincher Creek 6

TIER IV: W.R. Meyers declared winner

WESTERN AB 6-MAN LEAGUE

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Breton Cougars	6	0	0	224	109	12
Millwoods Royals	4	2	0	265	146	8
Rimbey Spartans	4	2	0	226	218	8
Ponoka Broncs	3	3	0	198	205	6
BMC Mustangs	2	4	0	178	183	4
FMHS Warriors	2	4	0	151	200	4
Caroline Cougars	0	6	0	78	256	0

SEMIS: Rimbey Spartans 57 Millwoods Royals 44

Breton Cougars 48 BMC Mustangs 32

FINAL: Breton Cougars 36 Rimbey Spartans 22

A.S.A.A. HIGH SCHOOL PROVINCIALS

TIER 1

REG. SEMIS: Parkland Predators 36 Grande Prairie Warriors 0
Bev Facey Falcons 70 Fort McMurray Trappers 0
Henry Wise Wood Warriors 10 Notre Dame Pride 7
Raymond Comets 56 St Francis Browns 7

REG. FINAL: Bev Facey Falcons 50 Parkland Predators 0
Raymond Comets 58 Henry Wise Wood Warriors 7

AB BOWL: Raymond Comets 31 Bev Facey Falcons 7

TIER 2

REG. SEMIS: Austin O'Brien Crusaders 56 Notre Dame Cougars 9
Lloydminster Barons 25 J. Percy Page 14
Notre Dame Pride BYE

REG. FINAL: Austin O'Brien Crusaders 53 Lloydminster 1
Notre Dame Pride 27 Medicine Hat Mohawks 20

AB BOWL: Notre Dame Pride 32 Austin O'Brien Crusaders 13

TIER 3

REG. SEMIS: Peace River Pioneers 28 Beaumont Bandits 18
Sylvan Lake Lakers 31 Grand Centre Royals 7
Cochrane Cobras 27 Brooks Buffaloes 17
Holy Trinity Knights 52 Winston Churchill 0

REG. FINAL: Sylvan Lake Lakers 43 Peace River Pioneers 34
Cochrane Cobras 39 Holy Trinity Knights 30

AB BOWL: Cochrane Cobras 7 Sylvan Lake Lakers 5

TIER 4

REG. SEMIS: Ardrossan Bisons 41 Sexsmith Sabres 20
Holy Rosary Raiders BYE
Highwood Mustangs 41 Kate Andrews Pride 27
W.R. Meyers Rebels 40 Rundle College Cobras 28

REG. FINAL: Ardrossan Bisons 30 Holy Rosary Raiders 22

Highwood Mustangs 20 W.R. Meyers Rebels 13

AB BOWL: Ardrossan Bisons 31 Highwood Mustangs 12

BANTAM

GRANDE PRAIRIE MINOR

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Final standings not submitted						

SEMIS: Broncos 53 Shamrocks 6
Prospectors 23 Raiders 20

FINAL: Broncos 54 Prospectors 12

PEACE RIVER MINOR

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Final standings not submitted						

CENTRAL AB BANTAM

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Stettler Cougars	5	1	0			10
Lindsay Thurber	5	1	0			10
Hunting Hills Lightning	5	1	0			10
Lacombe Jr Raiders	4	2	0			8
Sylvan Lake Lions	4	2	0			8
Wetaskiwin Warriors	3	3	0			6
Olds Bulldogs	3	3	0			6
Innisfail Jr Cyclones	3	3	0			6
Springbank Pheonix	2	5	0			4
Drumheller Titans	1	5	0			2
Strathmore Spartans	1	5	0			2
Notre Dame Jr Cougars	0	6	0			0

SEMIS: Lindsay Thurber Raiders 38 Hunting Hills Lightning 30
Stettler Cougars 62 Lacombe Raiders 40

