



# CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## OTTAWA EXPANSION — 2002

### (League Support)

An expansion draft to be conducted on or before February 1st, 2002 subject to the following:

1. From the final 2001 season roster, including inactive roster players, each of the eight existing Clubs may, prior to January 15th 2002, exempt from the draft, players in three (3) categories, quarterbacks, imports and non-imports, as follows:
    - (a) A total of three (3) quarterbacks of which a maximum of two (2) may be protected from a Club's roster. (A Club may choose to protect three (3) quarterbacks from its Negotiation List).
      - **the Ottawa Club will select one (1) quarterback from each of the existing Club's roster or Negotiation List. (No additional quarterbacks may be taken in the expansion (roster) draft segment).**
    - (b) A total of nine (9) import players.
      - **the Ottawa Club will select one (1) import player from each of the existing Clubs.**
    - (c) A total of seven (7) non-import players, of whom not more than four may be offensive linemen and of whom not more than one may be a kicker.
      - **the Ottawa Club will select one (1) non-import player from each of the existing Clubs.**
    - (d) Following the initial selection of non-imports by the Ottawa Club, each of the existing Clubs will submit the names of an additional six (6) non-imports to be protected.
      - **the Ottawa Club will then select one (1) additional non-import player from each of the existing Clubs**
      - or**
      - **alternatively, the Ottawa Club may select from each of the existing Clubs their 2002, 2nd round draft choice.**
- Note 1:** In the event a Club does not have a 2nd round draft choice remaining for 2002, the Ottawa Club may select either that Club's 3rd round draft choice in 2002, or the Club's 2nd round draft choice in 2003.
- Note 2:** The existing Clubs must submit their initial list of protected players to the League office no later than January 15th, 2002. The secondary list of protected non-import players is to be submitted to the League upon notification to the existing Clubs of Ottawa's initial selections.
- Note 3:** Of the thirty-two (32) players that may be drafted by the Ottawa Club, the number of players in each category shall not exceed:
- eight (8) quarterbacks
  - eight (8) imports

- sixteen (16) non-imports
- of whom not more than one (1) may be a punter
- of whom not more than one (1) may be a place kicker

If the Ottawa Club selects a player, who in the sole discretion of the League, is both a punter and a place kicker, the Ottawa Club shall not be entitled to select a 2nd punter or place kicker.

**Note 4:** The above expansion draft is to become part of the Collective Agreement between the Canadian Football League Players' Association, the Canadian Football League and the Canadian Football League Player Relations Committee.

**Note 5:** The Ottawa Club to acknowledge that it will incur costs under Article 27 of the Collective Agreement with respect to moving and travel expenses for drafted players.

2. The players drafted shall be assigned to the Ottawa Club as of midnight the day of the draft.
3. The Ottawa Club will have full rights to trade/assign the contracts of any player acquired in the expansion draft after the player has been on the Club's active roster for four (4) regular season games, or eighteen (18) games in any other roster category. A Player may be traded/assigned to the original Club that the Player was drafted/assigned from at any time. In the event, a drafted player is offered on waivers, the original Club will have first waiver priority up to February 15, 2003. If the Player originated from a Negotiation List, the Ottawa Club must first offer him back to the original Club before the Ottawa Club may remove the player as unsigned.
4. Negotiation List Options:
  - (a) In addition to the Roster Draft, a Negotiation List Draft shall also be held, within seven (7) days of the initial expansion (roster) draft, to be conducted as follows:
    - a Club may protect fifteen (15) players on its Negotiation List.

**The Ottawa Club would then select one (1) player from each Club's Negotiation List.**

Following the initial selection by Ottawa, each Club could then protect another four (4) players.

**The Ottawa Club would then select as follows:**

- **three (3) players from each of the two 2001 Grey Cup competing teams.**
- **two (2) players from each of the two Divisional Final losers.**
- **one (1) player from each of the Divisional Semi-Final losers.**
- **none (0) players from the 2 teams that did not participate in the 2001 playoffs.**
- players selected would be transferred to the Ottawa's Club Negotiation List effective midnight the day of the Negotiation List draft.

ALTERNATIVELY

- (b) The Ottawa Club will be allowed upon official confirmation as a member Club in the CFL to establish a forty (40) man Negotiation List with no restrictions. (i.e. players eligible to play in 2001 may be included in the list) In the event any such eligible player wishes to sign a 2001 contract the player must be immediately removed from the Ottawa Club's Negotiation List, up to midnight the day of the 2001 Grey Cup Game, after which time the Ottawa List would be treated the same as any other member Club's Negotiation List, excluding total numbers. The Ottawa

Club may sign any player on the list to a 2002 contract pursuant to item 5.b.) herein. The Negotiation List would revert to thirty-five (35) players in number, the day before the first day of training camp in 2002.

**Note 6:** In the event option 4.b) above is invoked, item 5.d) and 5.e) shall be deemed to be deleted from this document.

5. The following adjustments will be made to support Ottawa's entry into the CFL:
  - (a) The Ottawa Club will be given 1st priority in the 2002 Canadian College Draft. In addition, the Ottawa Club will be given a bonus choice at the start of the first round only. The Club will have the full right to trade/assign draft choices from midnight following the 2001 Grey Cup.
  - (b) Prior to midnight following the 2001 Grey Cup the Ottawa Club, upon official confirmation as a member Club in the Canadian Football League, will be allowed to sign, pursuant to C.F.L. By-laws, import players to 2002 contracts and add these players to its roster.
  - (c) Effective midnight following the 2001 Grey Cup, the Ottawa Club will be granted full roster rights.
  - (d) Without restricting the rights of any individual player, the Ottawa Club will be allowed, upon confirmation as a member Club in the C.F.L. to establish a restricted Negotiation List, not exceeding thirty-five (35) players, consisting of players who are unable to play in the current season. i.e. NFL contracted players, NCAA graduating players, etc.
  - (e) Effective midnight following the 2001 Grey Cup, the Ottawa Club will be allowed to establish the regular thirty-five (35) man Negotiation List.
  - (f) The Ottawa Club will be allowed to start training camp, for non-veteran players on its roster, three (3) days earlier than the official start date. The Ottawa Club's roster cannot exceed sixty-eight (68) players, excluding players drafted by the Club in the current year Canadian College Draft. The Ottawa Club must conform to the same roster requirements and cutdown dates as the other member Clubs with the official start of training camp.
  - (g) The Ottawa Club will have 1st waiver priority from midnight following the 2001 Grey Cup until the first 2002 in-season waiver priority change which will be based on Club standings.
6. In the event there is an expansion draft in 2003, the Ottawa Club will be exempt from this draft, but only if, the Ottawa Football Club does not participate in the 2002 playoffs.