



Edmonton Minor Soccer Association

EMSA Policy

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Title: Indoor Referee Jurisdiction

Policy context: EMSA recognizes that its program referees are guided by the Laws of the Game and referee-related Association rules. EMSA also recognizes that referees must adjust some of the rules, especially in the Indoor season, to meet unique rules defined by local youth-soccer Associations.

EMSA wishes to continue with the two referee system for its Indoor Season, where one is in the Box the other on the field. It realizes the value each of the two referees contributes to the game, but is concerned with many referees who feel that while they are on the field they are the only jurisdiction in the game, often relegating the “Box referee” to no more than a time keeper or for the calling of minor offences.

Policy statement: EMSA directs all referees that officiate in its games to consider themselves as equal referees on the field. The “Field referee” shall be treated as the lead official, but that does not restrict the “Box referee” from making game-related technical calls.

Guiding principles:

- *Common sense* and the spirit of this policy should be a guide
- The two referees officiating a game should be considered a team
- Field and Box referees have the responsibility to actively make calls concerning the game
- The “Field referee” is the final authority on calls made

Purpose: This policy aims to ensure that EMSA-games are refereed to the highest level of care possible.