FINAL: Lindsay Thurber Jr Raiders 34 Stettler Cougars 6

CAPITAL DISTRICT BANTAM

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jackie Parker Division						
Edmonton Mustangs	8	1	1	176	55	17
Sherwood Park Wolverines	7	3	0	258	139	14
Edmonton Seahaswks (Blue)	7	3	0	363	180	14
Fort McMurray Ravens	5	4	1	169	171	11
Millwoods Grizzlies	5	5	0	257	156	10
Elk Island Lightning	5	5	0	219	205	10
St Albert Panthers	5	5	0	244	208	10
Stoney Plain Bombers	5	5	0	329	232	10
St Albert 49ers	4	6	0	180	193	8
Edmonton Raiders (Silver)	2	7	1	63	279	5
Spruce Grove Predators	1	8	1	46	319	3
Camrose Buffaloes	0	10	0	66	460	0

Johnny Bright Division

Sherwood Park Rams	10	0	0	449	40	20
Edmonton Chargers	9	1	0	415	156	18
Spruce Grove Cougars	6	4	0	242	199	12
Foothills Falcons	6	4	0	258	246	12
Sherwood Park Northstars	4	6	0	131	245	8
St Albert Fury	4	6	0	139	173	8
Leduc Ticats	3	7	0	129	278	6
Edmonton Raiders (Black)	2	8	0	139	338	4

