Edmonton Minor Soccer Association Outdoor 2019 Season



Coach/Manager Handbook U13 – U19 Community & All Premier/Club Teams

This book is an excerpt of our rules, regulations and policies. For the complete listing of EMSA Rules & Regulations please visit:

www.emsamain.com

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Scoring Games on the EMSA Website

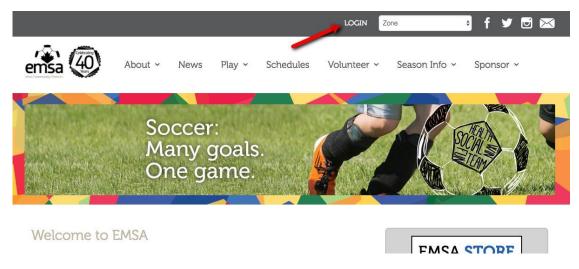
U9 - U19 Only

Registered coaches, assistant coaches and team managers are responsible for scoring the game results online. These persons must be registered on the team Portal roster in order to have access to the system. Please contact your zone office if you require access online.

Scoring the game online is the responsibility of the **HOME TEAM**. Game results must be input online by <u>1:00</u> <u>PM the following day</u>. Failure to do so will result in an administration fee being issued to the head coach of the **HOME TEAM**.

Instructions for Scoring Games

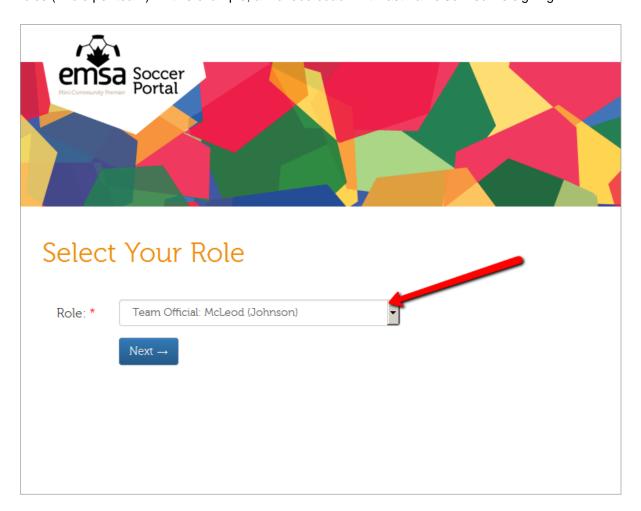
1. Go to www.emsamain.com and click on the Coach Login link at the top of the page:



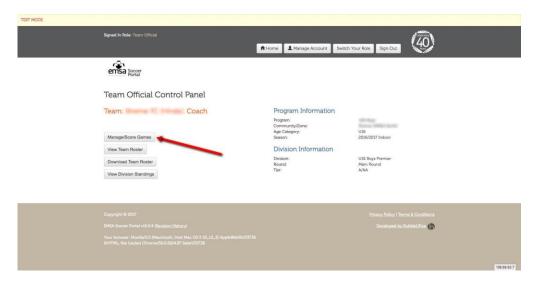
2. Please sign in with your account.



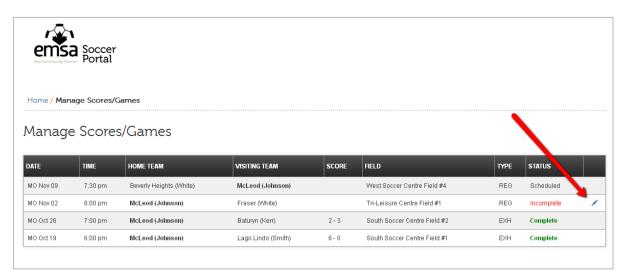
3. Select the Team Official role for the team you are coaching. A person may have multiple team official roles (1 role per team). In this example, a McLeod coach with last name Johnson is signing in.



4. Once signed in, you will be redirected to the Team Official Control Panel. Click the **Manage Score/Games** button.



5. On the Manage Scores/Games screen, you will see a list of all games for your team. Once a game is ready to have a score recorded, an edit pencil button will be available. Click the edit pencil button.



6. On the Score Game form, complete the required fields by entering the home team score and the away team score.



7. Lastly, please submit feedback regarding the referee officiating of the game. There are 6 questions to be completed and an option to provide comments. **(optional)**

Referee Feedback	
Please submit feedback regarding the officia	ting of the game.
Field Referee Name: *	Bob Smith
Box Referee Name:	John Smith
1) Management of the Game: *	Excellent
	C Good
	O Fair
	C Poor
2) Manners/Professionalism: *	O Excellent
	⊙ Good
	O Fair
	O Poor
3) Knowledge of Rules: *	Č Excellent
	C Good
	Fair
	C Poor
4) Movement on the Field: *	
	C Good
	O Fair
	C Poor
5) Communication: *	O Excellent
	⊙ Good
	O Fair
	O Poor
6) How support was the box refereee: *	
	C Somewhat supportive
	C Not supportive
Comments:	
Submit	

- 8. Once the form is complete, click the **Submit** button.
- 9. After submission, the game status will be changed to **Under Review**. An EMSA Administrator will review the game sheet and verify the information has been collected and acknowledged.



10. If the Administrator verifies the game, the status will be marked as Complete. However, if there is an issue with an emailed/faxed game sheet, an email will be sent back to the coach asking for the game sheet. In this case, the status will be changed to Information Required.



Game Sheets

Game sheets are to be submitted to the game official prior to kickoff. If the game sheet is not submitted prior to the game start then that team will default the game.

Team Officials and Players names must be written out entirely (no initials permitted) and the name must match what is on ASA/EMSA Portal roster for insurance purposes.

Please list your player's names in alphabetical order by last name on the game sheet.

Each team is responsible for completing their game sheet in its entirety. Failure to do so will result in an administration fee being issued to the head coach.

Proper completion of game sheet:

- 1. Game Sheet of (Team Name): PRINT your team name here as it appears on the schedule
- 2. Original Date/Time: PRINT the date and time of the scheduled game
- 3. Field: PRINT the field name & number the game is being played on
- 4. Reschedule Date/Time/Field: if applicable
- 5. Age: CIRCLE the age category of your team
- 6. Gender: CIRCLE the gender of your team
- 7. Division/Group/Tier: PRINT the letter or number that corresponds with your teams division, group or tier
- 8. Home Team: PRINT the name of the team scheduled as Home
- 9. Away Team: PRINT the name of the team scheduled as Away
- 10. Score: To be completed by the game official.
- 11. Head Coach/Team Official: <u>PRINT</u> the name of the coach, assistant coach and/or manager that is present for the scheduled game. Names must match what is listed on your ASA roster for insurance purposes.
- 12. Card #: The registration number as shown on the EMSA I.D. card for each coach, assistant coach, and/or manager that is present for the scheduled game.
- 13. Coach or Team Official's Signature: Coach, assistant coach or manager to SIGN their name.
- 14. Ref Liaison: PRINT the name of the team's referee liaison for the scheduled game. See Referee Liaison for further information.
- 15. Jersey #: PRINT the player's jersey numbers.
- 16. Player's Full Name: <u>PRINT</u> the first and last name of the player initials will not be accepted. Names must match what is listed on your ASA roster for insurance purposes.
- 17. Ref. Card Check: To be completed by the game official.
- 18. Player Card #: (if applicable) PRINT the registration number as shown on the EMSA I.D. card for each player
- 19. Goals: To be completed by the game official.
- 20. Yellow Card: To be completed by the game official.
- 21. Red Card: To be completed by the game official.
- 22. Trialist: <u>PRINT</u> the first and last name of the player(s) being used as a trialist. *Trialist form/permission letter must be submitted to the game official with the game sheet.*
- 23. Center Ref PRINT: To be completed by the game official.
- 24. Linesperson: PRINT: To be completed by the game official.

