



### EMSA Governance

Your local soccer club or local community association is a member of both the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) and one of 7 geographically based zone organizations within EMSA (each referred to as an EMSA Zone).

EMSA is a member of the provincial governing body Alberta Soccer Association (Alberta Soccer). Alberta Soccer is a member of the national governing body Canadian Soccer Association (Canada Soccer).

At the international level, soccer is governed by FIFA, and Canada Soccer is a member of both FIFA and CONCACAF (Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football, one of FIFA's six continental governing bodies for association football).

This structure creates a framework for your player, team official and referee development as well as for your input to be heard at all levels of organized soccer.

Disputes are initially addressed at the Club or Community level, with the first escalation point being to your respective EMSA Zone.

Decisions of an EMSA Zone can be appealed according to the appeal process detailed in the EMSA Rules and Regulations (membership approved).

EMSA Annual General Meetings are held every year in February and is the only forum available to modify the EMSA Rules and Regulations and Bylaws.

The EMSA Rules and Regulations are enforced by the EMSA Board of Directors. The EMSA Board of Directors meet 9 times during the year.

Any decisions by the EMSA Board of Directors can be appealed to Alberta Soccer and, in certain situations, further to Canada Soccer.

