



Play your best.. On and Off

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

Play Your Part Streaming Policy

Introduction

At Guildford Saints, player streaming ensures every child plays at the level best suited to their current ability, providing the right balance of challenge, enjoyment and long-term participation in football.

Players develop at different rates, so age-group managers and professional coaches review squads at the end of each season and may recommend players move between teams. In exceptional cases, in-season moves may be made to better support a player's confidence, development or need for greater challenge.

Why We Stream Players

Streaming helps players to:

- Play with and against others of a similar ability.
- Receive more touches of the ball and more meaningful game involvement.
- Build confidence, improve decision-making and develop technical and tactical skills.
- Enjoy football and remain engaged for the long term.

Coaches observe and assess players on:-

- Technical ability
- Tactical understanding
- Decision making
- Coachable: Attitude and effort
- Confidence and resilience
- Training attendance and willingness to learn

Children mature physically, technically and emotionally at different rates. Streaming recognises these differences, ensuring every player has the best opportunity to develop while supporting balanced teams and appropriate league placement

Throughout the process, players are encouraged to experience a variety of positions to support their all-round development.

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Play Your Part Protocol for children moving between team's

Our Principles

- Player welfare and long-term development are the priority.
- Team movements (streaming) are made at age-group level, not by individual managers.
- Decisions should be fair, transparent, and in the best interests of all players and teams.
- A qualified coach will help identify players who would benefit from moving up for greater challenge or down for more playing time and development.

Decision Process

- Recommendations are discussed by the coach, Dawn, Kevin and/or Lee.
- Mental & emotional wellbeing is considered alongside football ability.
- Relevant managers meet to review potential moves and agree decisions.
- Parents are consulted before any move is made and are not obliged to accept.
- Team changes should normally take place at the end of the season (April/May) to minimise disruption and allow teams to settle before the new season.
- If a team has low numbers during the season, every effort should be made to support all teams before considering permanent moves.

When making these decisions we believe a confident player benefits from more challenge; another may need a less pressured environment to rediscover enjoyment.

Benefits of Team Movement

Moving to the most appropriate team can provide:

- The right level of challenge to aid development.
- More equal playing time.
- Increased confidence through greater involvement in games.
- Opportunities to build new friendships across the club.

Success at Guildford Saints is measured by player development, enjoyment, confidence and long-term participation—not by which squad a player represents.

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