**7. Affiliation**

The Alberta Development Model determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream.

The AA Hockey Model determines Affiliation Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the AA Hockey stream.

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

7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.2 Affiliation must be secondly declared and filed with the members respective Minor Hockey League, prior to the affiliated players being allowed to participate in any League game with the Hockey Team to which they are affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Minor Hockey League up to and including January 15 of the current hockey season.

7.3 Affiliation and the use of Affiliates up to and including December 1st, will only be recognized where:

**(a) Players are added to the Official Team Roster in the Registry and identified as ‘Affiliates’ with “pending’ status.**

**(b) Affiliation has been approved by the Minor Hockey League for use in any League game.**

**(c) Affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.**

**7.4 Affiliation and the use of Affiliates after December 1st, will only be recognized where:**

1. **Affiliation has been filed in accordance with the following tiering grid as hereby defined vertically and laterally:**

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| **U18** | **U15** |  |  |
| Tier 1 | AA | **U13** |  |
| Tier 1 | AA | **U11** |
| Tier 2 | Tier 1 |
| Tier 3 | Tier 1 |
| Tier 4 | Tier 2 |
| Tier 5 | Tier 3 |
| Tier 6 | Tier 4 | Tier 2 |
|  | Tier 5 | Tier 3 | Tier 2 |
|  | Tier 6 | Tier 4 | Tier 3 |
|  |  | Tier 5 | Tier 4 |
|  |  | Tier 6 | Tier 5 |
|  |  |  | Tier 6 |

**Example: Team “A” plays in the U18 Tier 3 category of their league. Team “A” would be eligible to affiliate players from within their MHA playing on teams competing at U18 Tier 4, 5 or 6; as well as teams playing U15 Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

1. **Players are added to the Official Team Roster in the Registry and identified as ‘Affiliates’, and approved by the CEO, or designate and approved by the Minor Hockey League.**
2. **Affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.**

**7.5 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated player after December 1st without the approval of the CEO, or designate and approval of the Minor Hockey League, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and teams officials are subject to discipline.**

**7.6 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) Affiliated Players from a lower Division, Category or Tier within their MHA as hereby defined vertically and laterally.**

**7.7 (a) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to return the team to their original roster size.**

**Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.**

1. **Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of seventeen (17) skaters and two goaltenders.**

7.8 Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.

**Exception: In the event a team’s roster falls below ten (10) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, that team will be permitted the ability to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of ten (10) skaters plus goaltenders.**

7.9 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing of the said affiliation.

**7.10 Affiliations will not be approved in the Registry by the CEO, or designate, until first approved by the Minor Hockey League.**

**7.11 Minor Hockey Leagues and the CEO, or designate reserve the right to revoke the approval of an affiliate player up and to January 15th should that player be deemed to strengthen the team in which he or she is affiliated.**

**7.12 Providing Affiliation has been declared, filed and approved with the Minor Hockey League and the CEO, or designate, Affiliates are eligible to participate in all Exhibition, Tournament, League, Playoff and Provincial Championship games.**

1. **Players registered within the U7 Division are not eligible to participate as an Affiliate in Provincial games.**

**7.13 In circumstances when a MHA does not have a registered team at the next lower Division, as per the tiering grid, upon consideration of application by the MHA to the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor Leagues Coordinator and Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the League, the team may be permitted to affiliate player(s) from a lower Division in the next closest MHA providing that the identified MHA does not have a registered team in the same Division.**

**7.14 Upon consideration of application to the appropriate Minor League President, in consultation with the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor Leagues Coordinator, participants registered with a “AA” Hockey Model or Elite Hockey Stream (ADM) Team may be permitted to be affiliated to a team within their resident LMHA, participating in Tiers One (1). Applications can only be submitted subsequent to November 1 of the current hockey season.**

**7.15 Participants will only be permitted to affiliate to one (1) team. Once the affiliation has been filed, it is final and will not be reversed during the current Hockey season.**

**Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.**

**7.16 Female players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.**

**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.**

**Exception: Any player registered in the U9 division, affiliated to the U11 division, must have completed their hockey season in full (including exhibition games and festivals) to affiliate beyond a 10th game.**

**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.**