FINAL: Tier 1: Sherwood Park Rams 49 Edmonton Chargers 28

Tier 2: Foothills Falcons 51 Leduc TiCats 14

Tier 3: Edmonton Mustangs 11 Edmonton Seahawks 6

Tier 4: Millwoods Grizzlies 44 St Albert Panthers 8

2008 Yearbook of Results cont'd.

<u>WHEATLAND/LLOYD. BANTAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>CENTRAL AB PEEWEE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Lloydminster Chargers	6	0	0	186	66	12	East Division						
St Paul Bengals	5	1	0	194	87	10	Stettler Panthers	7	0	0	362	18	14
Wainwright Commandos	3	3	0	153	130	6	Lacombe Explosion	6	1	0	155	41	12
Lloydminster Mustangs	3	3	0	137	154	6	Red Deer Steelers	5	2	0	183	138	10
Bonnyville Bandits	2	4	0	132	183	4	Wetaskiwin Wildcats	2	5	0	110	211	4
Grand Centre Royals	2	4	0	107	141	4	Wainwright Guard Dogs	0	7	0	40	324	0
Lac La Biche Drillers	0	6	0	0	168	0	West Division						
FINAL: Lloydminster Chargers 38 Wainwright Commandos 14							Olds Huskies	6	1	0	222	72	12
CALGARY BANTAM LEAGUE	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS	Red Deer Hornets	5	2	0	225	100	10
Robb Division							Innisfail Cyclones Blue	3	4	0	164	135	6
Bulldogs	8	0	0	327	46	16	Red Deer Bulls	1	6	0	43	202	2
Cowboys	7	1	0	283	75	14	Sylvan Lake Bears	0	7	0	12	275	0
Broncos	3	4	1	94	134	7	FINAL: Stettler Panthers 26 Lacombe 20						
Colts	3	5	0	84	105	6	LLOYDMINSTER PEEWEE	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
Eagles	3	5	0	79	196	6	Sunlife Hornets	6	0	0			12
Stampeders	1	6	1	47	176	3	Little Dipper Lightning	4	2	0			8
Mavericks	0	7	1	72	292	1	Creative Design Crusaders	2	4	0			4
Milligan Division							Sandpiper Gators	0	6	0			0
Wildcats	7	1	0	198	61	14	FINAL: Sunlife Hornets 14 Little Dipper Lightning 6						
Golden Hawks	5	2	1	163	124	11	CAPITAL DISTRICT PEEWEE	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
Hilltoppers	4	4	0	181	223	8	Jackie Parker Division						
Falcons	4	4	0	182	176	8	St Albert Raiders	8	1	0	212	41	16
Lions	3	5	0	153	173	6	Sherwood Park Bulldogs	6	3	0	142	101	12
Storm	2	6	0	106	188	4	Stony Plain Bombers	6	3	0	201	113	12
FINAL: Bulldogs 26 Cowboys 16							St Albert Colts	5	3	1	138	123	11
SOUTHERN AB BANTAM	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS	Sherwood Park Cougars	5	4	0	253	83	10
Chinook Division							Spruce Grove Predators	4	4	1	127	227	9
Lethbridge Stamps	5	2	0	153	110		Millwoods Maulers	4	5	0	144	142	8
Lethbridge Jr Cougars	5	2	0	93	51		Edmonton Seahawks (Blue)	2	7	0	83	164	4
Lethbridge Rams	2	6	0	94	186		Camrose Buffalos	2	7	0	96	198	4
Lethbridge Bulldogs	1	7	0	68	218		Sherwood Park Sabrecats	2	7	0	72	271	4
Grasslands Division							Edmonton Raiders (Silver)	0	9	0	21	274	0
Parkside Pythons	6	4	0	209	118		Johnny Bright Division						
Brooks Roadrunners	5	4	0	138	137		Spruce Grove Cougars	9	1	0	268	78	18
Medicine Hat Hawks	3	5	0	112	144		Edmonton Chargers	9	1	0	252	151	18
Medicine Hat Colts	2	6	0	89	200		Foothills Falcons	7	3	0	304	205	14
Big Sky Division							Leduc Wildcats	6	4	0	221	166	12
Raymond Comets	10	1	0	291	124		Millwoods Grizzlies	5	5	0	283	273	10
Cardston Cougars	6	4	0	237	166		Sherwood Park Raiders	5	5	0	210	122	10
Taber Rebels	4	5	0	141	148		Edmonton Raiders (Black)	2	7	1	153	177	5
Chlaresholm Raiders	2	7	0	151	225		St Albert Avengers	1	8	1	146	383	3
FINAL:							FINAL: Edmonton Chargers 18 Spruce Grove Cougars 10						
PEEWEE							CALGARY & AREA PEEWEE	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
GRANDE PRAIRIE PEEWEE	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS	Red Division						
Lions	6	0	0				Wildcats	8	0	0	288	117	16
Colts	4	2	0				Golden Hawks	6	1	1	174	68	13
Rams	2	3	1				Storm	5	3	0	160	128	10
Bears	0	5	1				Falcons	3	4	1	121	122	7
SEMIS: Bears 28 Lions 14							Hilltoppers	3	4	1	168	133	7
Rams 14 Colts 7							Lions	1	7	0	78	200	2
FINAL: Bears 14 Rams 7							Chiefs	0	8	0	7	376	0

NEED RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE COACHING SEASON?

If you missed out on coaching clinics or if want to better your skills, visit the Resource Materials section on the Football Alberta website <http://footballalberta.ab.ca/web/resources/> for a complete list of materials available through the office.

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<u>CALGARY PW cont'd.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
White Division						
Cowboys	8	0	0	284	6	16
Mavericks	6	2	0	197	118	12
Colts	6	2	0	208	82	12
Bulldogs	3	4	1	131	240	7
Eagles	2	6	0	129	188	4
Broncos	2	6	0	151	204	4
Stampeders	1	7	0	101	213	2

FINAL

ATOM

<u>CAPITAL DISTRICT ATOM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jackie Parker Division						
St Albert Vikings	7	2	0	178	85	14
Edmonton Mustangs	7	2	0	149	73	14
Sherwood Park Warriors	5	4	0	164	112	10
St Albert Buccaneers	5	4	0	182	145	10
Leduc Bobcats	4	5	0	83	135	8
Edmonton Seahawks	3	6	0	121	147	6
Millwoods Grizzlies	3	6	0	88	135	6
Edmonton Raiders (Silver)	2	7	0	61	162	4
Spruce Grove Predators	0	9	0	13	302	0
Johnny Bright Division						
Edmonton Raiders (Black)	8	0	2	245	42	18
Edmonton Chargers	8	2	0	250	66	16
Stony Plain Bombers	7	2	1	145	48	15
Sherwood Park Eskimos	6	3	1	184	93	13
Sherwood Park Broncos	6	4	0	109	107	12
Camrose Buffalos	4	6	0	119	162	8
Millwoods Maulers	2	8	0	134	265	4
Spruce Grove Cougars	1	9	0	21	173	2