Sample: Completed Game Sheet

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Submitting the Game Sheets to the EMSA Office

- 1. OUTDOOR SEASON ONLY: Home team is responsible for submitting **BOTH** teams white copies of the game sheets, along with any trialist or permission forms.
 - Option #1 Fax
 If faxing, send the fax to 780-490-1652.
 - Option #2 Scanned PDF/JPEG
 Use a scanner to scan the game sheet into a PDF or JPEG format and email to:
 Community communitygamesheets@gmail.com
 Premier/Club: angelad@emsamain.com
 - Option #3 Photo Taken by Phone

You may also choose to take a high quality photograph of the game sheet, and email the JPEG version of the photo to:

Community communitygamesheets@gmail.com Premier/Club: angelad@emsamain.com

☆ Please ensure each game sheet is in a separate photo/file. Do not take a single photo with both game sheets in one.

If the image quality is poor or the entire game sheet is not visible, an EMSA Administrator will request a new version to be sent.

Administration Fees

Offense	Fee Amount
Incomplete Game Sheet	\$50.00
Failure to Score Game in EMSA Portal by 1pm next day after game	\$75.00
Failure to Submit Game Sheets by 1pm next day after game	\$50.00

Correspondence Liaison

Coaches, assistant coaches, managers and the referee liaison (when applicable) are the acting correspondence liaison for their team.

Any and all communication between the EMSA main office and individual teams will be done through the teams' correspondence liaisons only. These are the only individuals who will have the authority to contact the EMSA main office via phone and/or email. Communication to the office outside of a correspondence liaisons will not be addressed.

All communication from the EMSA main office to the correspondence liaison will be sent via email. It is the teams' responsibility to ensure that they are checking their email regularly for information from the EMSA main office. It is the correspondence liaisons responsibility to ensure that the EMSA main office has the most up-to-date email information. Please ensure that the EMSA main office is given an alternate email address, should you be unavailable for a period of time.

Referee Liaison Program

The abuse of game officials by coaches and spectators is the main reason why referees (especially those in their early teens) drop out of the development program. As a result, we face severe shortages of game officials at all levels. Addressing this unacceptable behavior is a top priority for EMSA, particularly if minor soccer is to have an adequate supply of referees.

Both Home and Away teams, participating in the U13-U19 community and U9-U19 premier club programs, are required to provide a referee liaison for every EMSA league game. The referee liaison can be any person over the age of 18, with the exception of the teams registered coaching staff. The referee liaison can be a different person each game and their name must be **PRINTED** on the game sheet in the space provided. The referee liaison must wear an identifying neck lanyard and sit in a visible area in the stands with the spectators.

The referee liaison must be an individual who is willing and able to control and monitor the behavior of the parents and coaches throughout the game. This role is to be taken very seriously and the goal of this role is to keep the parents and coaches in the game following the rules as set forth in code of conduct as well as maintaining respect for the referees and opposing team. This role is not in place for the referee liaison to question any calls made by the refs.

Description of Duties

- Wear the referee liaison neck lanyard this is to be provided by a team official.
- Place yourself in the middle of your team's spectators.
- Monitor the behavior of your team's spectators and coaching staff.
- Quickly diffuse potential issues before they escalate by either making your presence more visible, or calmly addressing the behavior with the person(s) involved.
- Address inappropriate comments, gestures, and/or any other unsporting behavior directed at the game officials, players, coaching staff or any other individual by your team's spectators.
- Submit a brief report in writing, outlining any incidents involving any individuals, to the referee after the game or to the EMSA office.

Failure to provide a referee liaison will result in a default win for the opposing team. All teams are granted a 15 minute grace period to provide a referee liaison.

Red Cards & Suspension Notifications

When a player, team official, or spectator is ejected from a game, the main contact for the team will be notified of the suspension details via email within a few days. This email will contain the reason for the red card/ejection and the length of the suspension. Suspensions issued as a result of spectator misconduct are to be served by the main team official, as listed on the ASA roster unless the spectator is identified to EMSA by the team.

Team officials are responsible for enforcing all suspensions regardless of receiving email notification. Please contact the EMSA office if you haven't received any notification prior to your next game.

All suspensions are issued in accordance with the Rules & Regulations and based on the report submitted by the referee. The EMSA staff <u>do not</u> have the authority to change a suspension.

Red Card suspensions are automatic and hold a minimum one (1) game suspension. Any suspension that is 2 games in length or longer can be appealed to the EMSA Discipline Committee – please see Rules & Regulations 510.0 Appeal Procedures Indoor for further information.

Harassment

EMSA has zero tolerance for any form of harassment, bullying, discrimination or intimidation. Any EMSA player, team official, game official, parent or other participant who engages in such behaviour towards another EMSA player, team official, game official, parent or other participant will be subject to discipline by the EMSA Discipline Committee.

Players Registered and Dressed

Teams are limited to a maximum number of players permitted to be registered & dressed at one time during the season, according to the following:

U9 Premier
 U11 Premier
 U13 – U19
 16 players
 20 players

Guest Players/Trialists

A form must be filled out and submitted to the referee with your game sheet prior to game start for each game (or prior to the start of the second half if the trialist arrives late). If you are using the same trialist for multiple games you must have copies of the trialist form to submit to the referee at each game. Please ensure you review the complete trialist/guest player regulations in the rules section. Using an illegal trialist will result in a game forfeiture. If there is any question whether a trialist may be legal or not, please ensure you contact the EMSA office for verification prior to using the trialist.

THE MOVEMENT MUST OCCUR WITHIN THE SAME ZONE (example West Zone to West Zone or North Zone to North Zone. You cannot have a North Zone player as a trialist on a West Zone team). Out of district teams can only use trialists from their own district.

- Trialists do not require player cards.
- All fields must be filled out entirely on the form.
- **Prior** written approval of the Coach or Team Designate of the team for which the player is registered must be obtained. The written approval (trialist form) must be surrendered to the referee at the start of the game or prior to the start of the second half if the trialist arrives late.
- Trialist players must already be registered on another EMSA team's Portal roster during the current season.

The following conditions must also be met:

- A. Community teams can use trialist players to replace missing players currently on that team's roster. When using trialist players, the registered roster size must remain the same.
- B. Premier teams may use trialist players to increase their registered roster size set out in Rule 304, Team Rosters.
- C. No more than a total of three (3) trialist players may be recruited for a single (1) game.

^{**}Teams are permitted to dress and play additional players only if they have received special dispensation from the EMSA Board of Directors.

- D. The player(s) will be noted as 'trialist' on the game sheet (there is a section for this located on the bottom of the game sheet) prior to game start.
- E. A player can be used a trialist for a maximum of five (5) games per team.
- F. No EMSA player may play on an EIYSA team as a trialist at any time. No EIYSA player shall play on an EMSA team as a trialist at any time with the exception that EIYSA players may play on an EMSA team as a trialist in tournament play.
- G. Teams from out of district who are participating in the EMSA program are permitted to use trialists from their parent organizations/zone/district as long as they are an ASA registered player for that season; they are from a lower division or lower age category; and the use of the trialists does not violate any EMSA or ASA rules
- H. Premier Club players are ineligible to be used as a trialist on all community teams.
- I. Players who are currently serving a suspension from EMSA or ASA are ineligible as trialists.
- J. Up to four (4) Trialists will be allowed for teams advancing to City Finals. Trialists must be in compliance with the EMSA Rules & Regulations and cannot be from another team advancing to City Finals.

*Trialists are NOT permitted in Provincial Competitions. If additional players are needed for Provincials, they must be duly registered prior to the Player Transfer Deadline for your tier.

