

6. Referees should ensure that all spectators are kept on the touchline, allowing sufficient room for the Assistant Referee.
7. P.E. Staff are requested to check the studs of players at regular intervals during the season
8. All players **MUST** wear shin pads.

#### **9. FIXTURES**

Schools should ensure that their commitment to this Association in terms of the p-laying of fixtures are fulfilled each season.

#### **10. CANCELLATIONS**

If a school needs to cancel a fixture, for any reason, the opposing school should be informed **no later than 10.00 a.m. on the day of the fixture.** If a game is cancelled after this time the opposing school MAY claim the game.

#### **11. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES**

All schools are reminded of Association Rule 18 which states that Association representative matches take precedence over school matches. In addition Rule 16—Loyalty states that “players selected for competitive representative matches shall not play in any fixture on the day prior to the game without the agreement of the Hon. Secretary.

#### **12. CONTROL OF SCHOOL TEAMS**

It is necessary to point out that ideally teachers will be in sole charge of school teams but non-teacher help in the training of school teams will be permitted. However a teacher **MUST** have ultimate control over the team and non-teacher coaches, and a teacher must be present at all matches and training sessions. Non-teachers involved in schools’ football must be made aware that the ESFA does not provide insurance cover for non-teacher participation. Schools should also be aware of the need for CRB checks to be made on any non-teacher involved in schools’ football.

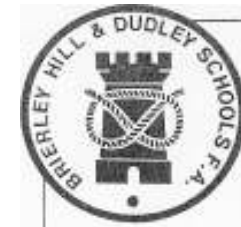
#### **13. AGE GROUP MATCHES**

It is an Association Competition Rule that players may only play in **ONE AGE GROUP** during a season

#### **14. FIRST AID**

Staff should ensure that adequate an first aid kit is available for all fixtures.

## **BRIERLEY HILL & DUDLEY SCHOOLS’ FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



## **DIRECTIVE ON SCHOOLS’ FOOTBALL**

## Brierley Hill and Dudley Schools' Football Association

### DIRECTIVE ON SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL

This Directive gives guidelines as to what the Association considers to be necessary for the adequate supervision and running of schools' football within the Association.

#### 1. GENERAL

- A) All staff i/c soccer should ascertain from their Head Teacher their authority when in charge of school football teams. (i.e. authority pertaining to teams, spectators and parents with regard to misconduct.)
- B) **ALL INCIDENTS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE HEAD TEACHER OF BOTH SCHOOLS INVOLVED**, i.e. incidents before, during and after the game both on and off the field of play and incidents that occur on and off the school premises. A report of the incident shall also be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association.
- C) On receipt of the report the Hon. Secretary will forward a copy to the Head teacher (s) of the school (s) involved, inviting him/her to forward his/her comments and details of any action he/she intends to take.

#### 2. SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL TEAMS

- A) A member of staff must accompany teams at all matches and this must include the journey to and from the school for away fixtures.
- B) The home team must ensure that the visiting team is adequately supervised at all time
- C) **AT NO TIME** should team members be left un-supervised.
- D) School teams must be under the ultimate control of a member of staff (See 12.)

#### 3. CONDUCT OF THE GAME

- A) Wherever possible, Assistant Referees should be provided, with flags
- B) Corner flags and goal nets should be provided wherever possible. Metal hooks may not be used to secure nets.
- C) There shall be no coaching from staff whilst the game is in progress. This includes coaching by the referee.
- D) The referee's decision must be accepted, without question, at all times. This should be enforced both verbally and by example by all staff.

- E) The Council feels that a high standard of refereeing will serve to gain the respect of all players and will generally preclude incidents both on and off the field of play.
- F) In particular the Council would like to draw the attention of all staff to the F.A. Law 12—Fouls and Misconduct appertaining to the sending off of a player:-  
“ A players is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences.
  - ◇ Is guilty of serious foul play
  - ◇ Is guilty of violent conduct
  - ◇ Spits at an opponent or any other person
  - ◇ Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
  - ◇ Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
  - ◇ Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and / or gestures
  - ◇ Receives a second caution in the same match
- G) All staff must discourage any form of misconduct and should ensure that all players/spectators conduct themselves in a proper manner at all time. Staff can encourage this by never criticising the referee/any decision of the referee and actively discouraging serious fouls and misconduct.

#### 4. PROCEDURE ON DISCIPLINE

The attention of all staff is drawn to the Competition Rules which outlines the procedure to be followed in all cases where a player is cautioned or dismissed from the field of play in a competition under the auspices of this Association.

5. No player is allowed to wear articles not permitted by the Laws of the Game and which may constitute a danger to other players.. Player shall not be allowed to take part in the match if they refuse to remove these articles. Such articles include rings, bracelets, neck-chains and ear-rings.