FINAL: Edmonton Chargers 26 Edmonton Raiders 0

MINOR PROVINCIALS

BANTAM (Age 13-15*) *-not in grade 10 or higher

TIER 1

SEMIS: Raymond Jr Comets 34 Calgary Cowboys 20
Sherwood Park Rams 43 Calgary Bulldogs 7

FINAL: Sherwood Park Rams 37 Raymond Jr Comets 7

TIER 2

SEMIS: Foothills Falcons 36 Lindsay Thurber Raiders 14
Calgary Colts 20 Cardston Cougars 4

FINAL: Foothills Falcons 54 Calgary Colts 26

TIER 3

1/4's: Lloydminster Chargers 30 Olds Bulldogs 14

SEMIS: Lloydminster Chargers 30 Edmonton Mustangs 28 (OT)
Cochrane Lions 26 Parkside Pythons 7

FINAL: Lloydminster Chargers 20 Cochrane Lions 0

TIER 4

SEMIS: Grande Prairie Broncos 41 Millwoods Grizzlies 0
Strathmore Spartans 44 St Albert Panthers 14

FINAL: Grande Prairie Broncos 26 Strathmore Spartans 6

PEEWEE

TIER 1 FINAL: Calgary Cowboys 28 Edmonton Chargers 7

TIER 2 FINAL: Edmonton Raiders (Black) 6 Calgary Falcons 1

TIER 3 SEMIS: Stettlers Panthers 44 Sherwood Park Cougars 19
FINAL: Stettler Panthers 46 Calgary Hilltoppers 24

TIER 4 FINAL: Millwoods Maulers 33 Red Deer Steelers 14

ATOM

TIER 1 FINAL: Edmonton Chargers 24 Edmonton Raiders (Black) 0

Inaugural Alberta Bowl a Success



In 1956 the Alberta Schools Athletic Association was formed for the purposes of supporting the creation of Provincials in Men's Basketball. Over the years the ASAA grew and added several sports for both genders as it did. Volleyball came on stream, Track and Field was a natural. Badminton, Cross Country, Wrestling, etc. all were added over time. Curiously it wasn't early 1980's that football, a sport that had been competed in Alberta high schools since 1912, was considered for addition to the ASAA stable of events. The first committee made up of Larry Wilson from Stettler, John Semkuley from Calgary, Cliff Walters from Lethbridge, and Bryan Anderson from Edmonton worked hard to bring this con-

cept to life. Unfortunately their efforts met with a disaster in 1985 when the first provincials were held with not every league entering teams and extreme cold cancelling the finals that year.

Undaunted the committee pushed on and held successful Provincials for football in 1986. Over the years the event grew and grew to the extent where all leagues were involved and Provincial Finals were raucous affairs. The last piece of the puzzle was added last year when current ASAA Football Commissioner Bill McConkey of Calgary proposed that all Tier finals be held in the same location over the same weekend. This new event, called the "Alberta Bowl", had its share of detractors, but based on the 2008 results it was a roaring success and is here to stay. From the kickoff banquet to the nail biter in the Tier III final between Cochrane and Sylvan Lake, to the unbelievable performance of the Raymond Comets in the Tier I final, fans were treated to a full two days of high school football passion and excellence.

True, the above zero weather helped a bit and make no mistake - we will get the year with the -20 windchills - but on the whole this event was the kind of showcase our top teams at the high school level deserve. Take a bow Bill. You and your committee have forged a great new event that Football Alberta is proud to assist the ASAA in delivering. See you at Alberta Bowl 2009!

