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Edmonton Minor Soccer
Association:

Section Five

DISCIPLINE

Suspensions of team officers, players, etc., will be served for the full duration. Suspensions may include non-participation in all specific aspects of soccer until the full term of the suspension is served (this may include coaching, refereeing, playing, etc.).

It is the responsibility of the Zone and EMSA to ensure discipline is enforced for the violations of the current Rules and Regulations.

501.0 Discipline / Violations Committees

All actions as defined in this section are to be performed by League Directors, Discipline Directors or EMSA unless noted to the contrary.

1. All appeals, protests or extraordinary actions, noted, shall be the province of the EMSA Discipline Director and the EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee. Affiliated Zone Discipline/Violations Committees may intercede, on behalf of the EMSA Body, in affairs that fall within the jurisdiction of the Zone, such as intra-zone competitions and disputes.
2. The EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee shall, however have the final say in all disputes within EMSA's domain. In turn, EMSA observes the overruling power of the ASA, and CSA.
3. All such committees shall consider as paramount the equal and just treatment of all EMSA teams. Discipline shall never be imposed with an arbitrary attendance to the Regulations as they appear in this book. Instead, each and every case shall be judged on its unique merits with due attention

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given to the welfare of the players who ultimately must bear the consequences of all actions

taken.

4. Penalties are to be applied automatically by the Competitions Director/ League Director and may

be reduced only through a hearing of the Discipline / Violations Committee.

502.0 Registration Violations

1. Where the rules are broken in the following cases:

A. Failure of the Parent Organization to select players according to Rule 202.2C (EMSA upholds the decision of the Zone on how to select players and place them on various team within the same community...), then the following will apply: The immediate indefinite suspension of the teams involved and a hearing of the EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee.

B. Failure to provide upon request the player card of a player who participates in a game. Then the following will apply: (unless special written permission is given by the EMSA Office on official stationary), the team officer shall be suspended for one (1) game, the opposing team will be awarded five (5) goals and three (3) points. A second such offense will result in the indefinite suspension of the team officer pending a hearing of the Discipline/Violations Committee as well as three (3) points and five (5) goals awarded to the opposing team for each game.

2. Where rules are broken in the following cases:

A. Failure to note 'trialist' or to properly associate numbers with players, when all other regulations are satisfied, or

B. Failure to provide upon request the team registration form, when all other regulations are satisfied, or,

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C. The proper authorization, in the form of a letter of acknowledgment and release forms, for

trialists and imports is not provided at game time, and all other registrations are met, then

the following will apply: the Team Officer shall be reprimanded. A second such infraction,

in the same season, shall result in the suspension of the Team Officer pending a hearing of the Discipline/Violations Committee.

3. Where rules are broken in the following cases:

A. More imports are used than allowed, or ineligible imports are used, or

B. More trialists are used then allowed, or ineligible trialists are used or,

C. Over age players are used, or

D. Non-registered players or suspended players are used, or

E. More players are dressed than permitted,

F. A player participates without his/her player's card (U10 and U12 City-Wide, Premier or U16/U18)

G. A player participates in a game with an expired player's card (as noted by the referee) and does not get it renewed within 7 days (including weekends & Holidays) after that game.

Then the following will apply: All games played under these infringements shall count as a loss and five (5) goals and three (3) points shall be awarded to the opposing team unless the opposing team has already won the game with a greater goal difference then five (5), where then the score would remain the same. The Coach shall be suspended for one (1) game.

Any other occurrence in the same season shall also result in the indefinite suspension of the Coach, pending a hearing of the Discipline / Violations Committee.

(INDOOR: The officer shall be indefinitely suspended pending a hearing of the

Discipline/Violations Committee at which time an administration fee may be assessed, or

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further suspensions awarded.

4. Where rules are broken in the following cases:

A. Failure to comply with article 203.4 paragraph F ("...team must inform the EMSA Office by

10:00 am of the Friday before the Championships,), will result in a \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) administration fee to the community (payable to the EMSA).

B. Failure to comply with article 105, paragraph 6 ("ensure the number of volunteers required by EMSA for tournament i.e.: City Finals Fall Tournament, Inter City Cup, is met") will result in a two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) administration fee to the Zone for each person not in attendance which was requested.