Sample Trialist Form – available for download at: www.emsamain.com/coachref/pdf-form

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	THIS TRIALIST FORMMUST ACCOMPANY ALL GAME SHEETS TO THE EM SA OFFICE. IF YOUR TRIALIST HAS PERMISSION TO PLAY MORE HAN ONE GAME YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE PHOTOCOPIES OF THE TRIALIST FORM TO SUBMIT WITH EACH GAME'S SHEETS.****								
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EMSA I.D. Cards (Players/Coaches)

The following EMSA city wide programs require an EMSA I.D. Card:

For Players:

Age Group	Community	Premier A	Premier B	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
U9		√	√	√	√	✓
U11		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U13	√	√	✓	✓	✓	✓
U15	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~
U17	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓
U19	√	√	✓	✓	✓	✓

- EMSA I.D. cards must be presented to the referee prior to game kickoff.
- No other forms of identification will be accepted.
- Players must present their individual card to the referee so they can compare the picture to the player and cross reference the number on the game sheet.
- EMSA I.D. cards are to be made available to the opposing team officials or the EMSA League Director, if requested.
- Should a player be without their player card at kickoff, they may play the game provided that their
 player card is presented to the game official prior to end of the game. Failure to present the players
 EMSA I.D. card to the game official prior to the end of the game, will result in a default loss for the
 team. The player and team will also be subject to further disciplinary action being taken by the EMSA
 Discipline Committee.
- Players that do not require an EMSA I.D. card that are participating as a trialist player in a
 division/age group which does, are not required to get one. These players will simply need to provide
 the completed trialist form to the game official, prior to kickoff. This form will be kept with the game
 sheet and submitted to the League Director at the EMSA office.
- If a team is unable to provide the EMSA I.D. player cards before the end of the game, they can supply high quality photocopies to the game official in their place. The copied player cards will be submitted to the EMSA League Director along with the white copy of the official game sheet. The EMSA League Director will cross check the copied player cards that were supplied, with the player cards that are on record in our system. In the event that a falsification is found in this review, the teams officials will automatically be suspended, an administration fee, and the game will be recorded as a default loss. The opposing team will be awarded three (3) points and five (5) goals.
- Photocopied substitutions of player cards will only be accepted twice (2) during the season and they are only accepted in place of the <u>entire teams</u> cards not just a few players.
- A player can use a picture of his/her EMSA I.D. card shown on an electronic device.
- Out of District players are permitted to use their own youth District I.D. cards in place of EMSA cards as long as their District has received permission from the EMSA office.

*Note: there is a \$20.00 charge for any replacement EMSA I.D. cards, where the card has not expired.

For Team Officials (head coaches, assistant coaches and managers):

Age Group	Community	Premier A	Premier B	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
U9	√	√	√	✓	✓	✓
U11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- Coaches, assistant coaches and managers registered to teams in age categories/divisions where EMSA I.D. cards are required, must present their card to the game official prior to kickoff for verification.
- No other forms of identification will be accepted.
- Team Officials who are unable to present their EMSA I.D. cards at the start of the game will not be permitted to coach the game and must sit with the spectators, away from the technical area. If no team officials are able to produce their EMSA I.D., the game will be recorded as a default loss and three (3) points and five (5) goals will be awarded to the opposing team.
- If a team knows ahead of time that it will be unable to supply the EMSA I.D. cards for the registered team officials, or if the registered team officials are unable to attend a game, the team may request that a substitute coach or coaches be granted permission to take control of the team temporarily. A request to allow for a substitute coach or coaches must be sent to the EMSA League Director and should the request be approved, they will provide a permission letter to allow the substitute coach/coaches on the bench. This permission letter must be handed to the referee prior to kickoff and will be kept for submission to the EMSA League Director along with the white copies of the official game sheet.
- A team official can use a picture of his/her EMSA I.D. card shown on an electronic device.
- Team officials CANNOT be written on the bench attendant line if they are unable to produce their ID card or electronic copy.
- If a team official participates in a game without their ID card then the team will default the game and that team official will be suspended for one game.
- Out of District team officials are permitted to use their own youth District I.D. cards in place of EMSA cards as long as their District has received permission from the EMSA office.

*Note: there is a \$20.00 charge for any replacement EMSA I.D. cards, where the card has not expired.

Team Officials & Bench Attendants in the Technical Area

- Teams are permitted to have a maximum of four (4) Team Officials in the technical area of the field per game.
- Teams are permitted to use one (1) bench attendant if they wish however the bench attendant will be included in the maximum of four (4) team officials permitted in the technical area.
- At least one of the four officials in the technical area (either a registered team official or the bench attendant) must be the same gender as the team.

- Bench attendants need to show a piece of government issued photo ID to the ref. They do not
 require EMSA ID cards. Their name needs to be marked on the game sheet and they must be 18
 years of age. The coach, assistant coach or manager cannot be listed as their own team's bench
 attendant.
- If you participate in the game without a same gender person in the technical area (either team official or bench attendant) then you will default the game and the head team official will be suspended.

Equipment, Casts, Splints and Jewelry

- Cleated outdoor soccer shoes, or runners, are the only permissible footwear to be worn by players.
- It is at the discretion of the game official what will constitute dangerous equipment which must be removed in order for play to be allowed. Game official has final say.
- Under no circumstance will splints and/or casts be permitted to be worn on the field during game play.
- Players who wear braces (knee, ankle, wrist etc...) will be permitted to wear these during game play
 provided that the brace does not have the potential to injure others. The decision to allow specific
 braces is left to the game official.
- Players refusing to remove any type of jewelry at the request of the referee, including all external body piercings, will not be permitted to play. Taping is not permitted.

It is the responsibility of the Home Team to supply two game balls as specified below:

Age Group	Ball Size
U9	Size 4
U11	Size 4
U13	Size 5
U15	Size 5
U17	Size 5
U19	Size 5

- Corner Flags: Each team must provide three (3) flags that meet FIFA requirements are to be of a solid structure, distinctive in colour, and a minimum of five (5) feet high, with a minimum diameter of 1" and a maximum diameter of 2". These flags are to be firmly planted in the ground at each corner of the field at the goal line and at the center line. If a team forgets their flags the referees should do their best to mark the corners of the field with a safe substitute.
- Goal Net: Each team must provide a goal net. If a goal net is not provided then then that team will default the game.
- It is the HOME teams responsibility to change their jersey or wear pinnies should the jersey colour of both teams conflict.
- In the event that a team does not have uniform jerseys at the start of the game, the game will be defaulted, with three (3) points and five (5) goals being awarded to the opposing team.

Game Length & Time Outs & 2/3 Marks

Age	Total Time	Regulation Halves	2/3 Game Time
U15, U17, U19	90 minutes	2 X 45 minutes	60
U13	80 minutes	2 X 40 minutes	53.33
U11	70 minutes	2 X 35 minutes	46.66
U9	60 minutes	2 X 30 minutes	40
U7	50 minutes	2 X 25 minutes	33.33
U5	40 Minutes	2 x 20 Minutes	26.66

- Each team is entitled to up to three (3) minutes of interval time per the referee's discretion.
- There are no time outs permitted in the Outdoor Season.
- If 2/3 of the game time has been played, the game will be considered legal should it be called by the referee for any reason.
- Please also note the 2/3 rule also comes into play with whatever length of the game has been agreed upon by team officials and referees. So for example, for a U17 game (2 x 45 minute halves) if the weather is cold or stormy and the coaches and referees agree prior to the start of the game that they are only going to play two 35 minute halves instead of the two 45's, the 2/3 game time mark would be for the two 35 minute halves.

Late Arrivals and Failure to Show

- A team will not be considered as 'present' at the scheduled kickoff time without a minimum of: U13/U15/U17/U19 seven (7) registered players
 U11 six (6) registered players
 U9 five (5) registered players
- A 15 minute grace period is provided for a team to be present. If a team is not present after such time, the game will be recorded as a default win for the opposing team and they will be awarded three (3) points and five (5) goals in their favor by the league director.
- In order to claim the default win, the team that is present must turn in their completed game sheet to the referee.
- Late players must arrive prior to kickoff of the second off. Players arriving after such time will not be permitted to play.
- It is not mandatory for the opposing team to wait any longer than the 15 minute grace period. After
 this time has expired, the field may be used for a practice or an exhibition game for the remainder of
 the time that was scheduled for the game.
- In the event that both teams are not present, the game will be recorded as 'cancelled'. These games will not be rescheduled.
- An administration fee will be issued to the head coach of the team who fails to show up to their scheduled game, provided they did not notify the EMSA league director 48 hours prior to the game.

Rescheduling of Games: Community League (Tier 4 and lower)

If a regular league game conflicts with a <u>SOCCER TOURNAMENT, GRADUATION</u> or <u>FINAL EXAMS</u> the game may be rescheduled. A soccer tournament, graduation or final exams are the only three reasons accepted for rescheduling games during the Outdoor Season. <u>NO OTHER REASONS will be accepted and games will stay as scheduled.</u>

*NOTE: Once the schedule is released teams will have a deadline of 24 hours after their first game on the current round/schedule to notify the League Director in writing of the intent to reschedule any games for that current round. Once past the deadline there will be no reschedules allowed.

