

BILL OF RIGHTS

Fort Hunt Football & Cheerleading is 100% committed to protecting our children from adult exploitation and mistreatment. However, we have not forgotten the vital role of the Parents, Coaches, Administrators and other volunteers that make Fort Hunt run. This BILL OF RIGHTS is directed at football players, cheerleaders, coaches, administrators and parents in the hope that their implementation will provide beneficial effects to all children involved in the program.

Participants have a right to...

- Participate in a safe and healthy environment.
- Be coached by someone who emphasizes fun, social interaction, and skill development over winning.
- Play in every game and receive equal possible playing time, regardless of physical ability or the relative importance of the game.
- An equal opportunity to strive for success.
- Be treated with dignity and respect by all involved.
- Be coached by someone who is supportive and patient, who takes the time to work with each player, and who allows players to make mistakes.
- Report to the coach any physical pain or emotional concerns without fear of rejection or ridicule.
- Oppose authority through appropriate channels when the foregoing principles are not met, without verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual harassment
- Any other inalienable right as provided by the United States of America.

Parents have a right to...

- Be treated with respect and common courtesy at all times.
- Be informed about team and organizational activities as soon as such information is available (within logistical limitations).
- Due process in a forum which allows a formal complaint/appeals process.
- Expect reasonable responses to reasonable requests

- Request and receive information about their child's behavior, progress and potential.
- Expect coaches to act as role models.
- Expect organization and structure.

Coaches have a right to expect Football Players and Cheerleaders to...

- Want to participate in Fort Hunt Football & Cheerleading.
- Give 100% effort at all times.
- Arrive promptly at practices and games.
- To be informed in a timely manner when a participant is going to be late or miss practice or game.
- To be immediately informed when there is an injury.

Coaches have a right to expect parents to...

- Make arrangements for transportation to and from practices and games.
- Pick up their children on time after practices and games.
- Speak up about things that are bothering them at appropriate times.
- Refrain from being unnecessarily critical about team decisions.
- Shout only positive, supportive comments at games.
- Follow the Parents Code of Conduct.