



Affiliation Policy

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1. PURPOSE

Player affiliation allows an association to create a team where there are not enough players for a viable team and allows a team to replace absent, sick, injured, or suspended players **on a game-by-game basis**. The purpose of player affiliation is team/game viability, not player development.

1.1. SCOPE

All Airdrie Ringette Association teams may affiliate players who are also registered within our association and Ringette Alberta. Associations must affiliate suitable players, as defined in the Ringette Alberta's Player Affiliation Policy (section 5.4.1). Associations must affiliate from their own association before affiliating players from another source. If any discrepancy is found between the ARA policy and RAB policy, the RAB policy shall take precedence.

1.2. PRINCIPLES

- All player affiliation within ARA must comply with Ringette Alberta policies and guidelines.
- Affiliate players will be determined by evaluation results and assigned according to the table in Section 1.5. The assignments will be completed by the Head Evaluation Coordinator(s) from the evaluation process. Noting not all age groups may be fully tiered each year the guidance will be applied at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee.
- Each team will be provided with 5 affiliate skaters and a target of at least 2 affiliate goaltenders.
- Additional U10 skater affiliates may be added to eligible teams given the 5-game maximum mandated by the Ringette Alberta Affiliation Policy
- The current Head Coach of the players being selected for affiliation may be consulted to ensure there is no undo risk presented to the player in terms of size, maturity or age by playing up.
- Cross affiliation with players to and from other associations may be considered on a one-off basis

1.3. REQUIREMENTS

- There is no restriction to the number or type of games an affiliate player may play for U12 and up.
- U10 affiliate players shall not participate in more than 5 games as an affiliate.

- Coaches of all teams are only permitted to use affiliate players as per guidelines outlined in the Ringette Alberta Player Affiliation Policy. Affiliating skaters up to a maximum of eleven (11) skaters dressed and listed on the game sheet.
- An affiliate player's main responsibility is to her full-time team's schedule (practices, league games, exhibition games, playdowns, provincials and tournaments).
- A coach that requires an affiliate must first contact the affiliate player's head coach to make the request. Parents shall not be contacted or asked about affiliating for specific game(s) until agreement with the head coaches is made. If there are conflicting opinions the coaches may seek guidance from the Director of Coach Development or the Director of Player Development.
- Coaches will offer equal opportunity (when possible) to affiliates as replacement players by rotating with no single affiliate consistently chosen.
- The intent of player affiliation is not additional player development or additional ice time for a select few players. The intent of player affiliation is to provide Airdrie Ringette Association teams with "back-up" player options when a specific need exists.
- Affiliate players generally are not to be attending the affiliate team's practice ice. The practice ice is for the regular rostered players to have full development time and attention with their coaches and teammates. In rare instances, when an affiliate is needed for a game and it is necessary to attend practice for a specific reason, it must be cleared with the affiliate's Head Coach and either the Director of Coach Development or Director of Player Development in advance.
- An affiliation may be terminated once per season. A player's affiliation that has been terminated may not affiliate to another team during the same season.