Steps for Rescheduling a Game:

Step #1: If you are the team who is requesting the reschedule, you must send an email to the EMSA League Director, <u>jennad@emsamain.com</u>, indicating the game details and reasoning for the reschedule request.

Step #2: BOTH teams involved will then receive an email from the League Director indicating that permission has been given to reschedule the game. If you don't receive that permission email it means the game has not been given the go ahead to be rescheduled and will remain as originally scheduled.

Step #3: The EMSA League Director will email the Home Team's Zone Referee and Field Assignor to cancel the originally scheduled game.

Step #4: The TEAM WHO REQUESTED THE RESCHEDULE contacts the opposing coach to come up with an agreed upon rescheduled date. <u>The opposing team officials have 48 hours to respond and work out a new date</u>. If the new date is not worked out within 48 hours then the EMSA League Director reserves the right to automatically reschedule the game to a date chosen by the EMSA office.

Step #5: Once a date has been agreed upon, the <u>TEAM WHO REQUESTED THE RESCHEDULE</u> is responsible for emailing the EMSA League Director to notify of the new date and time. The EMSA League Director will then assign a field. **<u>If you are an **Out of Edmonton District team**</u>, you will need to contact your District Field Assignor first for a field as the EMSA Office does not take care of your area's fields. You will need to send the EMSA League Director an email once you have the new field confirmed.

Step #6: League Director will update the website with the rescheduled game details and the Portal will automatically generate an email to both teams and the Referee Assignor. The rescheduled game is not considered legal until that time. Please keep in mind that the EMSA office is only open during the weekdays.

If the opposing coach and you cannot agree on a reschedule date, please notify the League Director and he/she will step in and take over the rescheduling process. Please note that you must give the League Director enough notice to be able to help you with the rescheduled game. If you send notice a day or two before the rescheduling deadline then we will be unable to help you.

*Once the game has been confirmed by the League Director, if one team fails to show for a rescheduled game then that team will lose by default. If both teams fail to show for a rescheduled game, the game will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded and the game will not be rescheduled.

ALL RESCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE COMPLETED within three (3) weeks of the original scheduled date. If there is less than three weeks left on the schedule you must have those games completed prior to your last game on the schedule. If the game does not get played within the three week deadline or before the last game on the schedule (if there are less than three weeks left) then it will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded. However, if the outstanding game will impact the standings in regards to post season play advancement in the main/final round, the EMSA League Director will reschedule the game. If you are rescheduling the last game on your schedule it must be rescheduled to a date prior to when it was originally scheduled.

Rescheduling of Games: Premier Club League

If a regular league game conflicts with a <u>SOCCER TOURNAMENT</u>, <u>GRADUATION</u> or <u>FINAL EXAMS</u> the game may be rescheduled. A soccer tournament, graduation or final exams are the only three reasons accepted for rescheduling games. <u>NO OTHER REASONS will be accepted</u> and games will stay as scheduled. If you are entered into a soccer tournament on a particular weekend that there is a league game, DO NOT wait until the tournament schedule is released! Reschedule that game right away.

*NOTE: We ask that all rescheduling requests be received by the EMSA office ONE WEEK PRIOR to the original game date.

Steps for Rescheduling a Game:

Step #1: If you are the team who is requesting the reschedule, you must send an email to the EMSA League Director, angelad@emsamain.com, indicating the game details and reasoning for the reschedule request.

Step #2: BOTH teams involved will then receive an email from the League Director indicating that permission has been given to reschedule the game. If you don't receive that permission email it means the game has not been given the go ahead to be rescheduled and will remain as originally scheduled.

Step #3: The EMSA League Director will email the Home Team's Zone Referee and Field Assignor to cancel the originally scheduled game.

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Step #5: Once a date has been agreed upon, the <u>TEAM WHO REQUESTED THE RESCHEDULE</u> is responsible for emailing the EMSA League Director to notify of the new date and time. The EMSA League Director will then assign a field. **<u>If you are an **Out of Edmonton District team**</u>, you will need to contact your District Field Assignor first for a field as the EMSA Office does not take care of your area's fields. You will need to send the EMSA League Director an email once you have the new field confirmed.

Step #6: League Director will update the website with the rescheduled game details and the Portal will automatically generate an email to both teams and the Referee Assignor. The rescheduled game is not considered legal until that time. Please keep in mind that the EMSA office is only open during the weekdays.

If the opposing coach and you cannot agree on a reschedule date, please notify the League Director and he/she will step in and take over the rescheduling process. Please note that you must give the League Director enough notice to be able to help you with the rescheduled game. If you send notice a day or two before the rescheduling deadline then we will be unable to help you.

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Lightning and Severe Weather Policy

When thunder roars, go indoors!

The safety of players, coaches, management and spectators is the primary concern in any weather event that occurs during all matches sanctioned by Canada Soccer. By understanding and following the below information, the safety of everyone shall be greatly increased. Ultimately, the referee has the final say over delaying or restarting a match due to weather. Waiting to stop play or not waiting to start play may result in a serious injury or loss of life. Referees are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during matches they are controlling

If you can hear thunder, you can get hit by lightning. As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location. More people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one. Stay inside for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

Additional Information

Please note the following recommendations from Environment Canada:

- To plan for a safe day, check the weather forecast first. If thunderstorms are forecast, avoid being outdoors at that time or make an alternate plan. Identify safe places and determine how long it will take you to reach them.
- Watch the skies for developing thunderstorms and listen for thunder. As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location. If you can hear thunder, you are in danger of being hit by lightning. More people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one.
- Get to a safe place. A safe location is a fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches do NOT protect you from lightning. If no sturdy building is close by, get into a metal-roofed vehicle and close all the windows.
- Do not handle electrical equipment, telephones or plumbing. These are all electrical conductors. Using a computer or wired video game system, taking a bath or touching a metal window frame all put you at risk of being struck by lightning. Use battery-operated appliances only.
- If caught outdoors far from shelter, stay away from tall objects. This includes trees, poles, wires and fences. Take shelter in a low-lying area but be on the alert for possible flooding.

Be aware of how close lightning is occurring. Thunder always accompanies lightning, even though its audible range can be diminished due to background noise in the immediate environment and its distance from the observer.

When larger groups are involved, the time needed to properly evacuate an area increases. As time requirements change, the distance at which lightning is noted and considered a threat to move into the area must be increased.

Know where the closest "safe structure or location" is to the field or playing area and know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location. Safe structure or location is defined as:

Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people, i.e., a building with plumbing and /or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and do not use the showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm.

In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled-up windows can provide a measure of safety. A vehicle is certainly better than remaining outdoors. It is not the rubber tires that make a vehicle a safe shelter, but the hard metal roof which dissipates the lightning strike around the vehicle. Do not touch the sides of any vehicle!

If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch. Assume a crouched position on the ground with only the balls of the feet touching the ground, wrap your arms around your knees and lower your head. Minimize contact with the ground because lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike. Minimize your body's surface area and the ground! Do not lie flat! If unable to reach safe shelter, stay away from the tallest trees or objects such as light poles or flag poles), metal objects (such as fences or bleachers), individual trees, standing pools of water, and open fields. Avoid being the highest object in a field. Do not take shelter under a single, tall tree.

Avoid using the telephone, except in emergency situations. People have been struck by lightning while using a land-line telephone. A cellular phone or a portable remote phone is a safe alternative to land-line phones, if the person and the antenna are located within a safe structure or location, and if all other precautions are followed.

When considering resumption of any athletics activity, wait at least thirty (30) minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to the field.

First aid for lightning victims

Prompt, aggressive CPR has been highly effective for the survival of victims of lightning strikes.

- Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge and can be safely handled.
- Call for help. Victims may be suffering from burns or shock and should receive medical attention immediately. Call 9-1-1 or your local ambulance service.
- Give first aid. If breathing has stopped, administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Use an automatic external defibrillator if one is available.

For additional information the following websites are helpful: http://www.ec.gc.ca/foudre-lightning/default.asp?lang=En&n=57412D67-1 www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/lightning

Air Quality Procedure

AIR AWARE – AIR QUALITY MONITORING GUIDELINES

This document is meant to serve as a guideline for Affiliated Members, Team Officials, Players and Match Officials affiliated with Alberta Soccer. As a guideline, it suggests what Affiliated Members, match officials and team officials should consider in assessing air quality at local fields and awareness of potential health impacts.

