

Edmonton West Zone Soccer Association

Referee's GUIDE: (For community referees & coaches for quick reference. Check FIFA Laws for correct interpretations.)

	<u>LAW or Rules</u>	<u>U9 / U10 mini</u>	<u>U11 mini</u>	<u>U12 (full field)</u>	<u>U14 to U18</u>
1	Field size	180' x 100' rec. (mini-fields only)	210' x 140' rec. or whatever exists	240' x 180' rec. or whatever exists	290' x 180' to 330' x 210' max. full sized
2	Soccer ball size used (pressure of 0.6 to 1.0 atmospheres)	Size # 4	Size # 4	Size # 4	Size # 5
3	Number of players (per side) on field. Substitutions Player cards?	6 + 1 keeper = 7 per side allow both teams to sub at stoppages no player cards	7 + 1 keeper = 8 per side allow both teams to sub at stoppages no cards except at Club level teams	10 + 1 keeper = 11 per side allow team to sub at stoppages (up to 3 at a time/team) no cards except at Club level teams.	10 + 1 keeper = 11 per side allow team to sub at their possession stoppages (up to 3 at a time/team) U14 cards only for Clubs. Cards needed for all U16-18
4	Player equipment -home team wears pinnies if jerseys are close in colour match. Keeper's colours are identified separately.	Team jerseys same Mandatory shinpads No jewellery or bands. Keeper jersey or pinnie & gloves	Team jerseys same Mandatory shinpads No jewellery or hats or bands. Keeper jersey & gloves	Team jerseys same Mandatory shinpads No jewellery or hats or bands. Keeper jersey & gloves	Team jerseys same Mandatory shinpads No jewellery or hats or bands. Keeper jersey & gloves
5	Referee (minimum class or certification) <i>No refs for U6 / U8 games</i> (minimum age) (pay rates <i>for 2008</i>) Referee Liaison (RL)	Certified referee (class 4) or Referee-in-training (not certified) age 11 years or older \$ 15 per game RL's must be present.	Class 4 certified or Referee-in-training age 12 years or older \$ 15 per game RL's must be present.	Class 4 or 3 -certified referees recommended. age 13 years or older (\$40 for Club levels) \$ 20 per game RL's must be present.	Class 4 or 3 or higher - certified referees only <u>Center referee</u> must be two years older than age group. \$ 40 per game (submit game sheets to zone office) RL's must be present.
6	Assistant Referees (AR) (if used, maximum of two AR's per game to work each sideline) (pay rates <i>for 2008</i>)	No assistant (line) referees required. n/a	No assistant (line) referees required. n/a	Assistant referees up to discretion of the community coordinator. Recommended at club level games. IF assigned at U12, \$ 10 per AR per game. (\$ 20 for club levels)	AR assigned to game when possible/available. Up to 2 AR's at games. Class 4 required and AR minimum age is 12 yrs old. AR's paid directly on field by the HOME Team. <u>Certified referees only</u> get paid \$ 20 cash at the field. Volunteers are not paid.
7	Duration of match (equal half periods) & half-time length	2 x 30 minutes 5-10 mins half-time	2 x 35 minutes 5-10 mins half-time	2 x 35 minutes (plus added times) 5-10 mins half-time	U14: 2 x 40 minutes (plus added times-stoppages) U16 & U18: 2 x 45 minutes
8	Start & restarts	Visitors kickoff in 1 st half, home in 2 nd Opponents 5-8 yards away.	Visitors kickoff in 1 st half, home in 2 nd Opponents 8-10 yards away.	Visitors kickoff in 1 st half, home in 2 nd Opponents 10 yards away.	Coin toss to decide which goal to attack, other team starts kickoff in 1 st half. Opponents 10 yards away.
9	Ball out of play - use lines as marked	Ball completely over touchline or goal line not inside goal.	Ball completely over touchline or goal line not inside goal.	Ball completely over touchline or goal line not inside goal.	Ball completely over touchline or goal line not inside goal.
10	Method of scoring (goal dimensions if portables used) - use what posts are available on the field.	Posts 10'-12' apart, Max 5'-6' height. Goal crease 15' arc No scoring if kicked inside arc. Headers allowed to score	Posts 12'-18' apart, Max 6'-8' height Goal box & penalty box areas lined. Whole of ball crosses goal line inside goal posts & crossbar.	Posts 6-8 yards apart, Max 6-8' height Goal box & penalty box areas lined. Whole of ball crosses goal line inside goal posts & crossbar	Posts 8 yards apart, Crossbar 8 feet height Goal box & penalty box areas lined. Whole of ball crosses goal line inside goal posts & crossbar.

