

SOCCER GUIDE FOR PARENTS

2018 Outdoor Soccer Season

*Quick look at what
you need to know
when registering
you child for soccer
this season*

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Section 1 Important Dates

1.1 Season Start & End Dates

The Outdoor 2018 Season begins May 1st (depending on weather) and will run until the end of June

1.2 Post Season Dates

- City Finals: July 3rd – July 8th
- Tier 4 City Provincials: July 20st – July 22rd
- EMSA/CMSA Intercities: July 21nd-July22rd
- Tier 2/3 & U13 Tier 1 Provincials: August 10th-August 12th
- Tier 1 Provincials: August 23th – August 26th

1.2 Play Dates & Registration Information

1.2.1 Community Information:

Community Outdoor 2018 Seasonal Information																	
Age Groups	Genders	Years of Birth	Max Roster Size	Base Player Registration Fee	Sponsorship	Equipment	Player Cards	T/O Cards	Format	Halves	Field Size	Play Dates	Rain out Days	Post Season	Eligible Tournaments	Area of Play	Managing Organization
U5	Boys/ Girls/ Mixed	2013 2014	10	\$ 125.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats optional	No	No	4V4	25 min	Lined GS or half U10 field	Tues/Thurs	N/A	No	Mini Fest	North Zone	EMSA North
U7	Boys/ Girls	2011 2012	12	\$ 135.00	Timbits	Shin pads/ cleats optional	No	No	5V5	25 min	Lined GS or half U12 field	Mon/Wed	N/A	No	Jamboree & Sizzler	North Zone	EMSA North
U9	Boys/ Girls	2009 2010	16	\$ 150.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	No	Yes	7V7	30 min	U10 Field	Mon/Wed	Sat/Sun	No	Sizzler	North Zone	EMSA North
U11	Boys/ Girls	2007 2008	16	\$ 190.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	No	Yes	8V8	35 min	U12 Field	Tues/Thurs	Sat/Sun	Cities	Sizzler	North Zone	EMSA North
U13	Boys/ Girls	2005 2006	20	\$ 220.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	Yes	Yes	11V11	40 min	Full field	Tues/Thurs Possible Sun	Agreed upon by Coaches	Cities/ Intercities/P rovincials	Sizzler	City Conference	EMSA Main
U15	Boys/ Girls	2003 2004	20	\$ 230.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	Yes	Yes	11V11	45 min	Full field	Mon/Wed Possible Tue or Thurs	Agreed upon by Coaches	Cities/ Intercities/P rovincials	Sizzler	City Conference	EMSA Main
U17	Boys/ Girls	2001 2002	20	\$ 230.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	Yes	Yes	11V11	45 min	Full field	Sun/Thurs Possible Wed	Agreed upon by Coaches	Cities/ Intercities/P rovincials	Sizzler	City Conference	EMSA Main
U19	Boys/ Girls	1999 2000	20	\$ 230.00	None	Shin pads/ cleats	Yes	Yes	11V11	45 min	Full field	Sun/Tues Possible Thurs	Agreed upon by Coaches	Cities/ Intercities/P rovincials	Sizzler	City Conference	EMSA Main
NOTE: A volunteer commitment must also be completed by parents of player playing in a soccer program, please contact your community for more information in regards to this																	
NOTE: EMSA North is community based please contact your community to find out what additional fees or deposits may apply to your child's program																	
NOTE: All playing days are TENTATIVE and subject to change																	

1.2.2 Premier Information:

To Be Updated MID January

Section 2 Registration

2.1 Community Registration

All registrations must be completed online on the EMSA Soccer Portal. Registrations cannot be completed in the EMSA North Office.

Online Payment is now available online for Community Soccer Registrations.

Step 1: Purchase A 2017/2018 Community League Membership at www.efcl.org

Step 2: Register online for the 2018 Outdoor season at www.emsasoccerportal.com

Step 3: Attend your home community registration session by following the details on the registration confirmation page that you receive after completing the online registration.