BASIS

The best scientific information available is used for these guidelines. It will be updated as new knowledge becomes available. This guideline document includes background information about the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), asthma management, and exercise- induced bronchoconstriction (EIB).

POLICY

- 1. Go to http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/aghi/aghi.aspx (APP also available)
 - a. Use the Alberta website. The Environment Canada (federal) website does not list St. Albert and Strathcona County stations. This is important because Edmonton, St. Albert, and Strathcona County (Sherwood Park) can have different index ratings even though they are in proximity.
- 2. Click on the AQHI station name
 - a. This brings up a pop-up box with the AQHI for that station. See the example on next page.
- 3. Note the station, time, and date, and Index calculation.
 - a. Updates usually occur hourly (at the top of the hour).
 - b. Use the index calculation that is within one hour of scheduled kick-off or practice time.
 - c. If the AQHI is "7" or higher then go to steps 4 or 5 as appropriate

4. Games

- a. If the Affiliated Member has not cancelled games in advance all teams and match officials should arrive ready to play.
- b. If the AQHI is still above "7" at the next calculation the teams involved and the match official should consider delaying kick-off or cancelling the game.
 - i. The match official reserves the final right to cancel the game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official's opinion.
 - ii. Referee to write on game sheet reason for abandonment with the Index calculation, time & date number calculated and AQHI station used.
- c. If air quality changes dramatically during a game (e.g. sudden smoke event caused by wind direction change) referees and team officials are advised to use their discretion. Record all decisions and relevant information on the game sheet.

5. For Practices

a. Team officials should consider a rescheduled practice or postponing practice until a later time

Incorporating

- 1) Incorporating AQHI into your training practices
 - a) Access the latest AQHI calculations
 - i) If air quality is "3" or below continue with training as normal.
 - ii) If air quality is an index of 4 6 then be prepared to adjust the practice by:
 - Reducing the intensity.
 - Reducing the duration of the practice.
 - Providing resting periods.
 - iii) If air quality is "7" or above reschedule.
- 2) Be aware of weather and other conditions:
 - a) Current forest fires and their locations in the province.
 - b) Local burning of stubble on fields or agricultural fields these can increase particulate matter in the air without impacting the AQHI for a city.
 - c) Sudden and dramatic changes in wind strength and direction.
 - d) Proximity of any major road or highway.
 - e) Near or downwind of any industrial areas or other significant emission sources.

3) Alberta Health Services maintains an Air Quality Advisory website. This site is helpful for planning your outdoor event. http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/air.aspx

EXAMPLE http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/aqhi/aqhi.aspx

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. The AQHI is a web-based, risk management tool which describes a local reading of air quality as it relates to human health. While the Index number for a location can rise into the triple digits (Fort McMurray in 2016 peaked at over "180") anything over "7" is of primary concern.
- 2. The AQHI is calculated differently for Alberta in two significant ways. First, in the rest of Canada, the AQHI only measures ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and nitrogen dioxide. In addition to these three pollutants, Alberta is more comprehensive by also including sulphur dioxide, hydrogen sulphide, total reduced sulphur and carbon monoxide in its AQHI reporting. Second, for the rest of Canada the AQHI is calculated on a 3-hour rolling average and so is less responsive to dramatic changes in air quality.
- 3. Health Canada recommends through the AQHI that for strenuous activities like soccer anything above an AQHI of 7 then one should reschedule the event.
- 4. The AQHI treats anything above 10+ as "Very High" with health messages for the "general" and "at risk" populations to reschedule all outdoor activities strenuous or not.
- 5. Elite athletes are in the "at-risk population because of the intensity and duration of exposure to outdoor air quality." Women appear to be more affected than men due to smaller airways, lungs, and respiratory systems.
- 6. Regarding air quality, soccer is considered a high exposure sport.
- Individuals tend to rely on sensory perception to evaluate air quality when, in fact, the
 pollutants that present the greatest harm to human health are difficult to see or smell (e.g. ground
 level ozone).
- 8. It is neither possible nor desirable to acclimatize athletes to air pollution. The US Olympic Committee recommends that when competing in high pollution areas the best strategy for training is alternative sites. "Stay away from air pollution."
- 9. Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm (EIB) is a sudden narrowing of the airways in response to vigorous exercise. It may occur in some individuals who have no pre-existing diagnosis of asthma. Most obvious symptoms of EIB include wheezing, prolonged shortness of breath, tightness in chest, coughing, extreme fatigue, and chest pain.
- 10. Asthma sufferers should have it under control before exercise (no coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing, etc.) and no other respiratory concerns (common cold, etc.). According to studies, asthma is now twice as prevalent in elite athletes as the general population. Symptoms of severe asthma emergency include: struggling to breathe, rescue inhaler does not help, cannot speak/finish sentences, nostrils flaring out, fainting, severe fatigue, blue lips and nails, and unconsciousness.

Rain/Storm Out & Air Quality Procedure

★Unless the fields are officially closed through the rain out lines, regardless of current or pending inclement weather, teams are required to report to their field or risk forfeiture. It will be the referee's discretion if the game will commence.

☆ If the fields are open and your team is playing the late game of a double header and the first game is cancelled due to weather by the referees, your team is still required to show up for your scheduled game time as the game may be able to commence if the weather passes. If you do not show your team will forfeit.

CITY OF EDMONTON RAIN OUT LINE: 496-4999 ext. 1
EMSA Complex at Ivor Dent Park Rain Out Line: 780.490.5789
EMSA West Complex Rain Out Line: 780.490.5789

Please check the EMSA website for out of City rain out numbers.

Rain/Storm Out, Air Quality & Fields Closed Rescheduling Procedure:

When a game is rained out due to the City of Edmonton (or out of town rain out line) closing the fields, or the referee called the game due to inclement weather/air quality, it will be up to the coaches to reschedule the game amongst themselves.

Step #1: If the fields were initially open and it was the ref who called the game due to the weather, the Home team must send an email to their EMSA League Director indicating the game details and indicating the game did not go due to the referee halting the game due to inclement weather.

- ♦ Community teams (Tier 4 and lower) send email to Community League Director jennad@emsamain.com
- ◆ Premier/Club teams send email to Premier League Director angelad@emsamain.com

☆ If the fields were closed via the field status lines, you do not need to send an email to the League Director as we will be monitoring the Field Status Lines ourselves.

Step #2: The HOME TEAM contacts the opposing coach to come up with an agreed upon rescheduled date. The opposing team officials have 48 hours to respond and work out a new date. If the new date is not worked out within 48 hours then the EMSA League Director reserves the right to automatically reschedule the game to a date chosen by the EMSA office.

Step #3: Once a date has been agreed upon, the <u>HOME TEAM</u> is responsible for emailing the EMSA League Director to notify of the new date and time. The EMSA League Director will then assign a field. **<u>If you are an **Out of Edmonton District team**</u>, you will need to contact your District Field Assignor first for a field as the EMSA Office does not take care of your area's fields. You will need to send the EMSA League Director an email once you have the new field confirmed.

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Director enough notice to be able to help you with the rescheduled game. If you send notice a day or two before the rescheduling deadline then we will be unable to help you.

*Once the game has been confirmed by the League Director, if one team fails to show for a rescheduled game then that team will lose by default. If both teams fail to show for a rescheduled game, the game will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded and the game will not be rescheduled.

ALL RESCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE COMPLETED within three (3) weeks of the original scheduled date. If there is less than three weeks left on the schedule you must have those games completed prior to your last game on the schedule. If the game does not get played within the three week deadline or before the last game on the schedule (if there are less than three weeks left) then it will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded. However, if the outstanding game will impact the standings in regards to post season play advancement in the main/final round, the EMSA League Director will reschedule the game.

Referee No Show Rescheduling Procedure

If your center referee or linespersons are a no show for your game, please try and give your Referee Assignor a call and if they are able to answer the call he/she will try to send someone your way. If you are unable to get a hold of your Referee Assignor or he/she is unable to send you a referee, you may have someone who is present ref your game as long as both coaches are in agreement on the person. If you start the game with a substitute referee that means that both coaches have agreed and there can be no argument after the game because the coaching staff didn't like how the substitute referee handled the game. The game will stand as is. Please make a note on the game sheet and have both coaches sign their name beside the note to indicate they have agreed on the substitute referee.

