



The **Surrey Youth League** is proud to promote



'Respect the Referee' Awareness Weekend **16th - 17th March 2013**

Over the weekend 16th/17th March *Don't X The Line* Campaign is working together with The Professional Football Association and the PGMOL (Professional Game Match Officials) to raise awareness of Respect in the game of football.

The Surrey Youth League has much to be proud of in supporting the FA respect programme and is the proud winner of the Bronze award last season. We have around 300 matches in the Surrey Youth League every week and in the main all matches are played in a fantastic spirit and high levels of sportsmanship. Very few of these games, less than 1% have serious issues, we want to keep it this way.

It is at this time of year when we do start to see a rise in the levels of Passion that do "Cross the Line", Promotion, Relegation - Winning is all that matters, are factors and behaviours where we see unwarranted and unnecessary abuse and complete disrespect for the referee.

If a Spectator or Manager wants to depart some aggressive wisdom to a Referee of any age, but in particular those that are 14-18 years of age, please ask yourself the following:

- **Would I want to see my child being abused as a referee?**
- **Could what I have just done be considered as "Child Abuse" - "A Child Welfare issue"?**
- **What example am I setting the Children on the pitch?**
- **The ref made a mistake - so how important is this?**
- **Will my ranting actually change the decision and or pressure the ref into making further errors?**

NO REFEREE - NO GAME

Please support this "Campaign" as a Club, Team and Individual, If you see poor behaviour confront, deal with it and have a Zero Tolerance towards it. Please make a special effort this weekend to make the Referee welcome and make sure you don't cross the line!



Barriers: A Visual Deterrent



Touchline barriers help referees to combat pitch encroachment