



## Streamwood Park District S.P.D. C.A.R.E.S.

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Parents and Coaches-

“Silent Soccer” is an annual tradition for many soccer organizations in both competitive and recreational leagues across the country. Silent soccer is one way for leagues to encourage parents and coaches to let the kids play the game their way rather than the way we want them to play. It’s an opportunity for coaches to notice how players learn from each other during the course of a game.

We are pleased to announce that on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** all inter-village teams playing in our league will be participating in Silent Soccer. We expect coaches and parents to let the kids explore their potential by making their own choices on the field instead of being told what to do throughout a game. We want our players to be free to set their own level of competition rather than to play to our expectations.

This is the essence of a child-centered sports philosophy. While our objective is not to create world class players, there are enormous benefits to giving children the opportunity to explore the game’s possibilities without the distraction of being micro-managed from multiple voices. Over coaching can stifle young players’ creativity and development.

We appreciate your support on this day by limiting sideline noise to clapping and acknowledging good plays rather than instruction and disappointing groans. I am confident your kids will enjoy this experience and you will be proud of what they can do on the field. For more information feel free to Google “silent soccer” and you can read many articles on the benefits.

Sincerely,

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