

## Barking and Dagenham Schools' Football Association (Primary)



Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to the **27 schools** that have entered the Year 4/5 Ballerz Boys' League for the 2023-2024 season.

In the first stage of the competition, there will be **6 groups of 5 teams** with games to be played by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (*13 weeks*) with the **bottom 2 teams** from each group **eliminated**. This means each school will get a minimum of 4 games before Christmas.

In the second stage of the competition, there will be 3 groups of 5 teams to be played by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (*11 weeks*) with the **top 2 teams** from each group going through to the 'Super Six' stage of the competition where a separate email will be sent out.

The draw is as follows:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Eastbury Primary Beam Goresbrook Manor Longbridge St Teresa's	Ripple William Bellamy Thames View St Margaret's Southwood	Manor Richard Alibon Grafton James Cambell Five Elms
Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Riverside St Vincent's St Peter's Roding	Northbury Rose Lane Monteagle Hunters Hall	Thomas Arnold St Joseph's (B) Eastbury Community Valence

### RULES

- Matches will be 7 a-side on either the Astroturf pitches at Dagenham Goals or any other suitable 7-a-side pitch
- **Year 4/5 BOYS ONLY** (*no girls/no year 3/no year 6*)
- Rolling substitutes may be made at any time after consulting with the referee.
- Matches at Goals should be 10 min each way, with a 2 min break for half time (total 20 minute game). Please do not play longer than 10 minutes, if you wish to extend the game time then please play a friendly after the league match has ended.

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- Squads should be no more than **12 players**
- Normal football rules apply (no restrictions re: penalty area/height of the ball etc). No offsides. The only stoppages will be for fouls, injuries or if the ball goes behind the goal/off the pitch for those playing on grass.
- Teachers to referee. Alternatively, a qualified referee may take charge but they must have been CRB checked. Parents without appropriate qualifications are **not** permitted to referee according to ESFA rules. A common sense, friendly approach is encouraged.
- 3 pts for a win, 1 pt for a draw, 0 pts for a loss. If teams are level, the result between the two teams decides the position. If teams are still level, the position is shared.
- **STAGE ONE TO BE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – NO EXTENSIONS**
- **STAGE TWO TO BE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH – NO EXTENSIONS**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- To book a pitch, a member of staff must call the GOALS Centre on 0208 595 7000 (ask for a 7-a-side pitch, schools use, 3:30-5:00pm).
- Bring a ball, bibs and first aid (including water).
- Players need shin pads and trainers or astro-boots/moulds. **They will not be able to play without them.**
- Results emailed to [ahunwicks@northbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ahunwicks@northbury.bardaglea.org.uk) and [bsfa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bsfa@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.
- Failure to comply with any rules invalidates insurance and risks legal action if an accident takes place.

### **CODES OF CONDUCT**

- It is expected in Schools' Football that all involved maintain high standards regarding fair play and sportsmanship. Please ensure that the codes of conduct for players, coaches and spectators are strictly maintained. In this way we can maintain the good reputation of Barking & Dagenham Schools. Copies will be available on the website.

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