



EDFL Laws of the Game Changes & Interpretations for 2019

Rule Change/Interpretation and Application	Senior	Senior	Juniors
	Men	Women	
<p>Traditional playing positions at Centre Bounce</p> <p><i>Implementation of a traditional set up at centre bounces. Clubs must have players inside both 50 metre arcs, with one player required to be inside the goal square. 18 per side = 6/6/6 (6 forwards/ 6 centres (max 4 in centre square)/ 6 backs)</i></p> <p><i>Teams with less than 18 may position their players in any zone with no more than 6 in a zone, with one player required to be inside the goal square.</i></p> <p><i>A team will be given one warning with players allowed to return to the correct zone. (A warning will be given in the first three quarters and no warnings in the last quarter. Season 2019)</i></p> <p><i>The sanction for non-compliance shall be a free kick to the ruckman with the free kick being awarded at the top of the attacking goal square.</i></p> <p><i>A Player(s) who deliberately breaks the starting position line prior to ball leaving the umpires hands at a centre throw up, a free kick will be awarded.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Kick-In from a behind (no kick required)</p> <p><i>For kick-ins from a behind, a player will no longer need to kick to themselves to play on out of the goal square. Additionally, following a behind, the player on the mark will be positioned 10 metres from the top of the goal square (currently 5 metres).</i></p> <p><i>A player must be within the goal square prior to bringing the ball back into play. (Reset)</i></p> <p><i>All players must try to leave the protected area after a behind is scored.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Marks/Free kicks within 9m of the goal line</p> <p><i>For all defenders who take a mark or gain a free kick within 9 metres of the goal line, the player on the mark for the attacking team will be brought in line with the top of the goal square.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Runners and Water Persons</p> <p>Runners</p> <p><i>Runners are still permitted to enter the playing surface during live play however must keep clear of play and vacate the playing surface immediately after their duty is complete. A free kick will be awarded if runners are not clear of play or remain on the ground.</i></p> <p>Water Persons</p> <p><i>Water Persons must carry out their duties in accordance with EDFL By Laws. They are only allowed to enter the field of play after a goal is scored. A free kick will be awarded if Water Persons are not clear of play or remain on the ground.</i></p>	X	X	X

<p>Umpire Contact</p> <p><i>Players will be prohibited from setting up behind the umpire at each centre ball up. Free kicks may also be paid by a non-controlling field umpire.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>50-Metre Penalty</p> <p><i>Stricter on the infringing team who is attempting to delay the game by not allowing the player with the ball to advance to the amended mark by 50 metres.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the player with the ball will be able to play on immediately prior to the advancement of the 50 metre penalty and the umpire blowing time on.</i></p> <p><i>Any player can stand the mark if they do not interfere with the player receiving the 50m penalty. If the player who is awarded the 50 metre penalty is interfered with while advancing the mark a further 50 metre penalty will be awarded.</i></p> <p><i>This is consistent with the existing practice where an EDFL umpire has to ensure effective management of the game and player safety.</i></p>	Yes in part	Yes in part	Yes in part
<p>Kicking for Goal post-siren (ability to commence off line of kick)</p> <p><i>A player who has been awarded a mark or free kick once play has ended will now be able to kick across their body using a snap or check-side kick. The player shall dispose of the ball directly in line with the player on the mark and the goal.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Marking Contests (hands in the back rule repealed)</p> <p><i>'Hands in the Back' rule interpretation is currently not played in the EDFL.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Ruck contests (Prior Opportunity)</p> <p><i>A ruck who takes possession of the ball while contesting ball up or boundary throw in will not be regarded as having had prior opportunity.</i></p> <p><i>Where there is uncertainty over who is the designated ruck, the ruck for each team will continue to nominate to the field Umpire.</i></p>	Yes	Yes	Yes

Senior Men's competition includes: Seniors, Reserves, Under 19 and Thirds.

Juniors competitions include: All Under age matches conducted by the EDFL except Under 19.