

***EFC PRIMARY FOOTBALL FESTIVALS RULES***

*Squad of 8, team size of 7 for Yr 6 and 5, team size of 6 for Yr 4 and 3, team size of 5 for Yr 2 and 1.*

*Duration of matches is dependent on number of teams.*

*No offside rule.*

*Keepers must take a goal kick from the floor, keepers can kick from their hands if in play. Keepers CANNOT pick up back passes for year 5 and 6, Keepers CAN pick up a back pass for years 1,2,3,4. Keepers cannot handle the ball outside the area (when not marked, area is at referee’s discretion). Teams must retreat to the halfway line on a goal kick.*

*Roll on and off substitutions at any time.*

***Please note that any year 5s (U10s) who play in the yr 6 competition will play to the rules of year 6s (U11s) and so heading and throw ins will be allowed.***

*For Years 1,2,3,4 and 5 the following FA amendments will apply.*

***Deliberate Header Restart:***

*• Deliberately heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free kick*

*• The indirect free kick is taken at the point where the ball was deliberately headed, except:*

*o Where a player deliberately heads the ball within their own penalty area, the referee will stop the game and restart with an indirect free kick to the opposition from the nearest side line of the penalty area where the offence took place*

***Touchline Restart:***

*• When the whole of the ball passes over the whole of the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in/dribble-in is awarded*

*• The kicker that takes the pass-in/dribble-in may touch the ball again before it is touched by another player*

*• At the moment of delivering the ball:*

*o The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch; only the kicker may be off the pitch*

*o All opponents must stand at least five yards from the point on the touchline where the pass-in or /dribble-in is to be taken from*

*• A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in*

*• The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves*

*All games will be played on astro turf pitches, please can you ensure that all children wear football boots with astro turf studs or trainers, metal studs will not be allowed. Children also MUST wear shin pads.*

*Sports Leaders will be refereeing the matches and can I remind everyone that they have given up their time to do so, abuse of the Leaders will not be tolerated. If Sports Leaders are not available then teachers will be asked to help with refereeing.*