



Next Week is Silent Saturday

April 30th.

"Silent Saturday" is used in AYSO Regions throughout the country with a great deal of success. Its main purpose is to just let the kids play and have fun without having to worry about how their performance is affecting the adults on the sidelines. "Silent Saturday" is a throwback to the old schoolyard days when kids would congregate after school and on weekends just to play the sport all day without regard to who was winning and repercussions for poor play and decision-making. Coaches are requested to communicate and reinforce this with spectators!

The objectives of holding a "Silent Saturday" are:

- To emphasize that the game is about letting the kids play and have fun
- To give the players a chance to play totally on their own
- To help the few parents and coaches who feel they must provide constant direction understand how disruptive it is

To show all parents that the kids can play well on their own with limited instruction

While the vast majority of adult verbal participation is intended to be positive and constructive, the fact of the matter is that games can (and have in the past) become so loud that the players often have difficulty hearing each other on the field. Taking one week off from any verbal interference may help adults gain perspective on just how loud they've been in the past. You will all be amazed at how quiet the field will become.

RULES FOR SILENT SATURDAY

Spectators

We request that you make no verbal comments about the game or direct any comments to the players or referees (or coaches) on or off the field. Clapping IS allowed! Be creative in how you choose to cheer your child's team - make signs to hold up or bring a rally towel in the team's color and wave it wildly. There are lots of ways to cheer other than verbally. But please no noise makers and especially no whistles, or compressed air horns.

Coaches

It is recommended that you do not provide any direction - verbal or non-verbal - to players who are on the field. You may speak quietly to any players on the bench and have a conversational discussion about the game with the players before and after the game, and during halftime. If absolutely required, rarely and quietly call a player on the field to the touchline to provide tactical instruction while the game is in play (Just like you are allowed to do during a normal game). Then let the player convey the message to his team.

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Quote of the Week

"I don't believe skill was, or ever will be, the result of coaches. It is a result of a love affair between the child and the ball." – Roy Maurice Keane

Start your conversations now.. Soccerfest!

End the season with a big bang– all day playing soccer– watching your soccer kids show what they have learned all season! Get your team on board!

Information can be found on the AYSO870.org Web page.

Here are few of the particulars:

U10 AND UP:

Roster Minimum: 5 Players

Roster Maximum: 9 Players

U08 DIVISION:

Roster Minimum: 3 Players

Roster Maximum: 5 Players

ENTRY FEE:

U10 and above \$40 per team

U08 Division \$30 per team

Your team not playing– contact the festival staff and we will find a team to play with!



National Team fundraisers

Our national teams are practicing hard for their July trip– Come out and support them at the following fundraisers. Just think– you

Burgerville - Albany

April 27th

May 11th

May 25th

(all of them are 5-8pm)

Del Taco- Albany

May 4th , 4-8pm

A portion of the proceed goes back to the team and donations also welcome!

The players will be bussing tables and helping in the restaurant. 10% of all proceeds go to the teams. Donations welcome!



Your Child loving soccer this spring?

Is there a friend who wants to join?

Start talking to them now about next season which starts In September

Signups are coming up soon.

Watch your email and this publication for more information soon.

Rule Tip of the week:

See someone who is smoking where they shouldn't– ask them nicely to move until they are done.