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Even if you have requested to transfer your child to play in a different community then you reside you MUST still attend the registration session at your home community. Only then will the transfer be approved and both communities will coordinate the transfer of the player on the back end.**

2.2 Premier/Club Registration

All Premier/ Club registrations require attendance at the Xtreme tryouts for selection. All children that would like to tryout must pre-register online. Registration on the EMSA Soccer Portal is also required.

Step 1: Purchase a 2017/2018 Community League Membership at www.efcl.org

Step 2: Register online for the 2018 Outdoor Season at www.emsasoccerportal.com

- Be sure to select that your child would like to tryout for club when completing the registration on the EMSA Soccer Portal
- Registration dates and fees listed on the online registration are those of community play, if successful at the Xtreme tryouts you will be required to register and pay the Xtreme fees at that time.

Step 3: Register for the Xtreme FC tryouts at www.edmontonxtremefc.com/tryouts

Step 4: Attend the tryouts located at the eat soccer center for the Xtreme FC Club for your child's applicable age group and tier.

If your child is successful at tryouts and is selected to be placed onto a team, you must attend the same day payment and registration confirmation session.

The following will need to be completed directly following your child's successful tryout (same night). Please be prepared to have all these items with you at tryouts in the event your child is successful. A spot will not be saved for your child unless the following is completed.

- Proof of 2017/2018 Community League Membership
- Proof of Registration in the EMSA Soccer Portal (confirmation page acceptable)
- Payment of the Registration Fees in full
- Selection of Volunteer Commitment for the season & Submission of \$100.00 un dated deposit cheque made out to ENZSA
- Selection of Fundraising commitment for the season & Submission of \$100.00 un dated deposit cheque made out to ENZSA

Section 3 Team Formations

3.1 Age Movements

An "Age movement" that places a player at a higher-age team can be requested when completing the online registration. For community this request will be automatically approved. For Premier/club this request will be approved based on the outcome of the tryout session.

A request to move downward in age due to a child's mental and physical disabilities must be submitted in writing to your community league director. This type of age request **MUST** be accompanied and supported by a letter from a physician. You will be notified of the decision in writing; the committee's decision is final.

3.2 Special Requests

Special requests can be made through the online registration process. While communities will try and grant your special request, they cannot grant all requests and therefore there is **no guarantee of requests for placement being met.**

3.3 Transfer Requests

For community soccer a transfer to play in a different community then you reside may be request during the online registration process. Even when a transfer is requested it is pending approval on availability. As long as there is space

the transfer will be approve. The parent MUST attend the registration session on their online registration confirmation page; this will be the registration of the community in which you reside. At this session you will purchase the community league membership for your community, sign up for a volunteer commitment in your community but pay only the fees of the community you have requested your child to play with. Then both communities will work together on the back end to transfer the child to the program selected.

For requests to play premier/club, this can be requested through the online registration. Approval of this request is contingent on your child's success at the Xtreme tryouts. If successful the Xtreme/ EMSA North office will place the child on the appropriate team once the parent has finalized the registration process with the club. If unsuccessful it is recommended that the parent contact the home community in order to get the child onto a community team for the season. **Note when registering online there is a section that sates "if my child is unsuccessful at tryouts he/she would like to play community" Please click this button, this allows the community to see your child is interested in community if unsuccessful, and will increase the chances of space being available in the community if this is the case.

Section 4 Volunteering

4.1 Parent Volunteers

Our programs would not be able to run without parent volunteers. It is the volunteers that help us keep our registration costs low. It is the volunteers that help us put on successful events each and every season and it is the volunteers that spend time with our children each and every week, coaching and managing a team.

Some of the positions include but are not limited to:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Office Assistance
- Tournament Assistance
- Bingos & Casino workers

Parent volunteers are crucial to our program. No coaches = No teams. There are always ways you can get involved. More information on the volunteers that we are looking for are listed in our volunteer opportunities page.

<http://emsanorth.com/volunteer/opportunities-2/>

Section 5 EMSA ID Cards

5.1 Carding Session

Certain players and team officials require EMSA ID cards, please to see below to see if your child requires an EMSA ID Card and if you do not have a valid EMSA ID card one will need to be obtained at a EMSA Main carding session where you will receive the card on site. Please note the player or team official requiring the card must attend the session and bring a copy of government issues ID.

