



HUTTO YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER ASSOCIATION

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Due to the nature of the sport, attendance is essential to the success of the team and the safety of *all* players on the field. Coaches are consistently implementing new formations and plays throughout the season in addition to adjusting player's positions to increase the chances of a successful season. If players are absent from practices, it can have a negative impact on their safety, personal success, growth, and abilities on the field, as well as the teams. For these reasons, attendance is mandatory at all practices.

We understand things may come up during the season such as illness, family emergencies, travel, etc., but we still have to ensure that both the player's and team's safety and success are at the forefront. The *only* exception to the attendance policy will be for school functions that have been discussed with and approved by the head coach in advance. Youth football is a fantastic sport, but we as a league feel that education comes first. Parents and players should not have to choose between school functions and play time on the field.

To ensure that the attendance policy is adhered to by *all* players and coaches, head coaches will maintain an attendance record. If any players are absent during practices, the head coaches will notify the Field Operations Coordinator during their last scheduled practice of the week and update the MPR sheets as required for the upcoming game. For each practice missed, a player will not have their MPR met in one quarter. *Example: If a player misses one practice, the player will not receive their MPR in first quarter of game. If two or more practices are missed, players will not receive their MPR in the first half of the game.*

The attendance policy will go into effect the week prior to the second game of the season and remain until the completion of the season. The attendance policy *will not* affect any players MPR in the second half of the game. All players will receive, *at minimum*, their full MPR plays in the second half of the game. For additional details regarding MPR, please refer to the Mandatory Play Rule section of our Policies and Procedures.