



U9 and U11 Indoor Info & EMSA Rule Modifications

U9 and U11 teams will follow the same rules of Indoor Soccer as the older age groups with a few modifications which are included in the list below.

- **Field Size**

Full size field.

- **Referees**

Yes. Both an on field referee and a box referee.

- **Ball Size**

Size 4.

- **Number of Players on Roster**

16 players

- **Number of Players on Field**

7 v 7

- **Game Length**

Two 25 minute halves.

- **Game Sheets**

Yes.

- **Scores and Standings**

Game scores and standings will be kept.

• **Player Cards**

U9 Community: No

U9 Premier: Yes

U11 Community: No

U11 Premier: Yes

• **Team Official Cards (Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager)**

U9 Community: Yes

U9 Premier: Yes

U11 Community: Yes

U11 Premier: Yes

• **U9 Yellow and Red Cards**

No cards issued or recorded. Referees can ask for player to be substituted for a small amount of time. Player can return to play after. Team does not play short and player does not sit in referee box. No further suspensions are issued.

• **U11 Yellow and Red Cards**

Cards are issued. Player sits in box for allotted time but then returns to their bench. If a player is yellow carded they can return to play. If a player is red carded that player cannot play for the rest of the game and must serve the 5 minutes in the penalty box. Once the penalty time is up they return to their bench for the remainder of the game. The team does not play shorthanded. No further suspensions are issued. Cards will be recorded on player's file and if a accumulating card pattern is noticed the EMSA Discipline Committee may choose to call a hearing.

• **U9 and U11 Indoor Retreat Line**

The Retreat Line will come into effect in two situations during the game:

- A Goal Kick
- A Free Kick to the defending team within its own goal area

At these two restarts, the opposing team is required to move beyond the Retreat Line. The player taking the kick can then pass the ball to one of his team-mates without the pressure of an opposing player nearby. When the ball has left the goal area, the play will resume as normal and the "opposing" team can move inside the Retreat Line.

The Retreat Line in **U9 and U11** Categories will be the 1/3 mark of the field

If a member of the opposing team comes inside the Retreat Line before the ball has left the goal area and interferes with play, **the Referee** will stop play and the restart will be retaken.

Players can choose to play the ball long if they wish, but not in the air over the three lines.

At the Edmonton Centers the retreat line is marked on 1/3 of the field.

Retreat Line

