

## **Fort Hunt Rugby Bill of Rights**

This Bill of Rights is for all Fort Hunt Rugby players, coaches, administrators and parents/spectators, to benefit all involved in our program.

### **Fort Hunt Rugby players have a right to:**

- Train in and play rugby matches in a safe, healthy, supportive environment.
- Be coached by experienced, technically qualified and organizationally certified adults who emphasize fun, social interaction, sportsmanship, teamwork and skill development over winning.
- Be coached by adults who are supportive and patient, who take the time to work with each player, and who allow players to make mistakes.
- Play in regularly scheduled matches, regardless of playing ability.
- An equal opportunity to strive for success.
- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Report to any coach or administrator any physical pain, emotional concerns or questions without fear of rejection or ridicule.
- Oppose team and club authority through appropriate channels when any of these principles are not met.
- To hold the coaching staff to the Fort Hunt Rugby Coaches Code of Conduct.

### **Fort Hunt Rugby 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.
- Due process in a formalized forum which allows a complaint/appeals process.
- Expect reasonable responses to reasonable requests.
- Request and receive direct and accurate information at any time about their player's behavior, progress and potential.
- Expect coaches to act with maturity and judgment, and to act as role models.
- Expect organization and structure, and to hold the coaching staff to the Fort Hunt Rugby Coaches Code of Conduct.

### **Fort Hunt Rugby spectators have a right to:**

- Enjoy a rugby event in a healthy, safe, supportive and enjoyable environment.
- Receive information from the club about club events and matches.
- Ask questions freely of coaches and officials.

### **Coaches have a right to expect Fort Hunt Rugby players to:**

- Eagerly participate in all Fort Hunt Rugby training and matches.
- Dedicate themselves to their team and their teammates.
- Pay attention to and give respect to the coaching staff and officials in training and in matches.
- Arrive on time to practices and games, and arrange for timely departure upon completion.
- Provide timely notice when a player cannot attend a match.
- Inform the coaching staff immediately when there is a real or suspected injury.
- Follow the Fort Hunt Rugby Players' Code of Conduct.

### **Coaches have a right to expect parents and spectators to:**

- Volunteer eagerly for the benefit of the team or club.
- Provide transportation to and from training and matches, for their player and others.
- Pick up their player(s) on time after training and matches.
- Speak up directly and with maturity and courtesy about things that are bothering them.
- Be supportive of all players, regardless of their performance, and refrain from being critical or abusive toward opposing players, coaches or referees.
- Offer only positive, supportive comments at games.
- Follow the Fort Hunt Rugby Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct.