



Affiliation Procedure

The use of Affiliates serves two purposes:

1. To provide players to replace those unable to play due to injury, sickness or non-team suspension only.
2. To provide an opportunity for the affiliate players to gain exposure and experience at the higher level of competition.

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE AFFILIATION PROCESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- a) Affiliation paths will be determined at the commencement of each season taking into account relevant circumstances of the time (see appendix A). All Affiliate players **MUST BE** filed with **Hockey Alberta** by December 15 of each year.
- b) The coach of an affiliate player is expected to agree to the use of the affiliated player any time it does not interfere with a scheduled game of the players team (games on the same day may be defined as to be interfering). Permission must be obtained from the coach of the affiliate player for each game the affiliate player is to play. Email confirmation will suffice, and will need to be cc'd to the Division Director, VP of Programs and the Operations Manager. If the coach is unavailable, the director should be contacted and they may give approval after consultation with the Affiliated Player if a Team Official cannot be contacted. Any conflicts in this area should be brought immediately to the attention of the Director and the O.M.H.A. VP Programs and VP of Development for prompt resolution.
- c) Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated player may play with the Hockey team to which the player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated player play more than 10 games with the Hockey team to which he is affiliated, he shall be considered an 'ineligible player'. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the affiliated team the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- d) Only properly affiliated players can be used in League, Playoff, Provincial, Tournament or exhibition games covered under Hockey Alberta rules. Regular league games, league playoff games, Provincial Playdown games and Provincial Tournament games are considered "counters" when determining the number of games played as an "affiliated player". Tournament and Exhibition games do not count as games played when determining "affiliated" status.
- e) Appearance of an Affiliated Players name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game. Such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report with "AP" beside their name.
- f) Teams will be allowed to call up an affiliated player only when they are short of their regular roster number. Coaches will be allowed to bring up affiliates, but only to replace injured, sick or "non-team



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suspended” players and the coach will not be allowed to exceed his regular number of allowed players.

- g) Exceptional circumstances not covered in this section are to be referred to the O.M.H.A. VP of Programs for Consent

Novice Affiliation

The principle of affiliation at the Novice category is to provide for replacement players when regular team players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The following rules will apply:

- a) Affiliated Players may only be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players.
- b) Only team to team method of affiliation is allowed. Affiliations must be from a lower tier within the LMHA, except, where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced) the teams MAY affiliate with another equal novice team.
- c) If an individual player on a team is affiliated to an Atom or higher team in accordance with HA regulations, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a team to team affiliation agreement with any team and must be added to the Teams in the Registry by December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- d) An Affiliated Novice Player may not play more than five (5) games with the affiliated team in the current Hockey Season (excluding exhibition and tournament games).

Female Affiliation (New for 2013-2014)

Female Players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may **be permitted to** affiliate to Female Teams, **upon** consideration of application to the HA Female Representatives in consultation with the HA Minor Council Zone Representative.



Appendix A

Team to Team Affiliation will be as follows:

Midget Tier 2	To	Midget Tier 1
Midget Tier 3	To	Midget Tier 2
Midget Tier 4	To	Midget Tier 3
Bantam Tier 1	To	Midget Tier 4
Bantam Tier 2	To	Bantam Tier 1
Bantam Tier 3	To	Bantam Tier 2
Bantam Tier 4A	To	Bantam Tier 3
Bantam Tier 4B	To	Bantam Tier 4A
Pewee Tier 1	To	Bantam Tier 4B
Pewee Tier 2A	To	Pewee Tier 1
Pewee Tier 2B	To	Pewee Tier 2A
Pewee Tier 3	To	Pewee Tier 2B
Pewee Tier 4	To	Pewee Tier 3
Pewee Tier 5A	To	Pewee Tier 4
Pewee Tier 5B	To	Pewee Tier 5A
Atom Tier 1	To	Pewee Tier 5B
Atom Tier 2A	To	Atom Tier 1
Atom Tier 2B	To	Atom Tier 2A
Atom Tier 3	To	Atom Tier 2B
Atom Tier 4	To	Atom Tier 3
Novice Tier 1A	To	Atom Tier 4
Novice Tier 1B	To	Novice Tier 1A