

# High School & Olympic Development Program (ODP) Relationship to BHFC

## Purpose:

To establish a working relationship between all three programs and to provide guidelines for parents, players, and BHFC coaches when activities between programs conflict.

## Policy:

BHFC recognizes the practical, social, and political importance of all programs for the soccer community within District 7. As such, BHFC understands that occasionally these programs may conflict with each other. BHFC supports both High School Soccer programs and the Olympic Development Program.

**School Soccer:** BHFC supports the local school soccer programs and recognizes their short-term influence. BHFC also understands that scheduling conflicts may arise which impact the BHFC program. Since the school season is short-term, under normal circumstances, school soccer activities take precedence over BHFC activities.

**Olympic Development Program (ODP):** BHFC also recognizes and supports ODP activities. As with school soccer, BHFC understands that scheduling conflicts may arise, which again impact the BHFC program. ODP activities also take precedence over BHFC program activities.

## Procedure:

Occasionally there may be a situation where a BHFC coach may want a player to attend a BHFC program activity which conflicts with either school soccer or ODP soccer. Should this situation occur, the following procedure must be followed:

1. The BHFC coach must gather all information necessary and present the case to the BHFC Coaching Director (CD). The CD will then contact either the 2nd VP/Director of Teams, or the Club President, for comment and/or approval. This contact will serve twofold: consensus and communication within the Club.
2. If the CD and Board Representative agree with the request, the respective BHFC coach must contact the school and/or ODP coach, and explain the situation. BHFC must receive support from the respective school or ODP coach. If the request is granted, then the player will be excused from their obligation for that time. If request is not granted, the player should support their school or ODP activity.

At no time will a player's obligation to school or ODP soccer be compromised. Players should not be asked to "decide" between BHFC or other activities, directly or indirectly. These decisions will be made by the player and his/her respective family, not by BHFC.