If you wish for the game to be rescheduled, both teams <u>must leave the field of play</u>. YOU MUST NOT PLAY ANY TYPE OF EXHIBITION OR SCRIMMAGE. IF ANY TYPE OF GAME IS PLAYED THE GAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED VALID AND THE SCORE WILL COUNT IN THE STANDINGS.

If rescheduling is chosen please follow the steps below:

Step #1: Home team must send an email to their League Director indicating the game details and indicating the game did not go due to referee no show.

- ♦ Community teams (Tier 4 and lower) send email to Community League Director jennad@emsamain.com
- ◆ Premier teams send email to Premier League Director angelad@emsamain.com

Step #2: The HOME TEAM contacts the opposing coach to come up with an agreed upon rescheduled date. The opposing team officials have 48 hours to respond and work out a new date. If the new date is not worked out within 48 hours then the EMSA League Director reserves the right to automatically reschedule the game to a date chosen by the EMSA office.

Step #3: Once a date has been agreed upon, the <u>HOME TEAM</u> is responsible for emailing the EMSA League Director to notify of the new date and time. The EMSA League Director will then assign a field.

If you are an **Out of Edmonton District team, you will need to contact your District Field Assignor first for a field as the EMSA Office does not take care of your area's fields. You will need to send the EMSA League Director an email once you have the new field confirmed.

Step #4: League Director will update the website with the rescheduled game details and the Portal will automatically generate an email to both teams and the Referee Assignor. The rescheduled game is not considered legal until that time. Please keep in mind that the EMSA office is only open during the weekdays.

If the opposing coach and you cannot agree on a reschedule date, please notify the League Director and he/she will step in and take over the rescheduling process. Please note that you must give the League Director enough notice to be able to help you with the rescheduled game. If you send notice a day or two before the rescheduling deadline then we will be unable to help you.

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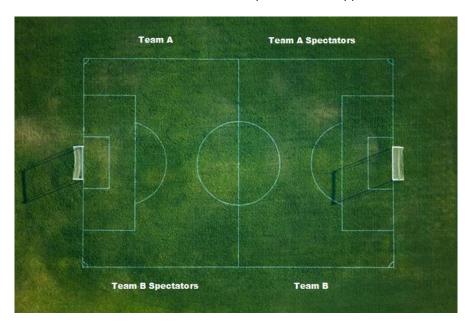
Location of Teams/Spectators on Field Sidelines

It is EMSA's policy that teams will sit on opposite sides of the field from one another. The spectators of a team should sit on the same side of the field as their own team but will be separated from their team by the center flag.

The home team will have the choice as to which side they prefer.

We do realize that several fields in the City or surrounding areas do not allow teams to sit opposite of one another due to space constraints. If you are playing at a field that is set up at such both teams and their spectators will sit on the same side with the center line flag between the two groups. Referee has final say.

Please also note that the field set up for Provincial play is different from league play. For Provincials teams will sit on the same side as one another and the spectators the opposite side from the teams.



Registration Violations/Discipline

Suspensions delivered to team officials and/or players are to be served in full. Suspensions may include, but are not limited to, being disallowed to participate in <u>all</u> aspect of the game including coaching, playing and refereeing.

- 1. In the event that a player participates in a game and is unable to produce their EMSA I.D. Card by the end of it (without special written permission from the EMSA office), a one (1) game suspension will be delivered to the team official. In addition, the opposing team will receive a default win for the game and will be awarded three (3) points and five (5) goals.
- 2. A second offense, of the same nature, will result in an indefinite suspension being delivered to the team official pending a hearing in front of the EMSA Discipline Committee. The opposing team will also receive a default win for the game and will be awarded three (3) points and five (5) goals.

- Violation of the following rules & regulations will result in the team official being reprimanded. A
 second violation of the same nature will result a suspension being delivered to the team official
 pending a hearing in front of the EMSA Discipline Committee.
 - A. Failure to note a Trialist Player, or to properly associate numbers with players, when all other regulations are satisfied, or
 - B. Failure to provide the Team Registration Form upon request, when all other regulations are satisfied, or
 - C. Failure to submit the proper authorization, in the form of a letter of acknowledgment and/or release forms, for all Trialist and/or Import Players, and all other regulations are met.
- 4. All games played under the following infringements will result in a default win being awarded to the opposing team, where they will receive three (3) points and five (5) goals. The team official of the offending team will receive a suspension of one (1) game. Additional offenses of the same nature, in the same season, will result in an indefinite suspension being delivered to the team official pending a hearing in front of the EMSA Discipline Committee. Administration fees may be imposed.
 - A. More Imported players are used than allowed, or ineligible import players are used, or
 - B. More Trialist players are used than allowed, or ineligible Trialist players are used, or
 - C. Exceeding the limit of players allowed on a given roster, where special permission has not been granted, or
 - D. non-registered players/team officials or suspended players/team officials are used, or
 - E. More players are dressed than allowed where special permission has not been granted, or
 - F. A player participates without his/her EMSA I.D. card and is unable to produce the card by the end of the game, or
 - G. A player participates in a game with an expired EMSA I.D. card (as noted by the game official) and does not renew their card within the following 7 days (weekdays and weekends included).
 - H. A team official participates in a game without and EMSA I.D. card, or the EMSA I.D. is expired.
- 5. Failure to submit a complete gamesheet by 1:00 PM the following business day will result in an administration fee being issued against the offending team (outdoor only).
- 6. Failure to post the game results online, by 1:00 PM the following business day, will result in an administration fee being issued against the home team.

Violating Game Regulations

- Failure to complete a game, regardless of the amount of time remaining, will result in the team
 officials of <u>both</u> the home and away team being brought before the EMSA Discipline Committee,
 who will make the final decision on the game results and any subsequent disciplinary action. It is
 mandatory that the gamesheet be turned in to the EMSA League Director failure to do so will
 result in loss of points.
- The engagement of any violent conduct by members of opposing teams, or the same team, will
 not be tolerated and will result in an immediate suspension pending a hearing with the EMSA
 Discipline Committee.

- EMSA registered teams who cause a disturbance to another EMSA sanctioned game, in which
 they are not participating, will be suspended pending a hearing with the EMSA Discipline
 Committee.
- Player boxes, penalty boxes and spectator areas are considered part of the field of play. Any
 player or team official who is ejected from a game is not permitted in any area within the field of
 play.
- Jerseys are not to be removed outside of the designated areas. Failure to comply with this rule, 401.5, will result in an automatic one (1) game suspension of the offending player(s). A second offense of the same nature will result in an indefinite suspension pending a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee.

Player Violations

- 1. The following offenses committed by a registered EMSA player will result in that player being issued a caution (yellow card) by the referee. A second caution (yellow card) in the same game will result in that player being ejected from the game by the referee. In addition to being ejected from the game, the player will receive a one (1) game suspension. A player, who receives a single caution (yellow card) in two (2) consecutive games, will be issued a one (1) game suspension by the EMSA League Director.
 - A. Entering or leaving the field of play without the consent of the referee, or
 - B. Dissent directed towards the referee, or
 - C. Persistent infringement of the laws of the game, or
 - D. Encroachment of free kicks, or
 - E. Unsportsmanlike conduct
- 2. Punishment for offenses leading to a person's ejection:
 - *All suspensions are automatic and will apply to the next scheduled game.
 - A. Spitting at anyone other than a game official(s) will result in an eight (8) game suspension. Subsequent altercations will result in a full season's suspension.
 - B. Foul, Abusive, Offensive or Insulting Remarks/Language not directed at the game official(s):

Event	Punishment	
First offense	2 game suspension	
Second offense	4 game suspension	
Third offense	Indefinite pending a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee	

Racial Remarks:

Event	Punishment	
First offense	4 game suspension	
Second offense	8 game suspension	

C. Foul or abusive language and/or gestures directed at the game officials and individuals identified as EMSA/Zone staff and/or EMSA/Zone Board of Directors will result in a minimum four (4) game suspension. Any subsequent altercation will result in a hearing before the EMSA Discipline Committee.