Executive Directors Report

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALBERTANS REPRESENTED IN 2008 NCAA BOWL GAMES

Jason Wagner (LB), Lethbridge - Brigham Young University, Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl against Arizona
Jon Gott (G), Lethbridge - Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl against Texas Christian University
John Bender (OL), Cochrane - Nevada University, Humanitarian Bowl against Maryland

Medicine Hat Coach Quinn Skelton: 'THE HOME DEPOT' NFL Youth Coach Of The Year

\$5,000 in football equipment awarded to Medicine Hat High School; Calgary AB Coach David Diluzio named runner-up

Toronto, ON - November 17, 2008 - The National Football League's Canadian office today named **QUINN SKELTON** The Home Depot NFL Youth Coach of the Year. The football program at Medicine Hat High School (where Skelton is coach) will receive **\$5,000 in new football equipment** as well as a **\$1,000 gift card from The Home Depot** for football program related renovation projects, such as field repair, fixing bleachers, painting locker rooms, etc.).

"Coach Skelton has had a positive impact on a lot of young football players in Medicine Hat, and we're proud to recognize that," said Mike Danischewsky, Football Development, NFL Canada. "He is a coach who exemplifies everything our award represents; a long-term commitment to coaching that goes beyond the win-loss column."

Skelton was selected from a shortlist of five community and high school coaches from across Canada to receive the honour. Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) football players submitted short essays recognizing the positive impact their former high school, community, or varsity coach had on young players. Players were asked to consider how their coach taught respect, safety, motivation, leadership and appreciation for the game of football when drafting their nominations.

Skelton was nominated by Reed Alexander, a Medicine Hat High School graduate and currently an offensive lineman at the University of Calgary. For drafting the winning nomination, Alexander has earned an additional **\$1,000** in funding for the University of Calgary football program. A panel of journalists, NFL officials and The Home Depot representatives selected the winner.

"Not only does Quinn impact the team as a whole, he impacts each player as an individual," said Alexander in his submission essay. "Coach always made himself available -- whether it was a school, football or personal issue, he was always there with advice. He was the reason a lot of athletes managed to get through high school." In his submission Alexander also reference the hundreds of volunteer hours Skelton has donated to Football Alberta programs, and the numerous Medicine Hat grads who were coached by Skelton and now play football at the Canadian Junior, Canadian University and professional levels. Dan Federkeil, a Medicine Hat and University of Calgary grad, is currently an offensive lineman with the NFL Indianapolis Colts. The winning coach will also be invited to Hamilton as a guest of the NFL at this year's Desjardins Vanier Cup celebrations, and will be honoured at the CIS coaches breakfast on Friday, November 21, 2008.

DAVE DILUZIO of Notre Dame High School in Calgary, Alberta and **BRUCE HADDOW** of Hugh Boyd Secondary School in Richmond, British Columbia were named runners-up and will each receive **\$2,000 in equipment** for their football programs as well as a **\$500 gift card from The Home Depot**. Over the past ten years the program has contributed more than \$120,000 in equipment to deserving programs, and put the spotlight on the grassroots-level coaches who are the backbone of football in Canada.



Sport Medicine Council of Alberta

Sport Nutrition Level 1

10:00 - 16:00

January 17, Whitecourt

January 31, Calgary

February 7, Edmonton

Athletic First Aid

January 17/18, Grande Prairie, 12:30-16:30/8:30-12:30

8:30-16:30

January 24, Edmonton

January 31, Calgary

Taping & Strapping

8:30-16:30

January 25, Edmonton

February 1, Calgary

Sport Trainer

Combination of the Athletic First Aid and Taping & Strapping Courses In one.

8:30-16:30

January 24/25, Edmonton

January 31/February 1, Calgary

For more information or to register smca@sportmedab.ca or (780) 415-0812.