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11	Offside rule	NO offsides called	Offsides called if very obvious, allow close calls to continue play.	Offsides called if very obvious, allow close calls to continue play.	Offsides called by referee & assistant referee as per Law 11.
12	Fouls & misconducts	No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and no hand balls. Explain all infractions. NO cards used.	No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and no hand balls. Explain all infractions. Cards may be used.	No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and no hand balls. Explain all infractions. Cards are used.	No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and no hand balls. Use of cards when warranted for misconducts. Refer to Law 12 (FIFA).
13	Free kicks	ALL free kicks are INDIRECT Opponents 5-8 yards away.	Direct & Indirect free kicks as per Law 13. Opponents 8-10 yards away.	Direct & Indirect free kicks as per Law 13. Opponents 10 yards away.	Direct & Indirect free kicks as per Law 13 (FIFA). Opponents 10 yards away.
14	Penalty kicks	NO penalty kicks. Free kicks (indirect) given only.	NO penalty kicks. Free kicks (indirect) given at goal arc or box line.	Awarded against team which commits foul inside penalty box resulting in direct free kick. Refer to Law 14.	Awarded against team which commits foul inside penalty box resulting in direct free kick. Refer to Law 14
15	Throw-ins - facing field, ball behind head & over using two hands, both feet on ground on or behind touch line.	Allow throw-ins & repeats if incorrect (explain correct procedure). Opponent at least 2 meters away.	Allow throw-ins & repeats if incorrect (explain correct procedure). Opponent at least 2 meters away.	Throw-ins are used & repeats if incorrect (explain correct procedure). Opponent at least 2 meters away.	Throw-ins facing field, both feet on ground on or outside touchline, using both hands on ball delivered from behind and over head. Opponent at least 2 meters away.
16	Goal kicks	Keeper/teammate may place ball anywhere inside goal arc or box area to kick ball Opponent at least 10 yards away	Keeper/teammate may place ball anywhere inside goal box. Ball must travel outside of penalty box before play resumes. Refer to Law 16 (FIFA).	Keeper/teammate may place ball anywhere inside goal box. Ball must travel outside of penalty box before play resumes. Refer to Law 16 (FIFA).	Ball anywhere in goal box kicked by keeper or teammate with opponents outside of penalty box. Ball must travel outside of penalty box before play resumes. Refer to Law 16 (FIFA).
17	Corner kicks	Corner arc 1 yard. Ball placed at corner nearest point where ball went out of play across goal line. Corner flags should be used.	Corner arc 1 yard. Ball placed at corner nearest point where ball went out of play across goal line. Corner flags should be used.	Corner arc 1 yard with flagpost in place. Ball placed at corner nearest point where ball went out of play across goal line. Opponents must be 10 yards away.	Corner arc 1 yard with flagpost in place. Ball placed at corner nearest point where ball went out of play across goal line. Opponents must be 10 yards away.
A	Game sheets distribution	Game books with 4 sheets per game: White-winning team Yellow-home team Pink-visiting team Gold-referee copy	Game books with 4 sheets per game: White-winning team Yellow-home team Pink-visiting team Gold-referee copy	Game books with 4 sheets per game: White-winning team Yellow-home team Pink-visiting team Gold-referee copy	Game books with 4 sheets per game: White-winning team Yellow-home team Pink-visiting team Gold-referee copy
B	Team equipment at each game required	Teams bring cones, nets & 3 flagposts. Home team supplies game ball(s).	Each team brings a net & 3 flagposts. Home team supplies game ball(s).	Each team brings a net & 3 flagposts. Home team supplies game ball(s).	Each team brings a net & 3 flagposts. Home team supplies game ball(s).
C	Game days & normal starting times. Referees need to arrive earlier!	Mon & Wed (+ ?Fri) Start at 7:15 PM Arrive by 6:45 PM	Tues & Thurs (+?Sun) Start at 6:15/7:45 PM Arrive 30 minutes before game starts.	Tues & Thurs (+ ?Sun) Start at 6:15/7:45 PM Arrive 30 minutes before game starts.	U14 on Mon & Wed (+ ?Fri) U16/U18 on Sun & Tue/Thur Start 7:30 PM weekdays Sunday at 5:00 or 7:45 PM
D	Contacts (if you have problems)	Community Soccer Coordinator (CSC)	CSC and/or Zone Referee Director (487-7099)	CSC and/or Zone Referee Director (487-7099)	Zone Referee Director --- Peter C. Wong (487-7099)