



AFFILIATE PLAYER RULE (AP PLAYERS)

Definitions:

An affiliated player refers to a player on a team that is asked/requested to play in a senior division to the one they regularly play in to complete a team who is short regular roster players due to injury, prior commitments, or other reason.

"Playing Up" or "Call Up" refers to an affiliate player that has been requested by a senior division team to play a league game for them, due to a player shortage.

As SMBHA has tiered and non-tiered divisions, the following shall apply:

- a) Minor division team AP any registered Pee wee division player;
- b) For divisions senior to Minor, a Mountain Tier team is permitted to AP a player from the same division Pacific Tier teams, or the next lower division, either in Mountain Tier or Pacific Tier;

Example: Junior Mountain Tier team can AP from Junior Pacific Tier , Major Mountain Tier or Major Pacific Tier.

- c) Pacific Tier teams can AP a player from the lower division Pacific Tier team or with authorization from the Technical Director of Coaching from the lower division Mountain Tier team (the Technical Director of Coaching will use his discretion to determine if the Mountain Tier player is allowed to AP and has the ability to bar the player from being an AP for future senior Pacific Tier teams);

Example: Junior Pacific Tier can AP from Major Pacific Tier.

All players shall be eligible as an Affiliate Player for the purpose of this policy.



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Affiliate Player Rules

If there is a conflict between the affiliate player's regular team and the team trying to AP, the player's regular team has priority.

- a) If a team expects to be down to twelve (12) active players or less, excluding the goaltender, prior to the commencement of a game, the team can arrange to AP enough players to ensure they have at least twelve (12) active players and at most (13) active players. Players that have notified coaching staff that they will be a late arrival for the game **shall be considered an active player**.

With the exception of the Peanut division, a goalie is not classified as a runner and therefore can be called up for any game providing the team's regular or designated backup goalie is not available for the game. At no time can the team's roster size exceed their league posted roster, excluding APs (typically 16, except for Junior that is 17 or 18).

- b) Teams may not affiliate runners during playoffs but a goalie may be called up providing they meet the following conditions:
 - a. A team may only call up an affiliate goalie during playoffs, due to the injury of the team's designated goalie, and there is no other player on the team's active roster that has played in goal in three or more games (whole or in part) during the regular season. Calling up a goalie renders the team's designated goalie ineligible for remaining playoff games, as a player.
 - b. In circumstances where the criteria can't be met but there is a legitimate reason to call up a goaltender, a request can be submitted in writing in advance to: Association President, Association Vice-President and Technical Director of Coaching. The request should outline the circumstances. Each request will be reviewed individually and a decision made, the Association's decision is final.



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- c) General Rules for Affiliating a Player or Goalie:
- a. Teams are required to inform the following individuals (via email) prior to the commencement of the game the player / goalie is being called up for:
 - i. 2nd Vice President and Technical Director of Coaching;
 - ii. Head Coach (of the AP player); and,
 - iii. The Parents (of the AP player).
 - b. The following information (at a minimum) must be included in the email message:
 - i. Name of the individual that was called up; and,
 - ii. The game number, time of game and division the player will be participating in.
 - c. If the coaching staff do not have any contact information or knowledge of eligible players, they are to contact the Technical Director of Coaching (via email) and request his recommendations of eligible players.
- d) A player (including goalies in applicable divisions only) may not be affiliated for more than three (3) games per team in a single season. Once a player has been affiliated for three (3) games for a particular team, he or she is ineligible to play for that team for the remainder of the season. Team coach, team manager and player parents are responsible for tracking the teams and number of games a player is called up for. If there is a circumstance where there is a legitimate reason to exceed the three (3) game maximum per team, a request can be submitted in writing in advance to: Association Vice-President and Technical Director of Coaching. The request should outline the circumstances. Each request will be reviewed individually and a decision made, the Association's decision is final. The association will track AP players via submitted score sheets.
- e) The score sheet must reflect the AP by indicating "AP" to the left of the player's name on the team's roster. **Example:** (AP) John Doe.
- f) Failure to comply: Where a team fails to fulfill these requirements, the game(s) shall be considered forfeited, and any points awarded shall be deducted from the team record. In addition, the association reserves the right to apply disciplinary actions against the team coach for violation of this policy.