Location: South Soccer Center – Roper Road

Time: 3pm-8pm (for each session)

Dates: April 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th & May 2nd

Please bring the following items to the carding session:

- A piece of government issued ID for the player (such as birth certificate / passport / AB Health card)

5.2 Losing an EMSA ID card

The coach will normally hold onto your ID card for the season so that it can be easily presented to the referee at games. Cards are valid for 3 years. At the end of each season it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you get the EMSA ID card back from the coach. Replacement cards are subject to a \$20.00 replacement fee.

5.3 Who Needs an EMSA ID card

Age Groups	Community Players	Club Players	All Team Officials
U5	No	No	No
U7	No	No	No
U9	No	Yes	Yes
U11	No	Yes	Yes
U13	Yes	Yes	Yes
U15	Yes	Yes	Yes
U17	Yes	Yes	Yes
U19	Yes	Yes	Yes

Section 6 Uniform Information

6.1 General

Please remember to wash your child's jersey and other equipment regularly. Jersey's left in soccer bags do smell. For hygiene reasons please remember to wash and air dry shin pads.

Shin pads are mandatory for all players. Children without shin pads will not be allowed to participate in games or practices.

6.2 Premier Uniform Information

Our Premier players receive from the club, shorts socks, home and away Jersey's. Your soccer uniform is only meant for soccer and should not be worn to school or other events. It is you and your child's responsibility to keep the uniform in clean condition. A jersey deposit of \$200.00 will be requested by your team manager at Jersey hand out. In the event that the jersey is damaged in your care, your \$200.00 cheque will be deposited.

6.2 Cleats

U6's are allowed to wear cleats; we suggest checking with the community league to see what they are suggesting. Regular running shoes are fine as well. Players in U8 and up should wear cleats for outdoor play.

6.3 Religious Wear

Should players be required to wear pants for religious reasons, a letter of permission from EMSA must be obtained. Please contact your Community Director who will be able to submit the request on your behalf.

6.4 Jewelry

Jewelry (earrings, necklaces, etc.) is NOT allowed when playing soccer.

FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association – the world governing body for soccer) and the CSA are clear in this regard. A player cannot wear something that can hurt themselves or anyone else on the field, i.e. jewelry.

Medical-Alert jewelry or clothing required by player's religion may be worn only if the referee deems it safe and does not give the player an unfair advantage. Medical-Alert jewelry can normally be made safe by wrapping it with tape, with the necessary information showing.

A Player refusing to remove any type of jewelry at the request of the referee (including all external body piercing(s)) will not be permitted to play.

6.5 Head Covering "HIJAB"

The wearing of sports type hijab will be permitted upon a satisfactory pre-game inspection by the referee, as mandated by FIFA rule four, which states all items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined to be safe.

- The wearing of other forms of the hijab will also be permitted at the discretion of the referee, but only after a pre-game determination that the hijab does not pose a danger to the wearer or any other player.
- The objective in developing clear guidelines and communicating same is to ensure continuity of implementation across the province.

6.6 Casts/Splints/Athletic Braces

- Hard casts (plaster) are NOT permitted – even if padded.
- Soft Casts – if adequately padded will be allowed if the Referee approves it.
- Braces are permitted – but if it is a hard brace or has edges – it must be padded.
- If a player has a cast or brace to intimidate or with intent to injure – they will be cautioned and sent off the field.

Section 7 Complaints

7.1 How to submit a complaint

In order to submit a complaint about a coach, player, spectator or ref you must first follow the proper steps. Should one of the steps be missed, your complaint will not be looked at.

Step 1

Have you waited the required 24 hours cooling off period?

EMSA North Discipline Committee will NOT review any complaint that is less than 24 hours after the incident.

Step 2

Have you followed the proper chain of command on who you should contact?

PARENT/ PLAYER



TEAM COACH/ MANAGER



COMMUNITY DIRECTOR



EMSA North OFFICE – DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

If you haven't, then you must contact the right people, the EMSA North Discipline committee will only accept complaints from Community Soccer Directors.