

Players' Bill of Rights



1. To play soccer

USYS and our 54 State Associations will make every effort to accommodate children's interests to participate in soccer regardless of ability, and to help them to play with peers from diverse backgrounds.

2. To play in safe and healthy environments

USYS Players have the right to play in settings free from all forms of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual), hazing, violence, and neglect.

3. To learn from qualified coaches and leaders

USYS Players have the right to play under the care of coaches and other adults who pass background checks and are trained in key development competencies.

4. To participate within developmentally appropriate play

USYS Players have a right to play at a level commensurate with their physical, mental, and emotional maturity, and their emerging athletic ability. They should be treated as young people first, athletes second.

5. To have a voice

USYS Players have the right to share their viewpoints with coaches and other team administrators, and for their insights to be incorporated into activities.

6. To have an equal opportunity for personal growth

Programs should invest equally in all players, free of discrimination based on any personal or family characteristic.

7. To be treated with dignity

USYS Players have the right to participate within environments that promote the values of sportsmanship, of respect for opponents, officials, and the game.

8. To have fun

USYS Players have the right to participate in activities they consider fun, and which foster the development of friendships and social bonds.



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