



Athabasca and District Minor Hockey Association (ADMHA)

APPROVED:	November 2017 (updated November 2019, April 2022)
POLICY:	Player Affiliation
PURPOSE:	To provide understanding and guidance of the player affiliation process, the use of affiliated players and ensuring fair and equal opportunity for all players with in ADMHA.
RESPONSIBLE:	ADMHA MEMBERSHIP & EXECUTIVE

1. ADMHA Player Affiliation Policy

1.1 Player Affiliation Process – ALL DIVISIONS

- 1.1.1 It is the responsibility of the team officials to understand the rules of affiliation as set out by Hockey Alberta, ADMHA and the league(s) of choice that the ADMHA teams are registered. This includes proper documentation on game sheets, tracking total games played and filing the online league forms for each time an affiliate is used, etc. Incorrect or improper use of affiliates can result in suspension by Hockey Alberta and/or the League(s). ADMHA will not support any appeal of those suspensions.
- 1.1.2 ADMHA affiliation forms CANNOT be submitted until the division teams have been determined.
- 1.1.3 Each team wishing to affiliate players will be required to fill out the Individual Player Affiliation Agreement form or the Multi-Player Affiliation form when FULL teams or greater than 5 players are being affiliated.
- 1.1.4 Affiliation forms require FIRST approvals by the player/guardian, registered team head coach and the affiliated team head coach.
- 1.1.5 When an Affiliated player has the option to be consider for multiple teams, the Head Coach of Affiliated player, ADMHA President, and Player/Coach Development Director will determine which team the Affiliated player will be assigned to.
- 1.1.6 It is the responsibility of the higher division team manager(s) to provide the completed affiliation forms to the ADMHA President on or before Dec 1st for ADMHA approval. ADMHA President will forward the approved player affiliation forms to the ADMHA Registrar for final approval by Hockey Alberta and added to the affiliated teams' official roster.
- 1.1.7 As per current player affiliation regulations (HA), a single player can ONLY affiliate to ONE team.
- 1.1.8 Player Affiliation to a team(s) outside of ADMHA falls under strict guidelines. HA & respective league regulations MUST be applied and followed. ADMHA President will grant FINAL APPROVAL in these situations.
- 1.1.9 Female player(s) playing co-ed hockey have two options for affiliation:
 1. To a co-ed team at the next higher level, OR
 2. The equivalent level or next higher-level female team if available.
- 1.1.10 Females playing on a female team can only affiliate to a higher-level female team.

1.2 Player Affiliation Selection Process – ALL DIVISIONS

1.2.1 A hockey team may affiliate up to 19 specially affiliated players from a lower division or category within the Association.

1.2.2 ADMHA will not approve player affiliation when the affiliated player is:

- First year U9 player being affiliated to U11.
- First Year U13 player being affiliated to U15.
- Any U7 player to U9

1.2.3 There is no pressure or obligation for a player to be affiliated.

1.2.4 A team is under NO obligations to affiliate players.

1.2.5 When there are two equal caliber teams at the next higher division; the lower division team(s) will affiliate players equally through a controlled selection process monitored by ADMHA President or designate.

1.3 Use of Affiliated players – ALL DIVISIONS

1.3.1 An affiliated player MUST not be regularly utilized in a player position over a regular roster player that is in good health and can participate. The development of the regular roster player MUST be equally considered to provide equal and fair development opportunities.

1.3.2 ALL requests for affiliate player “call up” for either practices or games MUST have the approval of the players’ registered team head coach. A players’ current team commitments take precedence over the affiliate teams’ request.

1.3.3 Game use restrictions are already set at a maximum of 10 games as per Hockey Alberta regulations.

1.3.4 A player MAY be invited to any ADMHA team practice. This player does not necessarily need to be affiliated with that specific team. However, permission still must be obtained from that players’ current head coach prior to their participation in the practice.

1.3.5 In U9 and U11 league games, affiliated players MUST ONLY be utilized in situations where one or more of the following pertain.

- Registered team players are unable to play due to sickness, injuries, absent for undefined reasons and/or when the team has inadequate number of players of less than twelve (12) registered players.

1.3.6 ADMHA will not approve the use of affiliate players when two ADMHA teams at ANY division level face each other in competition where both participate in the same tier and league.

1.3.7 The following exceptions to rule 1.3.6 will apply when teams are unable to support an adequate number of registered players due to LESS than the minimum number of regular register players as follows: U9 & U11 (12 players), U13 (14 players), U15 & U18 (15 players).

1.3.8 The leagues of choice have guidance around the use of impact players. Appropriate approval by a league governor(s) are required prior to being granted permission to play any playoff game.

1.3.9 There is NO obligation or requirement for the affiliating team to use any of the affiliated players throughout the season.