



## EMSA U9 & U11 NON-BOARDED

### 8 vs 8

### U9 and U11 Indoor Info & EMSA Rule Modifications

**Covid-19 Law:** All Participants must adhere to the Alberta Soccer Association Guidelines around Covid-19; including but not limited to: Masks, clearing of nasal passages, spitting, spectators as well as facility rules. Please see EMSA website under Indoor Season Information for more info. Coaches, please ensure your families are aware of the protocols and what the expectations are at the facilities.

**U9 and U11 teams will follow the same rules of Outdoor Soccer as the older age groups with a few modifications which are included in the list below:**

**• Field Size**

Edmonton Soccer Dome on a 7 vs 7 size field

**• Referees**

Two on field referees

**• Ball Size & Cones**

Size 4. Home Team must supply three (3) game balls and 4 cones to mark off the retreat line.

**• Number of Players on Roster**

16 players

**• Number of Players on Field**

8 vs 8

**• Game Length**

Two 25 minute halves. No allowance for lost time and no timeouts permitted.

**• Game Sheets**

Yes.

### **• Scores and Standings (Mercy rule)**

Game scores and standings will be kept. Mercy Rule will be in effect. No more than a 5 goal spread. For example, if a team wins 12-3 the score will be inputted 8-3 online and on the scoreboard. The referees will indicate the mercy rule score on the game sheets and that is the score that needs to be inputted on the EMSA website.

For teams that have schedules with seeding rounds, the seeding will be based on the mercy rule game score, not the actual game scores.

### **• Player Cards**

Yes

### **• Team Official Cards (Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager)**

Yes

### **• U9 Yellow and Red Cards**

No cards issued or recorded. Referees can ask for player to be substituted for a small amount of time. Player can return to play after. Team does not play short. No further suspensions are issued. If a serious offence occurs, the player is not to play for the remainder of the game. The referee can require this.

### **• U11 Yellow and Red Cards**

Cards are issued. If a player is yellow carded they are warned. If a player is red carded that player cannot play for the rest of the game. The team does not play shorthanded. No further suspensions are issued. Cards will be recorded on the player's file and if an accumulating card pattern is noticed, the EMSA Discipline Committee may choose to call a hearing.

### **Substitutions**

Players and Goalies can be substituted at any stoppage of play as long as the alternate goalie(s) is ready and time is not wasted. At the referee's discretion.

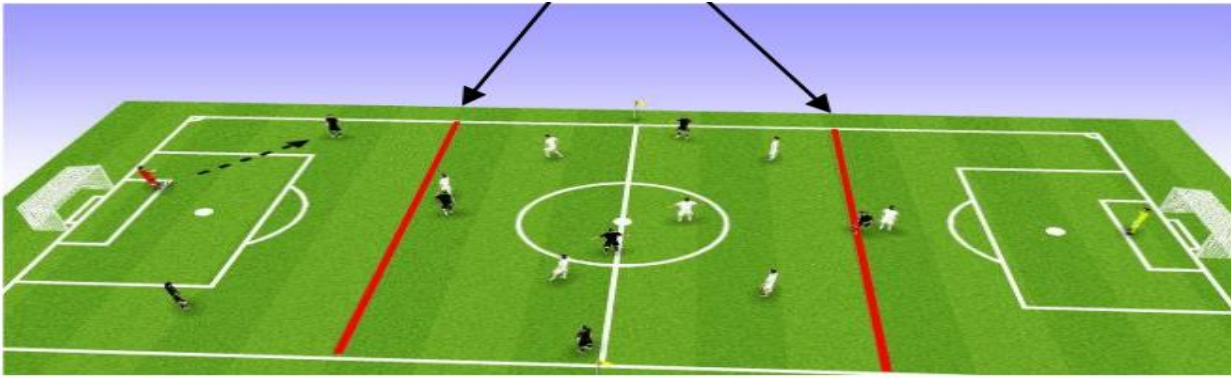
### **U9 and U11 Indoor Retreat Line**

The Retreat Line will come into effect in three situations during the game:

- A Goal Kick
- A Free Kick to the defending team within its own goal area
- Goalie has the ball in the hands

At these three restarts, the opposing team is required to move beyond the Retreat Line. The player taking the kick can then pass the ball to one of his/her team-mates without the pressure of an opposing player nearby. When the ball has left the goal area or another teammate touches the ball, the play will resume as normal and the "opposing" team can move inside the Retreat Line.

## Retreat line



The Retreat Line in **U9 and U11** Categories will be the 1/3 mark of the field

If a member of the opposing team comes inside the Retreat Line before the ball has left the goal area and interferes with play, **the Referee** will stop play and the restart will be retaken.

Players can choose to play the ball long if they wish.

Goalie will have 5 seconds after the players have retreated passed the 1/3 line to release the ball. If the goalie does not release the ball after the referee has counted to 5 the ball will be taken by the other team with an indirect kick at the middle of the retreat line closest to where the infraction occurred.

## Offside

U9- No offside

U11- An offside will occur at the 3<sup>rd</sup> (retreat line) of the field

The offside rule is in effect in the attacking 3<sup>rd</sup> of the field (retreat line). This line may be marked as a dotted line, and solid line or single cones or flags on the touch line. Coaches from both teams should bring cones to mark this line. This is the same line as the retreat line.

**Offside Position:** It is not an offence in itself to be in an offside position.

A player is in an offside position if:

- He or she is nearer to their opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent

A player is not in an offside position if:

- He or she is not in the attacking third of the field of play
- He or she is level with the second-last opponent or
- He or she is level with the last two opponents

## **Offence:**

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- Interfering with play or
- Interfering with an opponent or
- Gaining an advantage by being in that position

## **No Offence:**

There is no offside offence if a player receives the ball directly from:

- A goal kick
- A throw-in
- A corner kick

Infringements and Sanctions: In the event of an offside offence, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the offside offence occurred.

## Restarts for U9s

- All restarts are now **indirect** (a goal cannot be scored directly from that restart).

## Penalty Kicks (U9s)

- There are no penalty kicks
- Restart would be a free kick in the middle of the retreat line directly in front of the goal.

## Pass Back

**U9 - If a defender intentionally passes the ball back to the goalie and the goalie uses their hands, the pass back will be called. The result will be an INDIRECT free kick at the middle of the retreat line.**

**U-11- Will follow FIFA rules.**

## **Retreat Line**

Will be at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and marked by cones by the coaches.