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1.0 OVERVIEW

This policy will help AMHA and its teams to understand what affiliation is, how it can help their team and the process involved to get an affiliate and how to use them.

The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to replace players when their regular players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable.

[Please refer to the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Section 7 for the full details on Affiliation.](#) and the new Supplementation - [Affiliation Chart 2023](#) for AAA and AA teams as AMHA will be using the policy below for CAHL, RMFHL and RHL.

2.0 AMHA POLICY

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended players.
Exceptions for AAA and AA, and for the specific exceptions laid out in the HA Bylaws section 7.7 attached above.
- 2.3 Affiliated players will only be permitted to affiliate to one team during the season, with the exception of AAA and AA teams and teams with goaltender shortages.

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 the 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 Team's 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 AAA and AA

U18, U17, U16, U15 and U13

See new Hockey Alberta [Affiliation Chart 2023](#) where players can affiliate to multiple higher teams.

Also make sure to review any specific league rules for AEHL, AFHL and SCAHL.

The HC of the higher team will select their APs and notify the office staff to add them to their HCR roster. They can add a maximum of APs as the number of players on their roster. (i.e. 17 players and 2 goalies on roster, a team can add 17 player APs and 2 goalie APs)

NOTE: AMHA will only be allowing a player to AP to a maximum of 3 different higher

teams.

Players may play up to a maximum of ten (10) games for each team they are affiliated to, unless stated otherwise in the HA AP Chart.

Females playing in Mainstream hockey are eligible to apply for affiliation in the Female Stream through the Cross Stream Application Process.
([Cross Stream Affiliation Process](#) - required prior to affiliation)

4.2 Competitive

U18, U16, U15, U13 and U11

CAHL Teams – team's please review and understand the specific CAHL regulations regarding Affiliates. Note that affiliates will only be added after tiering round unless special circumstances. If a HC wants to affiliate a female player from the RMFHL they will need to discuss with the Coordinator prior to the team to team affiliation and complete the Hockey Alberta [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

Female teams - please review and understand the specific RMFHL affiliation regulations. If affiliating a female player from a mixed team, a Hockey Alberta [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#) is required.

In the event that CAHL or RMFHL teams only have one goalie and the team below also only has one goalie we may make exceptions to allow a goalie to be affiliated to more than one team as per the [2023 HA Affiliation Chart](#). These exceptions will need to be done prior to us doing the full affiliation team to team process.

For example: U13 Tier 4 only has 1 goalie, so U13 Tier 3 will be short an AP goalie so they can choose another goalie based on the chart and HA Bylaws Section 7.4.

Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL Teams)

U18

U18 Tier 1 ←U18 Tier 3 team affiliation
U18 Tier 3 ←U16 Tier 1 with league approval
←Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U18 RHL that tried out for CAHL and ranked the highest in evaluations

U16

U16 Tier 1 ←U15 Tier 1 team affiliation

U15

U15 Tier 1 ←U15 Tier 2 team affiliation
U15 Tier 2 ←U15 Tier 3-R (half of the team that ranked highest in evaluations) and U15 Tier 3-W (half of the team that ranked highest in evaluations)
U15 Tier 3-R ←Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U15 RHL that tried out for CAHL, will be

divided equally between both Tier 3 teams based on highest ranking in evaluations

U15 Tier 3-W ←Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U15 RHL that tried out for CAHL, will be divided equally between both Tier 3 teams based on highest ranking in evaluations

U13

U13 Tier 1 ←U13 Tier 2 team affiliation

U13 Tier 2 ←U13 Tier 3 team affiliation

U13 Tier 3 ←U13 Tier 4 team affiliation

U13 Tier 4 ←U13 Tier 5 team affiliation

U13 Tier 5 ←UP to 3F, 2D, 2G from U13 RHL that tried out for CAHL and ranked the highest in evaluations

U11

U11 HADP ←U11 Tier 2 team affiliation

U11 Tier 2 ←U11 Tier 3 team affiliation

U11 Tier 3 ←U11 Tier 4 team affiliation

U11 Tier 4 ←U11 Tier 5 team affiliation

U11 Tier 5 ←UP to 5P, 2G from U11 RHL that tried out for CAHL and ranked the highest in evaluations and on an exception basis we could affiliate up to 5 - U9 players based on high evaluation scores.

Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)

U18 Female

U18 Female Tier 1 ←selected players from U15 Female Tier 1 and/or female players from CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

U15 Female

U15 Female Tier 1 ←U15 Female Tier 2-R (half of the team that ranked highest in evaluations) and U15 Female Tier 2-W (half of the team that ranked highest in evaluations) and/or female players from CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

U15 Female Tier 2-R ←Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U13 Female Tier 1, will be divided equally between both Female Tier 2 teams based on highest ranking in evaluations and/or female players from U15 CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

U15 Female Tier 2-W ←Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U13 Female Tier 1, will be divided equally between both Female Tier 2 teams based on highest ranking in evaluations and/or female players from U15 CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

U13 Female

U13 Female Tier 1 ←selected players from U11 Female Tier 1 and/or female players from CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).

U11 Female

U11 Female Tier 1 ←Female players from U11 CAHL or RHL who have been approved using the [Cross Stream Affiliation process](#).
←On exception, selected players from U9 Female team

4.2 House/City League

U18, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7

RHL Teams – team's please review and understand the specific RHL regulations regarding Affiliates. Note that affiliates will only be added after tiering rounds unless special circumstances.

The office staff will create a spreadsheet of all players in RHL for the City Director and each RHL Divisional Coordinator to go through and work with their coaches to select 3F, 2D and 1 G (if enough) to affiliate to the teams.

Rockies Hockey League (RHL)

U18 RHL Blue ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U18 RHL Red
U18 RHL Red ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U15 RHL Blue
U15 RHL Blue ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U15 RHL Red
U15 RHL Red ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U13 RHL Blue
U13 RHL Blue ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U13 RHL Red
U13 RHL Red ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U11 RHL Blue
U11 RHL Blue ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U11 RHL Red
U11 RHL Red ←UP to 3F, 2D, and 1G from U9 RHL Blue

City League

U9

No affiliation in U9 however teams may contact their division coordinator to borrow players for tournaments or exhibition games in extreme circumstances. (i.e. very low team numbers due to illness so that they can still go to a tournament) Borrowing of players may only be done in Blue to Blue and Red to Red divisions.

U7

No affiliation in U7 however teams may contact their division coordinator to borrow players for tournaments or exhibition games in extreme circumstances (i.e. very low team numbers due to illness so that they can still go to a tournament). Borrowing of players may only be done in Blue to Blue and Red to Red divisions.

5.0 AFFILIATION REMINDERS

- 5.1 Head Coaches for AAA and AA teams will need to select their affiliates and notify the AMHA office to add them to their teams. The office will keep a record to ensure that no players are affiliated to more teams than the new Hockey Alberta Affiliation rules allow. As per Hockey Alberta Memorandum 06 2023-24 sent on October 6, 2023, the Named Player Affiliation form is no longer required for our AAA or AA APs. There are some exceptions listed in the memo in regards to U18 AAA Female Affiliation, Junior Female hockey and Senior Hockey.
- 5.2 For CAHL, RMFHL and RHL Players AMHA will only be affiliated players to one team, with the exception of a goalie shortage we may affiliate goalies to more than one higher team.
- 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 leagues 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.