

MEMO

To: All Clubs
From: SCF Board of Directors
Date: 21st June 2017
Re: Silent Saturday - 15th July

Dear All

All Sunshine Coast Football Clubs will be required to take part in a **Silent Saturday on Saturday 15th July** for all junior and ALDI MiniRoos age groups Under 6 - Under 17.

The main purpose of silent Saturday is to let kids **play and have fun** without worrying about how their performance is affecting the adults on the sidelines. This also applies to our Junior Referees who can make decisions without worrying about verbal questioning from adults.

It is important to emphasise this is a positive initiative for our players and referees not a punishment for spectators.

How does it work?

SCF will provide clubs with flyers to be handed out on the day and will promote it on our Website and Facebook page. Ground officials on the day will enforce Silent Saturday with reminders to vocal spectators. Clubs should email all Coaches and Managers to pass the information onto parents. The SCF Board will also visit a number of grounds throughout the day.

Spectators

Spectators will be reminded they may not to make verbal comments on the game or direct any comments on the game to the players, referees, game leaders or instructing referees - on or off the field.

Clapping is allowed!



Coaches and Managers

Coaches and Managers have an important part to play in this as they have the opportunity to set a great example to their players and the parents by showing that the game is for the players and to refrain from any communication to the referee, instructing referee or game leader.

Coaches will be able to speak quietly to players on the bench and address the players in normal tone before and after the game and during the half time break.

Players

Players are encouraged to speak to each other on the field and are free to support and provide direction to each other. You will be amazed that with the silence off the field and lack of distraction how the players will start to communicate with each other clearly.

Referees

At the end of the match the referee will give a score on the team sheet of 1 - 5 regarding how well supporters and team officials followed the day's objectives. 1 being low and 5 good.

We hope that you will positively embrace this initiative as we need to send a clear message that there is no place in Sunshine Coast Football clubs for people who cannot behave in an acceptable manner and cannot adhere to the Spectator Code of Conduct.

Clubs should also not be at the mercy of individuals who are not willing to follow club, zone, state and national policies. We all need to work together to stamp out any form of bad behaviour within our code and a Silent Saturday is an ideal opportunity to reinforce the standard of behaviour we would like to see at all of our grounds and support our players and referees.

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the SCF Board of Directors

