

# Soccer Players' Bill of rights

Written by medical, physical education and recreation experts. Paraphrased for soccer. Written in an attempt to protect young players from adult exploitation. The BILL OF RIGHTS is directed at coaches, leaders of soccer programs, officials and parents in the hope that their implementation will provide the beneficial effects of soccer to all players.



**Right of the opportunity to participate in soccer regardless of ability level.**

**Right to participate at a level that is commensurate with each player's developmental level.**

**Right to have qualified coaches.**

**Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.**

**Right of each child to share in the leadership and decision-making of their soccer participation.**

**Right to play as a child and not as an adult.**

**Right to proper preparation for participation in soccer.**

**Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.**

**Right to be treated with dignity by all involved.**

**Right to have FUN through soccer!**

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