



THIS AGREEMENT, dated the **Thursday, August 20, 2015**

BETWEEN

THE ALBERTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(as represented by Matt Squires, President)

(herein referred to as the "AFL")

- and -

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE INC.

(as represented by Barry Rushon, President

(herein referred to as the "NFC")

WHEREAS the AFL and the NFC wish to organize a Canadian Major Football League (CMFL) National Championship game at the end of every season to alternate between host conferences.

AND WHEREAS the 2015 game to be hosted by the NFC and to switch between conferences every year after.

AND WHEREAS the host team organization to be decided by the conference champion. The host NFC or AFL organization to abide by CMFL hosting rules.



NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements in this agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The parties agree that the Canadian Major Football League Championship Game will feature the champion of the Northern Football Conference (NFC) versus the champion of the Alberta Football League (AFL) and that the winner of this game shall be declared the CMFL National Champion.

The two participating teams will only be allowed to dress their eligible rosters used in their own conference playoffs. Eligible rosters will be given to corresponding conference presidents following the completion of individual conference championships. Should it be found a conference team plays an ineligible player they will forfeit their title for the CMFL game.

2. The parties further agree to advise their respective provincial sport governing bodies and Football Canada of their participation in the CMFL Canadian Championships and to seek any and all sponsorships, grants, approvals, etc. that may be available from these organizations, including any sanctioning necessary to ensure that appropriate liability insurance coverage is in place for the Championship game and related events.
3. The parties further agree that the CMFL Championship game date will be decided by pre-season conference call between conference presidents. The game date should be no later than 2 weeks following completion of both league conference championships.

The host organization/game location will be chosen after completion of conference championships. Should the NFC or AFL Champion be unable to host CMFL game it will be the host conference obligation to support game and location.

AFL/NFC has the right of first refusal. Should the AFL/NFC Champion not attend there is a right for runner up to host or attend the CMFL Championship game.

4. The participating teams shall compete for the "SID FORESTER MEMORIAL TROPHY", emblematic of the Canadian Major Football Championship. The permanent trophy has



been provided by the Northern Football Conference in memory of long-time Sudbury Spartans Head Coach, Sid Forester, who died in 1994. The trophy shall be in possession of the National Champion for the year following their victory. It shall be the responsibility of the champion to update the trophy each year and deliver to the game.

The host of the Championship Weekend shall provide awards for the Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Championship game.

5. The CMFL game will not have a roster cap for the NFC or AFL teams. All eligible players for the two organizations will be allowed to play in championship game.
6. The CMFL game will be played under the host conference Canadian Amateur rules. Therefore for the years the Northern Football Conference hosts:
 - a. Four (4) downs
 - b. Zero (0) yard line of restraint
 - c. Twelve (12) players per side
 - d. Cut block rule to include: The Canadian Amateur Rule Book for Tackle Football, which is blocking below the waist is allowed anywhere within the close line play area, which by rule is 2 yards on either side of the line of scrimmage and between the tackles. Rule 7, Section 3, Article 15i is the reference of what constitutes the Close Line Play Area.

When the Alberta Football League hosts:

- a. Three (3) downs
 - b. One (1) yard line of restraint
 - c. Twelve (12) players per side
 - d. Cut block rule to include; running backs only, within the tackle box, 5 yards deep, on blitzing players though A and B gap, no engaged blitzing player may be cut.
7. The CMFL Championship Game shall be officiated by an on-field crew of six (6) certified officials, preferably CIS officials. Further, the sideline officials and timer shall also be certified officials.



Game statistics shall also be recorded during the game and copies will be provided to both teams and their respective league statistician following the game.

8. The hosting conference organization champion agree to provide the visiting conference champion with the following items, in consideration of their appearance in the CMFL Championship Game;
 - a. Up to a maximum of twenty (20) hotel rooms for two (2) nights at the “host” hotel with two queen beds per room to be able to sleep four (4) per room. The host hotel must be of 3.5 star quality or greater, within a 15km distance of game location.

The visiting team to provide on own method of security in form of credit card to hotel. Host conference not responsible for any incidental charges such as parking, mini-bars, restaurants, movies and/or long distance phone calls.

- b. Practice field for a minimum of two (2) practices prior to the Championship game.
 - c. Up to One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) credit given to the visiting team for ground transportation during their stay.
 - d. Complimentary admission to the Championship Dinner for executive, volunteers, coaches and players of the NFC Championship Team, with the exception of alcoholic beverages.
 - e. Copy video of the Championship Game by the host team or local broadcaster.
 - f. The host team agree to host a CMFL Championship Dinner on Friday prior to game for the participants of the CMFL Championship Game. The dinner budget per person will be \$20++, only team’s players, executive and staff invited. Location to be agreed upon by both championship teams. Although the dinner will be complimentary, there can be a cash bar.



Should both teams be in agreement that a pre-game function not required then host team to provide One Thousand-Two Hundred Dollars (\$1200) to visiting team to assist in food costs. i.e. 60 people of visiting organization x \$20.

- g. The host team to arrange a post-game social / Fifth Quarter at a location of their choosing. Those in attendance will be responsible for their own food & beverages.
9. Representatives of the two finalists and their respective leagues agree to send representatives to any pre-game or post-game press conference or to any other event scheduled during the Championship weekend to assist in the promotion of the Championship Game.
10. The host conference to advise visiting conference in advance of their arrival of the name and location of the host hotel, confirmation that reservations have been made in form of rooming list with confirmation numbers, pre-game banquet has been made, funds transferred for transportation, confirmation and location of practice facilities, confirmation and location of game facilities, location of post-game social and to provide an itinerary for the Championship Weekend.
11. The host conference to provide visiting conference twenty (20) complimentary tickets to the championship game.
12. The host conference agree to ensure the following amenities will be provided to visiting conference at the stadium:
 - a. Clean dressing room with showers and washrooms up to 2 hours prior to kickoff.
 - b. Trainers table for taping
 - c. Access to drinking water
13. The proceeds of the Championship game, after payment of all expenses shall be given to hosting team and abide by their own conference policies.
14. Time shall be the essence of this agreement



15. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the host Province and the laws of Canada applicable therein.
16. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this agreement.
17. Any amendments to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by all parties to this agreement.
18. Each of the provisions contained in this Agreement is distinct and severable and a declaration of invalidity or enforceability of any such provision or part thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any provision hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I/we have affixed our hands and seal this _____ day of -
_____, 2015.

ALBERTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Per: Matt Squires, President

Witness: _____

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE INC.

Per: Barry Rushon, President

Witness: _____