

FUNDAMENTAL SOCCER BILL OF RIGHTS



Welcome to the FUNdamental SOCCER 'Bill of Rights,' a set of essential guidelines designed to make soccer a positive and enjoyable experience for every young player. Did you know that around **75%** of kids quit playing soccer between the ages of 10 and 14? That's a concerning trend we aim to change.

This 'Bill of Rights' is our commitment to creating a soccer environment that keeps players engaged and helps them grow not just as athletes but as individuals. It's about fostering a love for the game and providing support for players to reach their full potential. Join us in creating a soccer community where every child feels valued, supported, and excited to play.

Article I.

Equal Opportunities:

Players, regardless of gender, race, socioeconomic background, or ability, should have equal access to soccer opportunities, facilities, and resources.

Article II.

Safe and Inclusive Environment:

Players should participate in an environment free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, or any form of abuse.

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Article III.

Access to Quality Coaching:

Players have the right to well-trained, knowledgeable, and supportive coaches who prioritize skill development, safety, and character building over winning at all costs.

Article IV.

Ability-Appropriate Competition:

Players should compete against others of similar skill levels to ensure a positive and developmentally appropriate experience.

Article V.

Balanced Schedules:

Players have the right to a balanced schedule that allows them to pursue other interests, maintain a healthy school life, and avoid burnout.

Article VI.

Input and Feedback:

Players have the right to provide input on their soccer experience and to be heard regarding their needs, concerns, and goals.

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Article VII.

Education on Sportsmanship:

Players should receive education on the Laws of the Game, sportsmanship, and the importance of fair play!

Article VIII.

Parent and Guardian Support:

Parents and guardians should provide encouragement and support without undue pressure or unrealistic expectations.

Article IX.

Financial Accessibility:

*Financial situations should not prevent any player from participating in soccer.
Financial aid or scholarships should be available when needed.*

Article X.

Rest and Recovery:

Players should have designated rest and recovery periods to prevent overtraining and injuries.