



Wix Competition 2018- 2019 Primary Schools' 9 a side rules

1. All players must be Year 5 or year 6.
2. A size 4 ball shall be used.
3. Matches will be 25 minutes each way, with 5 minutes each way extra time if necessary to determine a winner. If the match is still drawn, a replay will be arranged. Semi-finals and the Final will be played to a result, with the taking of penalty kicks used to decide the winners at the end of extra time if necessary.
4. In the group stage, positions will be decided by (i) points (ii) Goal Difference (iii) Goals scored (iv) the head-to-head result between the two teams concerned. If the issue is still not resolved, a play-off should be arranged if possible at the opposite venue to that of the original game between the two schools. If in doubt, contact the organiser!
5. The maximum goal difference for the league tables will be + 5 for each game. The rationale behind this is to try to prevent huge scores in one sided games. It is hoped that if a team is winning comfortably by more than 5 goals, creative substitutions will be employed by the member of staff in charge.
6. A neutral referee should be appointed by the Home Team. If they are unable to appoint a neutral referee, the two schools concerned must agree on one or other school providing the referee.
7. It is an ESFA rule that any non-teacher who has been asked to "coach" a school team may only do so "in the presence of" a member of staff of the school concerned, unless their details and qualifications are registered with the ESFA, they have undergone a DBS check, and they have written endorsement from the local Association/County Schools' F.A. It makes sense, therefore, that there should be a member of staff from each of the competing schools present at each game, and these staff have ultimate responsibility for their teams. A school not observing this rule invalidates insurance arrangements, and if it is shown that a participating school has not observed this rule, that school will be disqualified from the competition.
8. The result of the game should be communicated to the organiser (Ben Reid) by a member of staff of both teams.
9. Unless otherwise stated all matches will be conducted under the normal Laws of the Game. Rule re: substitutes = maximum of 6 unless otherwise agreed, on a "rolling substitutes" basis. A substituted player becomes a substitute and may be used again later in the game for any reason. Substitutions should still take place during a stoppage in play.

It is hoped that all the games will be played in the right spirit, showing everything that is best about schools' football and discouraging some of the more distasteful, posturing and aggressive tendencies that exist, both on and off the pitch, in other spheres of the game. Schools' football demands that the referee is to be respected at all times, and teacher colleagues responsible for teams are respectfully reminded that they are also responsible for the conduct of any supporters, both adults and children.

I need to be informed of any problems regarding the arrangement or playing of the matches, before the limit date of the match in question. In the event that I am unable to provide a solution, the matter will be referred to the Wix Committee, whose decision on the matter will be final.

Thank you for supporting the Wix Competition. Good luck both in this and in all your footballing activities this season.

Kindest regards,

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