

	Title	Affiliation Policy
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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

### ***Hockey Alberta Bylaw and Regulations Section B – Minor Hockey 7.8 & 7.9:***

- 7.8 *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”. 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.*
- 7.9 *Appearance of a registered 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.*

*Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games are excluded from the number of games referred to in Regulation 7.8.*

## 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  
*U11 (Atom), U13 (PeeWee), U15 (Bantam), U16 (Midget 15) and U18 (Midget)*

Competitive – AMHL, AMMHL and AMBHL (AAA), SCAHL (AA) and CAHL\* team's please review and understand the specific league regulations.

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

Female teams - please review and understand the specific RMFHL affiliation regulations.

#### U18 (Midget)

U16 AAA Minor and U18 AA selected players to U18 AAA Major  
 U18 Tier 1 (selected players) and U16 AAA Minor (selected players) to U18 AA  
 U18 Tier 3 to U18 Tier 1  
 U18 Tier 4 to U18 Tier 3  
 Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U18 City to U18 Tier 4

#### U16 (Midget 15)

U15 AAA (selected players) and U16 AA (selected players) to U16 AAA Minor  
 U15 AAA (selected players) and U16 Tier (selected players) to U16 AA  
 U15 AA (selected players) and U15 AAA (selected players) to U16 Tier team

### U15 (Bantam)

U15 AA selected players to U15 AAA  
U15 Tier 1 (selected players) to U15 AA  
U15 Tier 3 to U15 Tier 1  
U15 Tier 4 to U15 Tier 3  
U15 Tier 5 to U15 Tier 4  
Up to 3F, 2D, 2G from U15 City to U15 Tier 5

### U13 (PeeWee)

U13 Tier 1 selected players to U13 AA RED  
U13 Tier 1 selected players to U13 AA WHITE  
U13 Tier 3 to Pee Wee Tier 1  
U13 Tier 4 to Pee Wee Tier 3  
Pee Wee Tier 5 to Pee Wee Tier 4  
UP to 3F, 2D, 2G from Pee Wee City to Pee Wee Tier 5

### U11 (Atom)

U11 Tier 3 to U11 Tier 1  
U11 Tier 4 to U11 Tier 3  
U11 Tier 5 to U11 Tier 4  
Up to 3F, 3D, 2G from U11 City Blue to U11 Tier 5  
*(U9 up to 5 players to U11 on an exception basis.)*

### 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.

### FEMALE

This will be communicated to teams via the Female Director (if required).

## 4.2 CITY LEAGUE

*U11 (Atom), U13 (PeeWee), U15 (Bantam) and U18 (Midget)*

Follow the Rockies Hockey League Affiliation rules.

Based on the number of teams each season these plans may change annually.

U15 City Blue to U18 City (the office staff will divide U15 City Blue players and goalies between the 4 - U18 City teams and inform the teams which players are their Affiliates)

U15 City 1 Red to U15 City Blue 1  
U15 City 2 Red to U15 City Blue 2

U13 City Blue to U15 City Red (the office staff will divide the U13 City Blue players and goalies between the 3 - U15 City Red Teams)

U13 City Purple to U13 City Blue (the office staff will divide U13 City Purple players and goalies between the 3 - U13 City Blue teams and inform the teams which players are their affiliates)

U13 City Red to U13 City Purple (the office staff will divide the U13 City Red players and goalies between the 4 - U13 City Purple teams and inform the teams which players are their affiliates)

U11 City Blue to U13 City Red (15 U11 Blue players will be divided between the 3 - U13 City Red teams)

U11 City Red to U11 City Blue (the office staff will divide U11 City Red players and goalies and inform the U11 City Blue teams which players are their affiliates)

Note: U11 City Red will have no affiliates.

## 5.0 AFFILIATION REMINDERS

- 5.1 AAA and AA affiliates are required to complete the mandatory 'Named Player Affiliation Form' 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.