D. Insulting or offensive gestures towards anyone at the field of play will result in a minimum two (2) game suspension. Any subsequent altercation will result in a minimum four (4) game suspension.

E. Serious Foul Play (minimum suspension):

Event	First Offense	Second Offense	
Dangerous tackle	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Tackle from behind	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Charging	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Pushing	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Gesture/attempt to kick or hit	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Throwing objects toward opponent	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Other extenuating circumstances	Indefinite suspension	Indefinite suspension	
	until a hearing with	until a hearing with the	
	the EMSA Discipline	EMSA Discipline	
	Committee	Committee	

F. Violent Conduct (minimum suspension):

Event	First Offense Second Offense		
Strike anyone (excluding referee)	4 game suspension 8 game suspension		
Punch anyone (excluding referee)	4 game suspension	8 game suspension	
Elbow anyone (excluding referee)	4 game suspension	8 game suspension	
Kneeing anyone (excluding referee)	4 game suspension 8 game suspensio		
Push anyone (excluding the referee)	2 game suspension 4 game suspension		
Grabbing anyone (excluding the referee)	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Throw an object that contacts an opponent	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	
Kick anyone (excluding referee)	6 game suspension	10 game suspension	
Stomping (anyone excluding the referee)	6 game suspension	10 game suspension	
Head Butt anyone (excluding referee)	8 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee	
Fighting	6 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee	
Bite/Scratch/Gouge/Spit	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Other extenuating circumstances	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		

- G. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity will result in a one (1) game suspension.
- H. Threatening anyone (excluding referee) will result in a minimum four (4) game suspension.
- I. Illegally stopping an opponent's breakaway will result in a one (1) game suspension.
- J. Returning to the field of play after being ejected will result in an indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee.
- K. Dissent towards a referee will result in a minimum one (1) game suspension.

IMPORTANT:

- All suspensions are automatic and Team Officials shall be responsible for heeding the suspension whether or not they have been officially informed by the League Director or Discipline / Violations Director.
- Punishment for any offense that has not been listed herein will be delivered at the discretion of the EMSA Discipline Director.
- All suspensions listed are the minimum amount required to be served.
- Suspensions must be served in full and over the course of consecutive games.
- Tournament games do not count towards a suspension.
- A game must be declared as "complete" by the game official in order to be considered as a game served for a suspension.
- Suspensions where games could be served after regular league play will be referred to the EMSA Discipline Committee for deliberation.
- 3. Punishment for offenses leading to a person's ejection for the following: Abusive conduct towards, spitting at, harassing, threatening, attempting to make physical contact or with any game official(s), prior to, during, or after the game will result in the immediate and indefinite suspension of the person(s) involved and referral to the Alberta Soccer Association for a discipline hearing.
- 4. Any person who has been ejected from a game for failing to comply with the rules of the game, not otherwise described in section 504 of the Rules and Regulations, will receive a minimum and automatic one (1) game suspension. A second ejection in the same season, for the same offense, will result in a minimum four (4) game suspension and will require a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee.

Team Official Violations

- 1. Dissent towards a game official will result in a suspension of up to three (3) games and the possibility of a fine, administration fee, or performance bond, being issued against the offender.
- 2. Abusive conduct over and above dissent, or the failure to assist the game official in maintaining discipline on, or about, the field, will result in a minimum four (4) game suspension being issued against the offender. Subsequent offenses will result in an indefinite suspension being issued against the offender, pending a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee, as well as, the possibility of being issued an administration fee and/or performance bond.
- 3. The following actions towards a game official (prior to, during and/or after the game), will result in an immediate and indefinite suspension being issued towards the offender, pending a hearing with the Alberta Soccer Association:
 - Abusive conduct towards
 - Spitting at
 - Harassing
 - Threatening
 - Attempting to make physical contact with
 - Making physical contact with

4. Coaching Offenses:

Coaching Offenses.	First Offense	Casand Offices		
Event	First Offense	Second Offense		
Dissent Leading to Ejection	Warning – 3 game Suspension	3 game suspension		
Other Extenuating Circumstances	2 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Foul/Abusive language not directed at the game official	1 game suspension	2 game suspension		
Insulting/Offensive gestures	2 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Foul/Abusive language directed at a game official	4 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Insulting/Offensive gestures directed at a game official	4 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Playing an illegal trialist/player	1 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Playing a suspended player	Refer to rule 6.3(3) d	<u> </u>		
Returning to the field of play following an ejection	2 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Persistent game day violations (as per the League Directors report)	Warning	1 game suspension		
Abandoning a game (failing to produce player cards, unsatisfied with referring etc)	3 game suspension	Indefinite suspension until a hearing with the EMSA Discipline Committee		
Other Extenuating Circumstances	Indefinite suspension until a he Discipline Committee	aring with the EMSA		

^{*}All coaches, players and spectators have the right to an appeal. Official appeals can only be filed by the team's correspondence liaisons. **One (1) game suspension's cannot be appealed.**

^{*}Suspended coaches can be present at games, but must be seated with the spectators and are prohibited from providing any play instruction during the game.

Discipline Procedure

- 1. All offenses will be marked on the game sheet by the game official. The game sheet is then turned into the EMSA League Director who will impose the disciplinary action required. All suspensions are automatic. Team officials are responsible for heading the suspension whether or not they have officially been informed by the EMSA office/Discipline Director. Suspensions will be confirmed by the EMSA office via email with the suspension reason and its duration.
- Any attempt to alter the conditions of the suspension by the team official must be made in the
 form of an appeal. This appeal is to be submitted, in writing, to the EMSA Discipline Director at
 the EMSA office. There are no appeals granted for one (1) game suspensions, and/or, for
 cautionary offenses (i.e. no appeals for a single yellow card).

Violating Suspensions

Any person(s) found in violation of their suspension will be brought before the EMSA Discipline Committee for further action. The violation of any suspension may result in up to a one (1) year suspension from EMSA.

Protest of Game of Results

- Protests of game results must be submitted in writing, along with a cash/money order/certified cheque (payable to the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association) in the amount of \$75.00, to the EMSA League Director within 24 hours of the being completed. Should the game results be overturned as a result of the protest, the administration fee will be refunded.
- Questionable points of facts/points of view of the game official(s) will not be considered for protest.

Appeal Procedure

Appeals of decisions are to be submitted in writing - within 48 hours of receiving the decision notification (excluding weekends and holidays), along with a cash, money order or certified cheque in the amount of \$100.00 (payable to Edmonton Minor Soccer Association), to the EMSA Discipline Director at the EMSA Main office.

Appeal fees will be refunded in the event that the individual in question has been exonerated by the EMSA Discipline Committee.

Concerns/Feedback on Referees

Questions and/or concerns pertaining to game officials can be sent to the referee assignor of that zone.

Tie Breaking Procedure (EMSA league play only)

When there is more than one (1) team at the end of a round that has accumulated the same number of total points within their division/group/tier, a tie breaking procedure is required in order to determine which team has the higher standing. The following are the procedures used to determine team standings.

Two (2) Way Tie

1. Head to Head Game(s)

The winner of the game(s) between the two (2) teams will determine the higher ranking team. Ex. Team A & B are tied. The EMSA League Director will look back at the records to view the game results for the game(s) where Team A played against Team B. The winner of this/these game(s) will be considered to be in higher standing. Should the teams remain tied, the EMSA League Director will proceed to step 2 in the procedure.

2. Total Goal Differential

The total goal differential is determined by subtracting the total number of goals scored against each team by the number of goals scored in the favor of each team, within the round in question only. The team that has the greater goal differential will be considered to be in higher standing. Should the teams remain tied, the EMSA League Director will proceed to step 3 in the procedure.

Least Goals Scored

The team which has the fewest number of goals scored against them, within the round in question only, will be considered to be in higher standing. Should the teams remain tied, the EMSA League Director will proceed to step 4 in the procedure.

4. Penalty kicks

The EMSA League Director will schedule a place and time for penalty kicks to be made between the two (2) teams. Teams and game officials will follow the appropriate procedure for penalty kicks.

Three or more (3+) way tie

1. Total Goal Differential

The total goal differential is determined by subtracting the total number of goals scored against each team by the number of goals scored in the favor of each team, within the round in question only. The team that has the greater goal differential will be considered to be in higher standing. Should the teams remain tied, the EMSA League Director will proceed to step 2 in the procedure. Should a team have a different total goal differential than the others, they will be removed from the procedure at this stage, the teams that remain tied will continue into step 2 of the tie breaking procedure.