5. Incomplete game sheets or game sheets not submitted within 24 hours will be subject to a fifty dollars (\$50) administration fee. However, if a team receives an 'administration fee notification' and resubmits completed game sheets within 48 hours, the administration fee will not be applied.

The waiving of the administration fee will only apply to the first administration fee notification.

6. The Edmonton Minor Soccer Association City-Wide Outdoor / Indoor League will mandate the update of scores within 48 business hours and charge teams who do not comply, a seventy five dollars (\$75) administration fee.

7. If by the end of the season any administration fee has not been paid; the district / zone will be 33 responsible for payment. EMSA will invoice the respective responsible entity accordingly.

503.0 Violations of Game Regulations

1. For no-shows, or late shows, it is up to the attending teams and the league director to decide the fate of the game according to the options outlines in article 406.

2. The refusal to complete a game by one (1) team, regardless of the amount of the game that has been completed, shall result in the registered team official receiving a three (3) game suspension and the game will result in forfeiture. A second offence will result in a hearing before the EMSA

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Discipline/Violations Committee.

3. Failure to provide proper corner flags according to article 413.3b will result in a one hundred

dollars (\$100.00) administration fee being assessed to the violating Parent Organization.

4. Failure to provide goal nets according to article 413.3c will result in a one (1) game suspension of the Team Officer. A second offense will result in the indefinite suspension of the Team Officer pending a hearing of the Zone Discipline/Violations Committee.

5. Where members of the same team or both teams engage in violent conduct before, during or after the game (e.g.: brawling), both teams shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing of the Discipline/Violations Committee.

6. Where EMSA registered players and/or Team Officers of a non-participating team disrupt the playing of a game sanctioned by EMSA, those players, team officers will immediately be referred to the EMSA Board of Directors.

INDOOR:

8. Where EMSA registered players and/or team officers of a non-participating team disrupt the playing of a game sanctioned by the EMSA - those players, team officers and the team as a whole shall be suspended pending a hearing of the EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee.

9. Players and team officials ejected from the game must leave the field of play. Players' box, penalty box, spectators areas are also considered a part of the field of play.

10. Violation of 412.5 (wearing jerseys and not removing them except in the designated team dressing room) will result in the one (1) game suspension of the offending player(s). A second such offense will result in a suspension and the player requiring to attend a hearing on this offense held by the Discipline Committee.

504.0 Acts of Misconduct

1. Punishment for cautionary offenses such as:

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- A. Entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's consent, or
- B. Dissent direct towards the referee, or
- C. Persistent infringement of the laws of the game, or
- D. Encroachment of free kicks, or
- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct,

Then the following will apply: the issuance of a caution by the attending referee. A second caution in the same game of one (1) individual will result in that participant being ejected from the game. In addition, that person will be suspended for one (1) game. Single cautions issued to the same person in two (2) consecutive games shall result in a one (1) game suspension. Any caution issued following the serving of the suspension will be counted as a first caution.³⁴

2. Punishment for offenses leading to a person's ejection for: (Please note that all suspensions are automatic & will apply to your next consecutive game. Also, any red card in an automatic one (1) game suspension).

A. Spitting at anyone other than a game official will result in a minimum eight (8) game suspension. Any subsequent altercation will result in a Seasons Suspension.

B. Foul, Abusive, Offensive or Insulting Remarks/Language NOT directed at the game official(s), the following will apply:

Event Punishment

First Offence 2 Game Suspension

Second Offence 4 Game Suspension

Third Offence Indefinite suspension pending an EMSA

Discipline Hearing.

Racial Remarks First Offence – Minimum 4 game suspension.

Second Offence – Minimum 8 Game

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suspension

C. Foul or abusive language and/or gestures directed at game officials and individuals

identified as EMSA/Zone Board of Directors and EMSA/ Zone staff will result in a

MINIMUM 4 game suspension. Any subsequent altercation will result in an EMSA discipline hearing.

D. Insulting or offensive gestures will result in a minimum 2 game suspension. Any subsequent altercation will result in a minimum 4 game suspension.

E. Serious Foul Play the following will apply: (Minimum Suspensions)

Offence First Offence Second Offence

Dangerous Tackle/Tackle from Behind 2 Game Susp 4 Game Susp

Charging 2 Game Susp 4 Game Susp.

