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HTB Playing Time Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and fairness regarding playing time during games while encouraging consistent attendance, effort, and commitment to the team.

Minimum Playing Time

- HTB guarantees that, under normal circumstances, **every player will receive a minimum of 4 minutes of playing time per half** during games.
 - Playoff games - during playoff games the minimum playing time is 4 minutes **per game** and up to the coaches discretion for when those 4 minutes are played.*
- This ensures that all players have meaningful opportunities to participate and develop their skills in game situations.

Attendance & Commitment

- Practice Attendance is Mandatory:** Players are expected to attend all scheduled practices unless excused in advance.
- Impact of Missed Practices:**
 - Playing time may be reduced or adjusted if a player misses practice without prior notice or a valid reason.
 - Effort, engagement, and commitment during practices are considered when determining game playing time.

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Notice for Absences

- If a player will miss a practice, they must **inform their coach at least 2 hours prior** to the scheduled start of practice.
- If a player will miss a game, they must **inform their coach at least 2 hours prior** to the scheduled start of game but when possible let the coach know prior to the day of the game.
- Proper notice allows coaches to plan effectively and ensures fairness for all players.

Exceptions & Discretion

- Coaches maintain discretion to adjust playing time for reasons including, but not limited to:
 - Safety concerns (injury, illness, or fatigue)
 - Behavioral issues or violations of team rules
 - Extraordinary circumstances approved by the Program Director

Enforcement

- Coaches are responsible for tracking attendance and ensuring playing time is allocated fairly in accordance with this policy.
- Any concerns or disputes regarding playing time should be directed respectfully to the coach first, then escalated to the Program Director if unresolved.

This policy balances **equal opportunity** with **accountability**, reinforcing that commitment to practice and team responsibilities is just as important as performance in games.

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