



# SILENT WEEKEND

**24th & 25th  
November 2018**

*U12's and Below*



**FOR ALL**

# WHAT IS A SILENT WEEKEND?

**Surrey FA will introduce a Silent Weekend on the 24th and 25th November 2018 to promote Respect in Youth Football and showcase an attractive game that puts the needs of the players first.**

The weekend will involve coaches and spectators having minimal verbal contact throughout games, to raise awareness of the need to create a positive and pressure-free environment in which children can enjoy football and learn to love and develop their game.

We hope with your support you will encourage clubs to take part and spread awareness of this fantastic initiative. Please take time to read over the DO's & DON'Ts for all parties.

In this resource you can find FAQ's on the initiative, ideas for how you can get involved, and supporting resources for parents, coaches and referees.

If your league wishes to support the Silent Weekend, please email the team at Surrey FA at your earliest convenience: [Safeguarding@SurreyFA.com](mailto:Safeguarding@SurreyFA.com)



# HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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- Ensure you share the codes of conduct with all your members, clubs, coaches, referees and contacts.
- Share the date with everyone! 24th and 25th November 2018.
  - Contact your local press, pledging your support.
- Share your support on social media using the hashtag **#WeOnlyDoPositive**

# FAQ'S

## **What is a Silent Weekend?**

A silent weekend aims to create a fun, safe and developmental experience for all children in youth football by allowing them to make their own decisions, enabling them to play the game with freedom, without pressure or over-emphasis on winning at all costs.

## **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?**

A list of participating Leagues will be advertised on [www.SurreyFA.com](http://www.SurreyFA.com), however we encourage as many teams to sign up as possible, to ensure effective support of the Silent Weekend message.

## **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.



# FAQ'S



## **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. There must be a RESPECT steward nominated from each team from U7-11; this is to ensure the code of conduct is applied appropriately.

## **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?**

Research is to be carried out around this initiative, and the results could be used to determine future initiatives and projects.

# Set the standards for a great game.

Use your position to set a  
positive example for the people  
you're responsible for and lead  
a better game for everyone.

## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

#### Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

##### On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away



# RESPECT



##### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

##### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn

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do  
Positive.

# Make your impact a positive one.

By managing the game in a positive,  
calm and confident way, you'll  
encourage everyone to have fun.



## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Match Officials

#### Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

##### I will:

- Respect the game, the competition and all other participants
- Maintain my integrity and approach each game with a positive mind set
- Be knowledgeable of the laws of the game, regulations and competition rules
- Set a positive personal example, by promoting good behaviour
- Embrace and empathise with the spirit of the game
- Submit accurate and concise reports and misconduct
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports
- Apply the laws of the game, promoting positive actions and not tolerating actions that do not fit the image of the game

##### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA, County FA Referee Development Staff or Referees Committee
- Suspended by the County FA



# RESPECT

# We ONLY do Positive.

*If we behave positively  
during practice and matches,  
our children will too.*

*By setting a good example, we'll help  
build a supportive environment in which  
everyone can enjoy themselves.*



## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Spectators and Parents/Carers

#### Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

#### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



**RESPECT**

*We ONLY  
do  
Positive.*

*Play your best.  
Be your best.*

*Make sure you and everyone  
around you has a good time  
on and off the pitch.*

## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Young Players

Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training



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# FAQ'S

**Please find below the reporting process for clubs & referees if they feel any of the Code of Conducts have been breached: For Clubs (U7-11).**

- Coaches & Parents/Spectators to report any concerns to the Respect Steward.
  - Respect Steward reports any concerns to the Club Secretary.
- Club Secretary reports any concerns to the League Secretary For Clubs (U12-18).
  - Coaches & Parents/Spectators report any concerns to the Club Secretary.
  - Club Secretary reports any concerns to the League Secretary For Referees.
    - Referees report any concerns to the League Secretary.