Pushing 2 Game Susp 4 Game Susp.

Boarding Level 1* 1 Game Susp 2 Game Susp.

Gesture or attempt to hit or kick 2 Game Susp. 4 Game Susp.

Throw an object in the direction of an opponent 2 Game Susp. 4 Game Susp.

Other Extenuating Circumstances EMSA Hearing EMSA Hearing

*No appeals for Boarding Offences

*See Boarding Definition on page 45

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F. Violent Conduct – The following will apply: (Minimum Suspensions)

Offence First Offence Second Offence

Strike Anyone Excluding the Referee 4 Game Susp 8 Game Susp

Punch Anyone Excluding the Referee 4 Game Susp 8 Game Susp

Elbow Anyone Excluding the Referee 4 Games Susp 8 Game Susp

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Kneeing Anyone Excluding the Referee 4 Game Susp 8 Game Susp

Push Anyone Excluding the Referee 2 Game Susp 4 Game Susp

Boarding Level 2* 3 Game Susp 6 Game Susp

Throw an object that contacts an opponent 4 Game Susp 8 Game Susp

Kick Anyone Excluding the Referee 6 Game Susp 10 Game Susp

Bite/Scratch/Gouge/Spit EMSA Hearing EMSA Hearing

Fighting 6 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Head Butt Anyone Excluding the Referee 8 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Other Extenuating Circumstances EMSA Hearing EMSA Hearing

*No appeals for Boarding Offences

G. Intentional hand ball will result in a 1 game suspension.

H. Threatening anyone other than the game official will result in a minimum 4 game suspension.

I. Illegally stopping an opponent's break away will result in a 1 game suspension.

J. Returning to the field of play after an ejection will lead to an automatic discipline hearing.

K. Dissent towards a referee will result in a minimum 1 game suspension.

L. Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity will result in a 1 game suspension.

IMPORTANT

☒ Any offence not listed herein is the discretion of the EMSA Discipline Director.

☒ All suspensions are listed as minimum suspensions.

☒ Suspensions must be served in full & over the course of consecutive games.

☒ Suspensions where games could be served after regular league play will be referred to the EMSA Discipline Committee for deliberation.

☒ Suspensions are automatic.

☒ All coaches & players have the right of appeal.

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While all coaches, players and parents have the right of appeal, official appeals can only be

filed by the team correspondence liaisons. One (1) game suspension cannot be appealed

Punishment for offenses leading to a person's ejection for:

3. Abusive conduct towards, spitting at, harassing, threatening, attempting to make physical contact or making physical contact with any game official(s), prior to, during or after the game the following will apply: the immediate and indefinite suspension of the person(s) involved and referral to the Alberta Soccer Association for a discipline hearing.

4. Punishment for offenses leading to a person's ejection for failing to comply with the rules of the game not otherwise described in section 504 will result in a minimum one (1) game suspension.

A second ejection in the same season for this same offense will result in a minimum four (4) game suspensions and immediate referral to the EMSA Discipline/Violations Director.

5. In the event of an appeal, if no misconduct report is submitted by the referee, then no further 36 suspension will apply to the player.

505.0 Acts of Misconduct by Registered Team Officers (Coaches, Managers, etc.)

1. Punishment for ABUSING GAME OFFICIALS through:

A. Dissent, then the following will apply: a warning to three (3) games suspension, and the possibility of administration fee or performance bond.

B. Abusive Conduct over and above dissent, or

C. The Failure to assist the Game Official in maintaining discipline on, or about the field, then the following will apply: a minimum four (4) game suspension. Subsequent offenses shall result in the Team Officer(s) indefinite suspension pending a hearing of the Discipline/Violations Committee which may result in a possible administration fee and/or performance bond.

D. Abusive conduct towards, spitting at, harassing, threatening, attempting to make physical

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contact or making physical contact with any game official(s), prior to, during or after the

game Then the following will apply: the immediate and indefinite suspension of the Team

Officer(s) involved and direct referral to the Alberta Soccer Association.

E. Punishment for Misconduct's reported by Game Officials to the League Director and not otherwise covered in the preceding paragraphs shall be considered upon the immediate referral of the matter to the EMSA Discipline/Violations Director.

