

Committee: National Football League
Topic 3: Players and Criminal Offences
Team: Buffalo Bills

In the past decade and the world today sports are thriving more than ever before and becoming advanced rather quickly. In any sport all athletes have one thing in common, the desire and longing to win, a result of this are athletes progressing more towards performance enhancing steroids. Players are engaged in more criminal activities and the use of illegal substances. More and more incidents are arising about NFL athletes abusing these substances, 10 to 40 percent of athletes in the NFL are utilizing HGH (Human Growth Hormone). Substance abuse in the NFL is a very popular and well known commodity amongst these athletes. Although performance enhancing drugs are an immense illegal aspect of the NFL it is not the only one. A great deal of players are also associated with domestic and sexual violence. There have been many cases of players being charged with domestic violence. As of 2016 there have been 44 cases related to sexual and physical assault. The league is very stringent in relation to these problems, but as long as these athletes have the longing for their bodies to perform above the expected level of performance and the engagement in violence, the utilization of these drugs and occurrence of criminal offences will rise.

The Buffalo Bills are a professional team in the NFL located in the Niagara Falls-Buffalo metropolitan area. The Buffalo Bills Club was established in 1960 by Ralph Wilson, which was 56 years ago and has been competing in the NFL since 1970 which was about 46 years ago. The Bills home stadium is located in Orchard Park, New York at New Era Field. The Bills have been successful in previous years being the only team ever to win four consecutive conference championships. Unfortunately and sad to say the Bills have had more failure than success being the only team to lose four consecutive super bowls. The Buffalo Bills are the only team in the NFL that have not appeared in the playoffs or have even been qualified to play, making them have the longest playoff drought ever.

As I mentioned earlier, the largest illegal aspect of the NFL are performance enhancing drugs. These PED's (Performance Enhancing Drugs) benefit the players while performing, but in the long run generate many pessimistic effects to the athletes well being. There are a handful of different PED's such as anabolic steroids, human growth hormone, stimulants, and lastly diuretics. The NFL does have a substance abuse policy, the policy addresses the utilization of abusing over the counter drugs and prescription drugs.

The NFL has record of 833 player arrests since 2000. Out of the 883 arrests prior and current Buffalo Bill players are responsible for 19 of them as of 2016. The Buffalo Bills are 1 out of the 32 teams in the NFL and held accountable for only 19 arrests since 2000 which is relatively low in comparison to a lot of the other NFL teams such as the Minnesota Vikings which is the team with the most arrests. The former and current Minnesota Vikings players are accountable for 49 arrests since 2000.

The Buffalo Bills is a club that supports all views and believes in great sportsmanship. The Bills look forward to cooperating with other NFL franchises to develop a solution to reduce criminal offences such as the abuse of substances to increase performance levels and domestic violence, a matter that the Buffalo Bills strongly oppose.

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