1.4. COMPLIANCE AND CONSEQUENCES

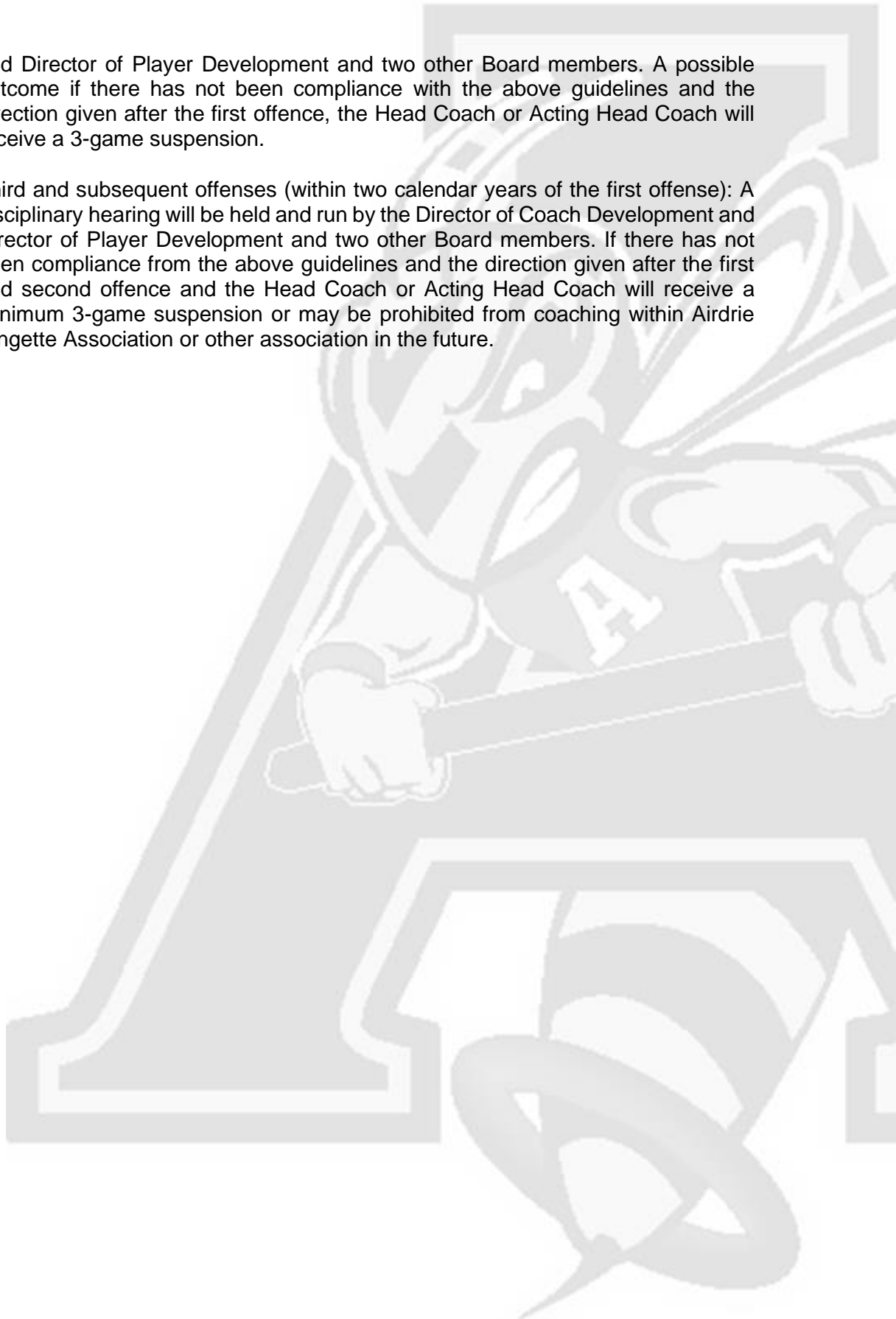
Coaches or members violating the Airdrie Ringette Association Player Affiliation intent, guidelines, and policy will be subject to disciplinary action by Airdrie Ringette Association. This will include but not limited to the suspension of Head Coach or Acting Head Coach or potentially prohibited from coaching within Airdrie Ringette Association in the future.

These violations need to be brought to the Director of Coach Development and Director of Player Development or any other Airdrie Ringette Board member's attention. The Violation will be verified before disciplinary action is taken.

- First time offense: The Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will meet with the Director of Coach Development and Director of Player Development and two other Board members to discuss concerns and redirect.
- Second time offense (within two calendar years of the first offense): The Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will meet with the Director of Coach Development

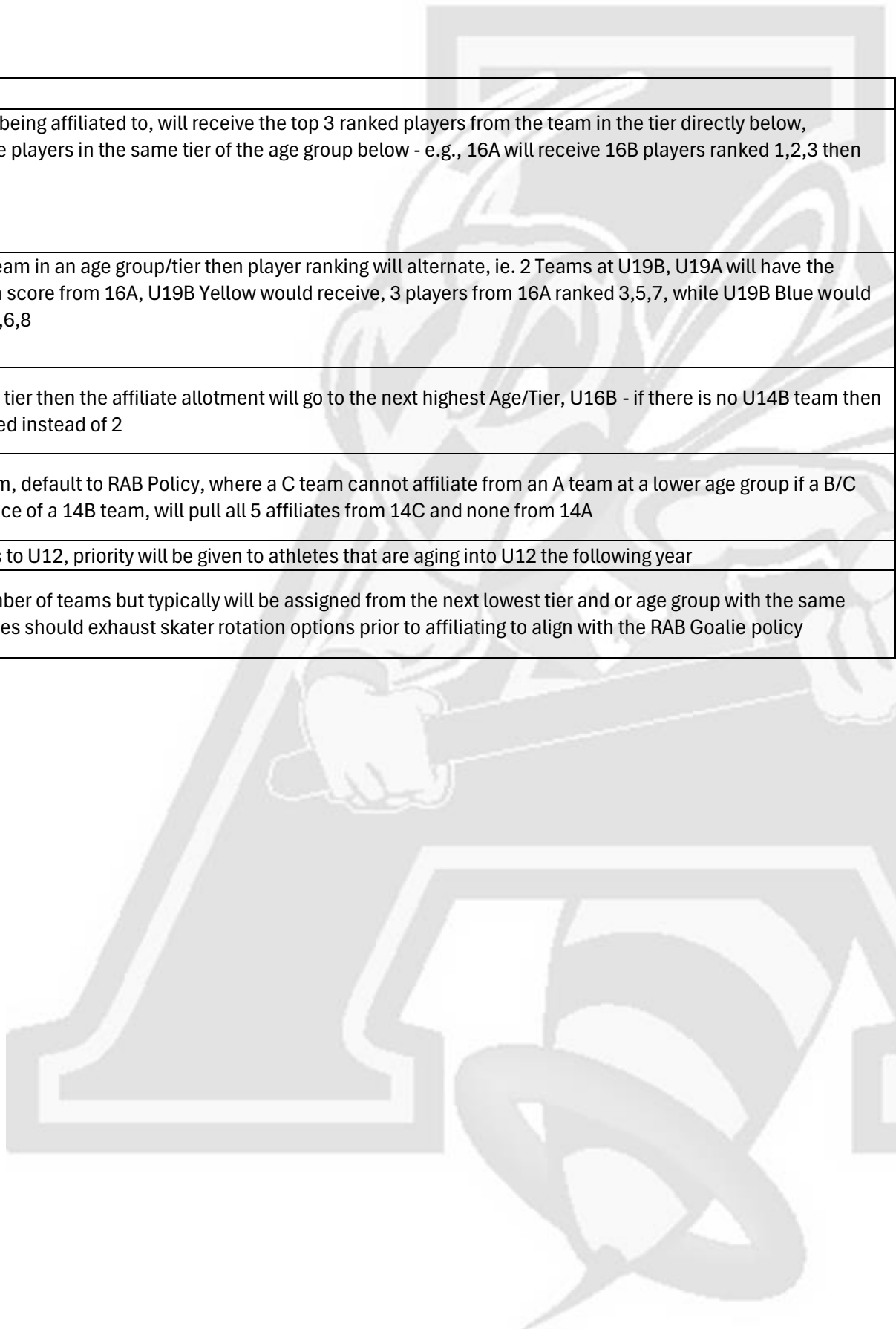
and Director of Player Development and two other Board members. A possible outcome if there has not been compliance with the above guidelines and the direction given after the first offence, the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a 3-game suspension.

