



SILENT WEEKEND

**16th & 17th
MARCH 2019**

ALL Youth Football



FOR ALL

SILENT WEEKEND

Surrey FA will introduce a Silent Weekend on the 16th and 17th March 2019 to remind us all that this is the players game, let them play.

There should be no verbal communication from coaches & spectators on the touchlines but we do encourage all to applaud good play. We are looking for all clubs to actively participate in this initiative.

Challenges

- Allow players to make mistakes
- Allow players to make their own decisions
- Consider setting players individual challenges at the start of the game. Share the challenge(s) set with the players parent/guardian and encourage them to watch out for success in achieving them

Benefits

- Players develop independent learning and decision making
- Coaches can assess the teams communication skills
- Players can concentrate on the game and not be distracted by the touchline

Coaching hint

Stand back and watch your players play. Adopting a less direct and vocal role can help you see your players in a new light and make your feedback more specific to help them improve individually and within the team.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?



- Ensure you share the codes of conduct with all your members, clubs, coaches, referees and contacts.
- Share the date with everyone! 16th and 17th March 2019.
- Contact your local press, pledging your support.
- Share your support on social media using the hashtag **#WeOnlyDoPositive**

FAQ'S

What are the coaches supposed to do if they can't communicate?

Coaches are encouraged to give clear instructions to players before the game starts, take notes during the game and utilise half time or designated quarters to communicate to players positively. Also, coaches can communicate to players through the captain or substitutes during suitable breaks in play.

How do we know who is part of the Silent Weekend?

Your league will have signed up and we would expect every club to participate.

What happens if we are playing a team that haven't signed up to the Silent Weekend?

You could hand out the promotional material and Code of Conduct to all spectators, encouraging them to support the Silent Weekend.

What will happen if spectators don't follow the Code of Conduct?

Following the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct, they may be asked to leave the venue, meet with the Club's Committee and/or Welfare Officer, or asked not to attend future games.

Can we use this as a fundraising opportunity?

Absolutely! You can tie a sponsored Silent Weekend in with a local charity or with a national charity.

How will you know if it has been successful?

Post event feedback will be gathered and shared with clubs & leagues.



Further Information

Please find below the reporting process for clubs & referees if they feel any of the Code of Conducts have been breached:

- Coaches & Parents/Spectators to report any concerns to club officials.
- Club Secretary reports any concerns to the League Secretary.
- Referees report any concerns to the League Secretary.