Coming Events & Dates to Remember

January 23	Football Alberta Executive Meeting	May 9-11	Calgary Colts Spring Camp
January 24	Football Alberta AGM, Edmonton	May 15-18	Senior Bowl – Calgary
		May 15-18	Bantam Bowl – Edmonton
February 1	Super Bowl, Tampa Florida	June 4-6	Football Canada AGM
February 21-22	U of Alberta Lineman Camp	June 19-20	Football Alberta Spring Meeting
March 6-7	U of Calgary/Football AB Coaching Clinic	June 30 - July 2	U17 “North” Main Camp
March 6-8	NCCP Level 1 Technical Clinic, with above	June 30 - July 2	U17 “South” Main Camp
March 7	Football AB Annual Awards Luncheon	July 3-12	Football Canada Cup
April 4	U of Alberta Elite Coaches Clinic	August 9-18	Football Alberta Hawaii Camp, Maui
April 5	U of Alberta QB & Specialists Camp	September 30	High School Tier Declaration Day
April 17-19	Senior Bowl North Selection Camp (U of A)	November 7	Atom Provincial Final
April 17-19	U17 South Selection Camp (U of C)	November 14	PeeWee Provincial Final
April 17-19	Bantam Bowl South Selection Camp (U of C)	November 21	Bantam Provincial Final
April 24-26	Senior Bowl South Selection Camp	November 21	High School Semi-FINAL
April 24-26	U17 North Selection Camp	November 28	Alberta Bowl (High School Final)
April 24-26	Bantam Bowl North Selection Camp	November 29	Grey Cup, Calgary
April 24-26	Edmonton Wildcats Spring Camp		
April 30-May 3	U of Alberta Golden Bears Spring Camp		
May 1-3	U of Calgary Dinos Spring Camp		

Criminal Records Checks - by Tim Enger BPE,MA

I can remember a time many years ago when a football administrator from Ontario phoned the Football Alberta office and asked how we handled Criminal Records Checks for our coaches. I was very polite to the request, informing him that at that time we did not require anything like that from volunteers in the sport of football. But inside I was thinking...

Criminal Records Checks? You've got to be kidding! It's hard enough to get coaches and volunteers to commit their time to our ever expanding sport and now you want us to check up on them like common criminals? And make them pay for those checks to boot! Crazytalk!

Well that was then, and this is now. Many years have passed since that inquiry and the world of sports has changed immensely. It is now quite common for youth sports organizations to ask their coaches and volunteers for Criminal Records Checks (CRC's) right here in Alberta. I myself have been required to do so to coach in the sports of hockey and baseball (I'm clean, in case you were wondering) and once you get over the initial indignation of being asked to basically 'turn yourself in' at the local RCMP or City Police station to request that they run your file, it's not so bad. Actually makes you feel good to know you can present yourself as a coach with clean credentials.

That brings up the question - is it time for minor football teams to begin to require their coaches to submit to CRC's before they allow them on-field. Please read the following as an information package for you to consider. At this time there is no provincial requirement either by Football Alberta or the ASRPWF for CRC's but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't consider them. Football Alberta is not where the rubber hits the road and adults start interacting with kids. Your league, association or team is and that's where this issue is most relevant. Here are some issues to consider

What is a CRC for?

A Criminal Records Check is a sheet of paper you would obtain from a local police detachment. If you have a criminal record it

will list any and all of those offenses and even goes as far as to check on anything you may have been pardoned for especially in the area of sexual offenses. It would then be turned over to the group that requested it (and it's more than just sports associations that do these days) to assure the organizers that you have not been convicted of anything that might preclude you to participating in their association.

What's the fuss anyways?

I mean really? This is football! The prospect of anyone abusing kids in a predatory manner (which is what the CRC's are most acutely trying to discover) can't happen here right? Right? Well, probably right, but the thing is you never really know do you?

A few years ago *Sports Illustrated* did a special article on sexual predators in youth sports. Although football wasn't used in one of their examples it was very apparent that although these are extremely rare cases it can happen in any sport. The most chilling examples were where convicted sexual predators had moved to a new town and picked up where they left off selecting their victims by volunteering to coach in youth sports programs.

