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|  | Title         | Affiliation Policy  |
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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

### ***Hockey Alberta Bylaw and Regulations Section B – Minor Hockey 7.17 & 7.18:***

- 7.17 *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 Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an “Ineligible Player” for the affiliated team. However, if the player’s registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player’s affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.*
- 7.18 *Appearance of an Affiliate Player's 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 and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report. All Affiliated Players being used in a game must be marked “AP” on the game record.*

## 2.0 POLICY

The goal of this policy is to have teams communicate and work together with the affiliation process. This will allow our players the best opportunity for growth and development, without being detrimental to other teams. If coaches are not following this process or denying requests, AMHA will have to step in to make decisions regarding affiliation requests. In the event that a Head Coach or Team Manager is unable to be reached, the Division Coordinator will make a decision regarding the affiliation process.

## 3.0 PROCESS

Once players have been officially added to the teams Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) roster, the following guidelines will be observed to aid the process:

- 3.1 Head Coach (HC) contacts their Team Manager (TM) indicating they require affiliates for the next game(s).

- 3.2 That TM then contacts the affiliate players (AP) TM requesting an affiliate player.
- 3.3 Affiliate TM gives the AP contact information to the requesting TM.
- 3.4 The HC or TM of the requesting affiliates team then contacts the APs parents to ask them if the AP can play for them.
- 3.5 The AP then decides yes or no.
  - 3.5.1 If yes, the TM informs the APs HC when the AP will be playing for the higher team to determine if the lower team will require an AP if they have a conflicting game.
    - 3.5.1.1 It is imperative that the HC give the player the opportunity to say yes or no.
    - 3.5.1.2 It is not the HCs decision, as it is an opportunity for the player to get some higher-level experience and the HC should not get in the way of that.
    - 3.5.1.3 Only in extreme circumstances will the HC be able to stop the AP movement from happening.
  - 3.5.2 If no, then the TM informs the higher Teams TM that the AP is not available and finds out if they would like to use a different AP from their team, and then the TM goes back to step 3.3.

#### 4.0 WHO CAN AFFILIATE TO WHO

- 4.1 Competitive  
*U18, U17, U16, U15, U13 and U11*

Competitive – AEHL (AAA), SCAHL (AA) and CAHL\* team’s please review and understand the specific league regulations regarding Affiliates.

*\*CAHL – Affiliates will be added after tiering rounds unless special circumstances.*

Female teams - please review and understand the specific AFHL and RMFHL affiliation regulations. If affiliating a female player from a coed team, a cross stream affiliation form is required.

#### **U18**

- U18 AAA ← selected players from U18 AA and/or U17 AAA
- U18 AA ← selected players from U18 Tier 1 and U16 AA
- U18 Tier 1 ← U18 Tier 3
- U18 Tier 3 ← U16 Tier 1 and/or up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U18 RHL

#### **U17**

- U17 AAA ← selected players from U18 AA, U16 AA and/or U15 AAA

#### **U16**

- U16 AA ← selected players aged 15 from U16 Tier 1 and/or U15 AAA

## U15

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| U15 AAA    | ← selected players from U15 AA     |
| U15 AA     | ← selected players from U15 Tier 1 |
| U15 Tier 1 | ← U15 Tier 3                       |
| U15 Tier 3 | ← U15 Tier 4                       |
| U15 Tier 4 | ← U15 Tier 5                       |
| U15 Tier 5 | ← Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U15 RHL    |

## U13

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| U13 AA     | ← selected players from U13 Tier 1 |
| U13 Tier 1 | ← U13 Tier 2                       |
| U13 Tier 2 | ← U13 Tier 3                       |
| U13 Tier 3 | ← U13 Tier 4                       |
| U13 Tier 4 | ← U13 Tier 5                       |
| U13 Tier 5 | ← UP to 3F, 2D, 2G from U13 RHL    |

## U11

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| U11 HADP   | ← U11 Tier 1  |
| U11 Tier 1 | ← U11 Tier 2  |
| U11 Tier 2 | ← U11 Tier 3  |
| U11 Tier 3 | ← U11 Tier 4  |
| U11 Tier 4 | ← UP to 3F, 2D, 2G from U11 City Blue<br>(U9 up to 5 players to U11 on an exception basis.) |

## FEMALE

Female AFHL and RMFHL teams can affiliate players from the lower female team, as well as female players playing on a Minor Male hockey team may be permitted to affiliate to a female team, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator and once approved the applicable form completed.

## U9

No affiliation in U9

## U7

No affiliation in U7 however teams may contact their division coordinator to borrow a player for tournaments or exhibition games. Borrowing of players may only be done blue to blue and red to red divisions.

### 4.2 RHL/CITY LEAGUE U18, U15, U13 and U11

Follow the Rockies Hockey League Affiliation rules. Based on the number of teams each season these plans may change annually.

The office staff will divide lower team players and goalies between the next higher teams.

U18 RHL ← U15 RHL Blue  
U15 RHL Blue ← U15 RHL Red  
U15 RHL Red ← U13 RHL Blue  
U13 RHL Blue ← U13 RHL Red  
U13 RHL Red ← U11 City Blue  
U11 City Blue ← U11 City Red  
U11 City Red – no affiliates allowed

## 5.0 AFFILIATION REMINDERS

- 5.1 AAA and AA affiliates are required to complete the mandatory 'Named Player Affiliation Form' and submit it to the AMHA office for HA approval prior to playing any games.
- 5.2 Players can only be affiliated to one team, with the exception of AAA players that could be affiliated to both a Major Junior team and either a Junior A or Junior B team in the same season.
- 5.3 Head Coaches and Team Managers MUST make sure their affiliate players are properly rostered prior to playing your affiliate player(s) and notify the league CAHL or RHL prior to using them the first time so that they can get entered into the system.
  - 5.3.1 Playing ineligible players will result in a suspension of the Head Coach by Hockey Alberta.
  - 5.3.2 Minimum FOUR (4) Game Suspension for the Head Coach.
- 5.4 Players cannot choose the team they want to affiliate to.