

Subject: **Player Fee Reduction Due to Injuries/Illness**

Purpose: Serious injuries or illnesses to players sometimes occur which result in a player not being able to participate in practices and games for an extended period of time. These players are welcome to attend team practices and games as observers, and are still encouraged to participate in other Club activities that do not require physical activity (picnics, pot-lucks, player education seminars, etc.).

However, the Club recognizes that a player who cannot participate in practices and games due to a serious injury or illness does not receive a major service that the Club provides that is covered by the player's program fee. Therefore the following policy has been established. This policy is designed to recognize the loss of Club services that the player incurs due to a serious injury or illness while still allowing the Club to support the costs of that player not directly related to practices and games.

Policy: Players who suffer a serious injury and, under a Doctor's order, cannot participate in practices or games for a period of 28 consecutive days (4 weeks) or more are eligible for a reduction in their program fee.

Procedure: The Second Vice President, Director of Teams, must be notified of the injury or illness with a signed and dated Doctor's note verifying that the player has been directed not to participate in heavy physical activity. The player must be unable to participate in games or practices for a minimum of 28 consecutive days (4 weeks). A Doctor's clearance for the player to begin practicing again is required prior to the player participating in any practices or games. This clearance must be shown to the Director of Teams prior to the player participating in any practices or games.

The player will be eligible to receive a discount to the total program fee calculated as follows:

Short-term Injury/Illness Absences: This fee reduction applies to players who miss from 4 weeks (28 days) up to 8 weeks (56 days) of practices and games due to injury or illness. It is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Total Player Program Fee} \times \frac{\text{Number of weeks of practices and games missed due to injury}}{52 \text{ weeks in the season}} \times 50\%$$

Long-term Injury/Illness Absences: This fee reduction applies to players who miss more than 8 weeks (56 days) of practices and games due to injury or illness. It is calculated as follows

$$\text{Total Player Program Fee} \times \frac{\text{Number of weeks of practices and games missed due to injury}}{52 \text{ weeks in the season}} \times 80\%$$

To qualify for a reduction in the program fee, an extended injury/illness report form must be filled out and signed by both the parent and Director of Teams and submitted to the BHFC Treasurer. (Form provided at the back of this manual.)

Example: A U13 boy suffers an injury which requires him to miss 12 consecutive weeks of practices and games. His program fee is \$615.00. His fee reduction would be:

$$\mathbf{\$615.00 \times \frac{12}{52} \times 80\% = \$113.54}$$

or his new total program fee for the year would be \$615.00 – \$113.54 or \$501.46.



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EXTENDED INJURY REPORT FORM

Player's Name: _____

Age Group|Gender: _____

Team Coach: _____

Date of Injury: _____

Nature of Injury: _____

Physician: _____

Date of Doctor's Approval to Resume Practice: _____

Signatures:

Parent: _____

Director of Teams: _____