While it's true in football that the chances of any coach or adult volunteer having a chance to be alone with a player in a compromising situation are also extremely rare, it just takes one wrong instance to make a tragedy. Whether your team or league goes to the requirement of CRC's or not it is important to maintain certain practices to ensure the safety of your young



Criminal Records Checks cont'd.

athletes in this most gruesome of areas is taken care of. They include:

- Never let an adult and child be alone one on one. If you are trying to discipline a player without airing it all to the rest of the team, ensure you have at least one other coach or adult with you if you want to do this in a separate location.
- Never let a coach drive a single player who is not his/her child anywhere alone. Most transportation to and from games is done by bus in a large group, but for teams that rely on parents to get their kids to the games sometimes the coach has to be one of the vehicles taking kids. This is fine if his/her child is in the car too, but if the coach is strictly a volunteer with no kids involved in the team then that practice needs to become taboo no matter how badly a kid needs a ride.
- No one gets a single room on road trips and adults should never room with a single player. This might be a problem if the math doesn't work out with odd numbers or you have a single trainer who is female while the rest of the team is male, but do your best.

Other Areas:

The thought of sexual predators coaching our kids is scary enough but what about that Treasurer of yours? There have been more than a few examples over the years of unscrupulous people emptying the bank accounts of non-profit associations for their own pleasures. Usually this wasn't their first time and usually it wasn't discovered until it was almost too late and usually these people were gladly given access to the accounts as volunteer Treasurers. A CRC can at least spot the bad seeds in the finance area before you turn over the books to them.

Many people think that CRC's are only for coaches or adults with direct contact with kids but in reality there are many things that can go wrong in a sport association and some of them have nothing to do with the players. Any adult associated with your team should go through this if you decide to require CRC's.

Drawbacks:

Well, it seems like a good idea and in all fact it is. It's an unfortunate byproduct of the old adage that "one bad apple spoils the whole bunch". Before you go ahead and implement this strategy here are some trouble-shooting areas you need to be aware of:

1. **Cost** - It runs about \$25 - \$30 per person depending on what your local police detachment has determined. Again, you want to recruit and keep the best candidates for your volunteer positions, especially coaches. Making them get the CRC is one thing but making them pay for it has a tinge of insult to injury. As an association you should budget to pay for the CRC's either by making a deal with your local police to invoice you accordingly once everyone is done being processed or honouring receipts from anyone who goes and gets one.
2. **Embarrassment** - There are some things that may be on someone's record that have nothing to do with their

ability to coach or deem them a threat to kids. Yet there they are and if you don't handle these situations with tact and class you could lose a potentially valuable volunteer or coach. A 45 year old who got an impaired when he was 18 and nothing since might be considered to have learned his lesson and doesn't need information on his record spread around your association or your town for that matter. Only the President or designate should handle and vet these forms and they should be kept in a secure location with the promise that they will be destroyed once the person in questions volunteering is done.

3. **Drop in coaches** - Every team has them. The guy who just wants to help out but can't be there all the time. The proverbial guest coach. Most teams rarely insure this guy (although they really should) and now you want to ask for a CRC? The answer is a resounding yes! What's good for the goose is good for the gander and as mentioned earlier if you are going to require it of one person then you need to require it for all. This might help cut down on the non-committed types who just drop in from time to time and give you a more cohesive coaching unit. You can't get away with just having one coach on staff get a CRC. This isn't coaching certification and if you get it wrong it's a horrifying penalty to pay.

Well there it is. I really wish I never had to write this article as I too would like to believe that everyone who gets involved with youth sports does so for the purest of reasons and always has the best interest of the kids in mind. However, society has proven over and over again that bad things can happen in youth sports and not always on the field. If you make the decision to go with CRC's I hope you do so in a structured professional manner that keeps the safety rights of the athletes the privacy rights of the volunteers equally respected. If you do not, know that you are assuming an additional risk with your stance and that you should at the very least follow the risk management items listed above.

CRC's are becoming commonplace and are here to stay. Keep that in mind when making your decisions at your next Board meeting.

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