F. Coaching Offenses - The following will apply: (Minimum Suspensions)

Offence First Offence Second Offence

Dissent Leading To A Match Ejection Warning-3

games Susp

3 Game Susp.

Other Extenuating Circumstances 2 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Foul or Abusive Language directed AT a game official * 4 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Foul or Abusive Language NOT directed AT a game official 1 Game Susp 2 Game Susp

Insulting or Offensive Gestures 2 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Insulting or Offensive Gestures directed AT a game official * 4 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Playing an ineligible / illegal trialist and /or player 1 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Playing a suspended player EMSA Hearing EMSA Hearing

Returning to the field of play following an ejection 2 Game Susp EMSA Hearing

Persistent Game Day Violations (as per League Director's

Report)

Warning 1 Game Susp.

Willfully abandoning a match (i.e. no player cards, dissatisfaction with the quality of refereeing, etc.)

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3 Game

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game

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Other Extenuating Circumstances EMSA Hearing EMSA Hearing

* A game official can include any of:

- Match referee
- EMSA Zone / Board of Directors
- EMSA Zone / Staff³⁷

2. Coach/Director Conflict of Interest

A. EMSA wishes its Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, or Board members to focus on and advance EMSA's goals and objectives. It recognizes that it cannot restrict anyone from serving on any other (i.e., non-EMSA) minor-soccer organization. However, EMSA will not accept anyone who is listed on another youth Association's ASA roster (as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Bench Attendant) or a Staff, Board member to serve within the EMSA program who is also involved in any of these roles within another minor-soccer program. Affected individuals must declare their external roles to their Zone or EMSA Board. Those found to be in conflict would be asked to choose between the two (2) organizations, or may be suspended by the appropriate Board. Affected individuals may appeal the decision as per EMSA Rules and Regulations.

B. All EMSA Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Team Officials, Staff or Board members have an obligation to focus on and advance EMSA's goals and objectives. Any Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Team Official, Staff or Board member who is directly involved in the recruitment or transfer of EMSA player's to any other (i.e., non-EMSA) minor soccer association, without first obtaining the approval of EMSA, or an EMSA Zone, will be subject to

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an immediate and continuing suspension from EMSA, or any of EMSA's zones or

tournaments. This rule is subject to the standard appeal procedure.

3. Cyber Harassment

EMSA has zero tolerance for cyber bullying. Any EMSA player/players, team official or EMSA official using a public medium to harass, intimidate or threaten other EMSA player/players, team official or EMSA official will be subject to discipline by the EMSA Discipline Committee.

506.0 Violations of Suspension

1. Any person(s) violating a suspension must be referred immediately to the EMSA Discipline/ Violations Chairman for further action. Violating a suspension could result in a one (1) year suspension.

507.0 Discipline Procedure

1. All violations shall be noted on the game sheet and turned over to the League Director. Suspensions are AUTOMATIC and Team Officials shall be responsible for heading the suspension whether or not they have been officially informed by the League Director or Discipline / Violations Director. League Directors shall confirm the suspension, in writing and /or by telephone, stating the reason of the suspension and its duration. Written notification must be completed on an EMSA Disciplinary Form.

2. Notice of Discipline will be sent to the following using an EMSA Disciplinary Form:

A. Team Officer

B. Parent Organization (Community Soccer Coordinator or President)

C. Edmonton Minor Soccer Association Office

D. Edmonton and District Soccer Association Office (for U-16 and U-18 players and team officials only).

E. Alberta Soccer Association.³⁸

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3. Any attempt to alter the conditions of the suspension by Team Officers must be made in the form

of an APPEAL (Article 509.0) submitted to the Zone Discipline / Violations Director or the EMSA

Discipline / Violations Director for City Wide teams. Competitions/League Director may pursue

changes to the terms of the suspension only by referring the case directly to the Zone

Discipline/Violations Director, or the EMSA Discipline/Violations Director for City Wide teams.

There are no appeals for one (1) game suspension and for cautionary offenses (i.e. appeals for single yellow cards).

INDOOR: Any attempt to alter the conditions of the suspension by the Team Officers must be made in the form of an APPEAL (Article 509.0) submitted to the EMSA Discipline/Violations Director. There are no appeals for one (1) game suspension and for cautionary offenses (i.e. appeals for single yellow cards).