2. Least Goals Scored

The team which has the fewest number of goals scored against them, within the round in question only, will be considered to be in higher standing. Should the teams remain tied, the EMSA League Director will proceed to step 3 in the procedure.

3. Penalty kicks

The EMSA League Director will schedule a place and time for a single round robin of penalty kicks to take place between the remaining teams. Teams and game officials will follow the appropriate procedure for penalty kicks.

Post Season Information

Post season information will be emailed to you, as soon as it becomes available.

Teams are responsible for informing themselves on the post play information for their division.

Post Season Commitment Form - Community Teams Only

Post season commitment forms are distributed in the coaches' packages for all U13-U19 community league teams. This form indicates whether or not your team will be participating in the applicable post season competition, should they quality. This form must be completed and submitted to the EMSA League Director by **May 24, 2019.**

Post Season – Premier Teams

It is mandatory that all Premier League teams (Tier 1, 2, 3 and Premier A & B) attend the post season competition, should they qualify. As a result, Premier teams *do not* need to complete a commitment form.

Post Season - Out of District Teams

Out of District teams are not eligible to participate in the post season Provincials competition through an EMSA berth. Community League teams, however, may participate in the EMSA City Finals and All Star competitions. A post season commitment form must be submitted by the deadline to advance.

Post Season Competitions

Community League:

U9 City Finals: June 23 – 27, 2019 U11 – U19 City Finals: July 2 – 7, 2019 Tier 5 All Star Games: July 20 & 21, 2019 U13 – U19 Tier 4 Provincials: July 19 – 21, 2019

Premier Club:

U9 City Finals: June 23 - June 27, 2019

U11 City Finals: July 2 - 7, 2019

U13 – U17 Tier 1 Provincials: August 22 – 25, 2019 U13 – U19 Tier 2 & 3 Provincials: August 9 – 11, 2019

Player Transfers/Registration

The process of transferring/registering a player must begin with your zone office/registrar. Should further assistance be required, please contact the EMSA Main office.

Transfer Deadline:

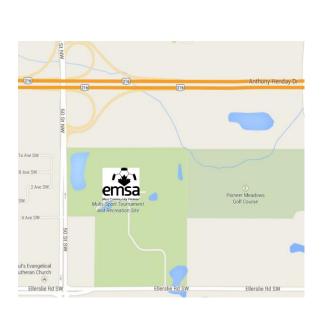
Tier 1, 2 & 3: July 11, 2019

Tier 4: July 4, 2019

Ivor Dent Sports Park & EMSA West Complex

Dedicated Rain Out Line: 780.490.5789

EMSA has scheduled some league games at our private facilities. Ivor Dent Sports Park is located at North East corner of Ellerslie Road and 50 Street in the South end of the City. Driveway access via the traffic light on 50 Street (address 503 - 50 Street). We have a total of 8 full size fields at the Ivor Dent Sports Park. The EMSA West Complex is located at 10058 231 Street NW. West of the River Cree Casino, the EMSA West Complex has 12 fields with an additional 8 being seeded.





Ivor Dent Sports Park

EMSA West Complex

Please note the following information about your games at the Ivor Dent and West Complex:

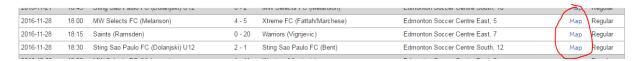
- Pets/Dogs are NOT permitted anywhere on the Complex properties (with the exception of service animals with proper identification). Ensure your player's parents/guardians are aware of this rule.
- Based on their current condition, the fields will have roving field numbers. Please look for the EMSA signs or banners with the field numbers on them that coincides with the field number on your schedule. What is field #1 one week may not be field #1 the next week.
- Fields are available only ½ hour prior to your game start. Please do not go on the field any earlier than this.
- There is a very costly underground irrigation system running throughout the entire Ivor Dent Sports Park. This means that ABSOLUTELY NOTHING can be staked or pinned into the ground/grass such as pop up tents, umbrellas, etc. Please ensure your spectators are aware of this as teams will be held responsible for the cost of any damage caused to the system if they or their spectators are caught with items pinned into the ground.
- All cigarette butts and garbage (including decomposable items) must be disposed of properly. Please either place all garbage into one of the provided receptacles or take it home with you to dispose of.

- Teams will be held responsible for the cost of cleaning up any garbage left behind from their team or their spectators.
- Sunflower seeds are strictly prohibited. Teams and spectators are not permitted to have them anywhere on the Complex premises. An administration fee may be issued to the team for violating this rule.
- Goal nets and all required flags will already be on site and set up for you. No need to bring your own.
- If you have a later game at either Complex, many referees will be taking care of the early game on a different field number. Once that earlier game is complete, they will make their way to your game.
- Parking is enforced by by-law. Please ensure you are parking in designated spaces only. Please do not park anywhere on the grass, field areas, driveways or roadways.
- Please do not warm up or practice on any other field other than the one you are assigned to. Many of the other unoccupied fields may be on rest.
- Children who are at the Complex but are not playing MUST be supervised at all times by an adult.

Field Maps

All field contracts are held by individual zones. Please contact your zone for inquiries regarding fields in your communities.

A field map can be found on the website schedules by clicking the word "map" beside the field name:



Additionally, the field map book can be downloaded from our website:

https://emsamain.com/coachref/rescheduling-games-outdoor/team-official-resources/



Codes of Conduct & Others

Coach / Volunteer Code of Conduct

Coach / Volunteer Responsibilities:

- To remember that you are an ambassador for the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association [EMSA], your Zone, and your Community, as such, carry oneself with respect, dignity and pride.
- To accept and work within all parameters set forth by the EMSA. To act in accordance with the Aims and Objectives set forth by EMSA.
- To demonstrate a commitment to a role chosen (coach, assistant coach, team manager, etc.).
- To act in accordance with all EMSA Bylaws Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- To carry out one's duties and responsibilities in a manner exhibiting the utmost professionalism, dignity and respect.
- To respect and honor the EMSA Codes of Conduct.
- To carry out one's responsibilities efficiently, accurately and to the best of one's ability.
- To be accountable for the behavior of one's team (if affiliated to one) including all its coaches, players and parents.
- To be accountable for all team-related activities including the accurate completion and timely submission of game sheets, the proper registration of players, the proper use of trialist players and the meeting of all league imposed deadlines.
- To respect the authority and dignity of ALL EMSA game officials including game referees, Board of Directors, staff and other volunteers.
- To comply with any mandates handed down, including all player / coach suspensions.
- To treat all EMSA Board of Directors, staff, fellow volunteers / coaches, players and parents with the utmost dignity and respect.

Coaches' Code

- Soccer is a game for happiness
- The laws of soccer should be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to avoid or break
- Visiting teams and spectators are honored guests
- No advantages except those of superior skill should be sought
- Official and opponents should be treated and regarded as honest in intention
- Official decisions should be accepted without looking angry no matter how unfair they may seem
- Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game
- Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best
- The ideal is the greatest good to the greatest number
- In soccer, as in life, do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Players' Code

- Play the game for the game's sake
- · Be generous when you win
- Be gracious when you lose
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost
- · Obey the Laws of the Game
- Work for the good of the team
- Accept the decisions of the Officials with good grace
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents

- · Conduct yourself with honour and dignity
- Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of you teammates and opponents

Parents' Code

- Children have more need for example than criticisms.
- Make athletic participation for your child and other a positive experience.
- Attempt to relieve pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer giving personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing a valuable community service, often without regard other than the personal satisfaction of having served their community.
- The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate meaningfully.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.

Spectator Responsibility

Please remember teams are responsible and head coaches will be held accountable for the behaviour of their spectators/parents.

Emergency Contact Information

It is recommended that all team officials keep a list of emergency contact numbers on who to call for their players and other team officials in case of emergency. Important information should be also be known and listed about all persons such as important medical information like heart conditions, diabetes, hypertension, serious allergies, etc.

This book is an excerpt of our rules, regulations and policies. For the complete listing of EMSA Rules & Regulations please visit:

www.emsamain.com

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