- Third and subsequent offenses (within two calendar years of the first offense): A disciplinary hearing will be held and run by the Director of Coach Development and Director of Player Development and two other Board members. If there has not been compliance from the above guidelines and the direction given after the first and second offence and the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a minimum 3-game suspension or may be prohibited from coaching within Airdrie Ringette Association or other association in the future.



1.5 Affiliation Assignment Table

Team	No Of Players	Div/Tier Supplying Affiliate	Affiliate Eval rankings
U19A	3	19B	1,2,3
	2	16A	1,2
goalie	2	19B or 16A	
U19B	3	16A	3,4,5
	2	16B	4,5
goalie	2	16A or 16B	
16A	3	16B	1,2,3
	2	14A	1,2
goalie	2	14A or 16B	
16B	2	16C	1,2
	2	14A	3,4
	1	14B	4
goalie	2	16C or 14A or 14B	
16C	3	14B	5,6,7
	2	14C	3,4
goalie	2	14B or 14C	
U14A	3	14B	1,2,3
	2	12A	1,2
goalie	2	14B or 12A	
U14B	3	14C	1,2,3
	2	12A	3,4
goalie	2	14C or 12A	
U14C	3	12B	4,5,6
	2	12C	4,5
goalie	2	12B or 12C	
U12A	3	12B	1,2,3
	2	12C	1,2
goalie	2	12B or 12C	
U12B	3	12C	3,4,5
	2	U10S3	1,2
goalie	1	12C	
U12C	3	U10S3	3,4,5
	2	U10S2	1,2
U10S3	5	U10S2	3,4,5,6,7
U10S2	5	U10S1	1,2,3,4,5



Notes:

-	Within an age group, the team being affiliated to, will receive the top 3 ranked players from the team in the tier directly below, followed by the next 2 available players in the same tier of the age group below - e.g., 16A will receive 16B players ranked 1,2,3 then 14A players ranked 1 and 2
-	Should there be more than 1 team in an age group/tier then player ranking will alternate, ie. 2 Teams at U19B, U19A will have the highest 2 scoring by evaluation score from 16A, U19B Yellow would receive, 3 players from 16A ranked 3,5,7, while U19B Blue would receive U16A Players ranked 4,6,8
-	If there is no team at a specific tier then the affiliate allotment will go to the next highest Age/Tier, U16B - if there is no U14B team then 3 U14A affiliates will be selected instead of 2
-	Except in the case of a "C" team, default to RAB Policy, where a C team cannot affiliate from an A team at a lower age group if a B/C team exists. E.g., 16C in absence of a 14B team, will pull all 5 affiliates from 14C and none from 14A
-	When affiliating U10S3 Players to U12, priority will be given to athletes that are aging into U12 the following year
-	Goalies are dependant on number of teams but typically will be assigned from the next lowest tier and or age group with the same tier, U12 teams affiliating goalies should exhaust skater rotation options prior to affiliating to align with the RAB Goalie policy