

# EDMONTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION (EFSA)

## OUTDOOR SEASON RULES (Updated: April 29, 2026)

1. All FIFA rules apply except for those listed below.
2. Ground Discipline for Players: Referees' decision will be final and binding during the matches. Teams are responsible for their players and supporters during and after the match. Zero tolerance on swearing, abusive languages, and physical altercations. Fines will be allocated to the teams or the individual (teams are responsible for their supporters). Fines will be decided by the board.
3. Team Delegates: Teams are required to list 4 meeting delegates prior to the season, and a minimum of 1 must be present at all meetings. All delegates, players, coaches attending any board mandated meeting, must stay till the completion of the meeting, unless given permission or requested to leave. In case of any voting requirements, each team will have a maximum of 2 votes for those delegates in attendance.
4. Delegates are to make sure that each player's full name and Jersey number is written on the game sheet and provided to the refs on timely manner. Delegates need to come and get the signed copy of the referees' report from the current EFSA Board.
5. Defaulted league games and/or tournaments: \$100 Fine.
6. Adopted Child/Stepchild: All players adopted by a Fijian Parent or stepchild of a Fijian Parent will be considered "Fijian".
7. Fijian by Marriage: A player who is married to a person under the Civil Marriage Act (Canada) with Fijian decent will be considered "Fijian".
8. Player registration limit: Maximum of 18 players per team. An individual must be registered with the applicable form submitted to the board before participating in any tournament/game. Registration deadlines for each tournament are as follows:
  - Fiji Fact: Anytime on the date of tournament.
  - BOG: Anytime on the date of tournament.
  - IDC: Anytime on the date of tournament.Note: Individuals not registered by IDC in the current Outdoor Season will not be eligible to participate in the following Winter League.
9. Player Transfer/Replacement Rule:
  - Transfers or replacements are not allowed.
  - The board "may grant permission for a replacement" in case of a genuine reason such as serious injury or personal emergency, on a case-by-case basis and after meeting with delegates of all teams. Any such request must be submitted at least 1 week before the game.
  - Once replaced the player will not be eligible to re-register for any EFSA team in the current Outdoor season.
10. Players between the ages of 14 and 17 will require parental/guardian consent.
11. Alberta Rule: Players residing anywhere in Alberta may participate.
12. Import Player: A player not meeting requirements for "Fijian" will be considered as an "Import" or "non-Fijian".
  - No Imports are allowed.

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13. Women's Division: Same rules for player eligibility applies for Women's Division.
14. Legends Division: A player over the age of 45 (or turning 45 in the current year) will be eligible to play in the Legends Division.
  - Note: There is no special provision for Legends Trialist, so all players must be registered to a specific team in the Men's Open Division.
15. Group Stage Points and Ranking Criteria:
  - Points per game: Win: 3 points; Loss: 0 points; Tie: 1 point
  - Ranking Criteria:
    - i. Total Points
    - ii. Goal Difference (+/-)
    - iii. Goals Forward
    - iv. Head-to-Head result (Total Points, Total Goal Difference, Total Goals Forward)
    - v. Penalty shots for district and rematch for League
14. Red Card/Yellow Card Rule:
  - All Red Card (including straight Red Card) will result in a minimum of one game suspension and minimum \$50 fine; and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the board if necessary.
  - Three cumulative yellow cards will result in one game suspension. Two yellow cards in a single game leading to a red card will count as a red card and will not wipe off prior yellow card counts.
15. All unserved cards and suspensions will carry forward to the next tournament (including CVC) within a season. Protest Fees: All protests have to be in written/email and submitted with:
  - \$100 fee within 15 minutes after the game finishes
16. Flags and Nets: If nets and flags are not already provided by the venue, all teams are responsible to tie nets prior to scheduled games. Each team need to have 3 flags.

Note: If the nets and flags are not put on timely manner, disciplinary actions may be taken.
17. Fines:
  - Missed delegates meetings will result in \$100 Fine per meeting.
  - Defaulted games and/or tournaments will result in \$100 Fine.
  - NSF Cheques will result into a \$50 fine + the bank fees charged. Treasurer will bank the cheques ASAP. Subsequent payment must be made in cash.
  - Cannot play or attend any meetings (including Winter League) unless all applicable fines are paid/settled.
18. City's/Venue's updates: Field conditions will be updated by city or venue. Delegates of teams are advised to call the City/Venue line if in doubt. If the update states "user discretion" the teams need to be present ready to play, and discretion will be in the eyes of the referee.
19. Alcohol Consumption: No alcohol will be allowed during the games unless it is consumed inside the boundaries of the Beer Garden. The operators of Beer Garden must have prior approval from the Board and must display required permit/license from the City during the operation of the Beer Garden and follow all regulations of AGLC.

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20. New Teams: Any upcoming new team entry must be approved in the AGM.
- For District tournaments, the team's name must reflect major districts, towns, or provinces in Fiji with a history in Fijian football and not be the same as any existing team name.

Note: Please refer to the Bylaw for any other rules. Feel free to contact any of the Executives for clarification.