4. Decisions made with respect to the disciplinary action sought by the Discipline/Violations Committee shall be communicated in writing to the offender(s).

5. An Individual that has received a suspension is deemed to be suspended until that decision or suspension is overturned following an appeal or whichever comes first.

508.0 Protests of Game Results.

1. Protests of game results must be submitted in writing to the Competitions/League Director within twenty four (24) hours of the game's completion. They must be accompanied with a payment of cash or money order payable to the Zone (or EMSA for City Wide, Inter-Zone leagues) in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). The EMSA protest fee shall be refunded IF the protest is successful based on the grounds it was made on.

INDOOR: Protests of game results must be submitted in writing to the Competitions/League Director within twenty four (24) hours of the game's completion. They must be accompanied with

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a payment of cash or money order payable to EMSA in the amount of seventy-five dollars

(\$75.00). The EMSA protest fee shall be refunded IF the protest is successful based on the

grounds it was made on.”

2. Protests questioning points of facts /referee’s point of view will not be considered.

509.0 Appeal Procedures and Fees

1. Appeal Procedures

A. Appeals of decisions by League Directors within a zone league shall be submitted in writing to the Zone Discipline / Violations Director within forty eight (48) hours of notification of the decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a payment (cash or money order – or certified cheque) made payable to the Zone in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).

B. Appeals of decisions by League Directors within the City Wide League (or Inter-Zone or Division One League) shall be submitted in writing to the EMSA Discipline Director (EMSA Office) within forty eight (48) hours of notification of the League Directors decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a payment (cash or money order – or certified cheque) made payable to EMSA in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).³⁹

C. Appeals of decisions by Zone Discipline / Violations Committee shall be submitted in writing, to the Zone, within seventy-two (72) hours of notification of the Committee's decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and shall be accompanied by a cheque or money order made payable to the Zone in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Hearings of appeals will be held within ten (10) days thereafter

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(excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays). A copy of the decision by the Zone

Discipline/Violations Director is required with the submission, as well as stating what is

being appealed within the written submission.

D. Appeals of decisions by EMSA Discipline /Violations Committee shall be submitted in writing to EMSA Board of Directors (EMSA Office), within seventy-two (72) hours of notification of the Committee's decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and shall be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order made payable to EMSA in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00). Hearing of appeals will be held within twenty-one (21) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays). A copy of the decision by the EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee is required with the submission, as well as stating what is being appealed within the written submission.

E. Appeals of decisions by the Zone to EMSA Discipline/Violations Committee shall be submitted in writing to the EMSA Discipline Director (EMSA Office) within forty eight (48) hours of notification of the Zone's decision (excluding Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a certified cheque or money order made payable to EMSA in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays), any documentation received should also be submitted with the appeal and the submission should indicate what is being appealed.

2. Shared Appeal Procedure

Appeals on suspensions of the same incidents by League Directors that affect two (2) teams can be submitted in writing, by both teams, to the EMSA Discipline Director (EMSA Office) within forty eight (48) hours of notification of the League Directors decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays

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and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from each

team, totaling one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10)

days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays). Hearings will include both

teams involved as they will share the same appeal date and time.

510.0 Appeal Procedures INDOOR:

1. Appeals Procedures Indoor

A. Appeals of decisions by League Directors shall be submitted in writing to the EMSA Discipline Director (EMSA Office) within forty-eight (48) hours of notification of the League Director's decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and shall be accompanied by a payment (cash or money order – or certified cheque) made payable to EMSA in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).

B. Appeals of decisions by League Directors within the City Wide League shall be submitted 40 in writing to the EMSA Discipline Director (EMSA Office) within forty eight (48) hours of notification of the League Directors decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a payment (cash or money order – or certified cheque) made payable to EMSA in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10) days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).

2. Appeals Fees Indoor

The EMSA appeal fees shall be refunded if the party is completely exonerated.

3. Shared Appeal Procedure

Appeals on suspensions of the same incidents by League Directors that affect two (2) teams can

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eight (48) hours of notification of the League Directors decision (excluding Saturdays, Sundays

and legal holidays) and must be accompanied with a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from each

team, totaling one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Hearings of appeals will be heard within ten (10)

days thereafter (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays). Hearings will include both

teams involved as they will share the same appeal date and time.

