



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

September 15, 2023

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations

Re: Alberta One (AB-1) Affiliation Changes update

I would like to thank those members and volunteers that helped with this review coordinating this with Hockey Alberta in May and June this year.

With Hockey Alberta announcing the AB-1 transition and the movement to the AB-1 standards, this was a perfect time to review this and as such Notice of Motion # 2 was approved by the Directors to complete the review and make the necessary recommendations and changes to the CAHL documents, practices, and processes.

This update is to inform you of the changes to Affiliation in the CAHL. As a result, the CAHL is moving from an Affiliation Approval Process to an Affiliation Notification Process.

Attached is the details of the new regulations 1f, 1g and 5L as well the details on how the process works. This is a large change and based on feedback should meet the feedback we have been getting from the Directors and the teams over the last year or so.

It is critical that teams understand this new method and as you can see in the attached details it will be their responsibility to ensure it is followed as identified. Failure to do so will result in the sanctions identified in section 5L being assessed.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Supporting Links to documents used for review

[Alberta One Operating Directives](#)

[Alberta One Policy, Procedures and Regulations](#)



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Affiliation Process Changes for the 2023 – 2024 season

Updated CAHL Regulations 1f, 1g and 5L

New Regulations 1 f & g

- (f) The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category/Tier Teams to replace players only when regular registered players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. It is expected that the Teams only use players who:
- Are properly registered and already eligible to play for a team in the Hockey Canada Registry and properly affiliated for the CAHL Members whose team is wishing to affiliate them
 - Are assessed and located appropriately in the Hockey Alberta Affiliation grid in the Alberta One Regulations
 - Are properly designated and properly assigned to the teams HCR Roster.
 - Are not stronger or more skilled than the players they are replacing
 - Are not stronger or more skilled than any of the players of the team that is affiliating them
 - Do not provide the team with a competitive advantage versus another team with the player's participation or increase the teams HCR Roster size

Additionally:

- The Team must follow the Affiliation notification process for the affiliates listed in the CAHL Game Regulations sections 1 f, 1 g and 5 L, as well the additional Hockey Alberta Regulations.
- The CAHL and Hockey Alberta reserve the right to revoke Affiliation approvals at any time should that player be deemed to strengthen the team in which he or she is affiliated at their discretion.
- Affiliated players must be participating in the CAHL. No affiliation is allowed with players who are not playing in the CAHL without approval of the CAHL President or designate to ensure they are eligible and properly registered to play for the teams identified. Any exceptions would be for a single season only and each member will submit the requested on-line form for approval to the CAHL President or designate for the players they wish to use. The form and approvals must be completed before the players are approved to play in the CAHL. Once approved to play in the league, the team can then submit a notification they are going to use the player following the League Governors group process. The CAHL per player fee for these players will apply.
- Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.

Exceptions:

- In the event a team's roster falls below twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, teams are permitted to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders)
- In the event a team's original roster size is less than twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders), teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League game to bring their roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders).
- In the event a team has only one (1) registered goaltender, they will be permitted to use affiliation to have for any League game to bring their roster up to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders.
- No Team is allowed to increase their team strength by affiliation at any time.
- No Team is allowed to increase their roster size during playoffs outside of the provisions of the Alberta One Regulations.

- g) For a League Team to use any affiliate player in any CAHL Game, the League must be notified in advance that the player will be used following the CAHL notification on –line form and process. This form must be completed in full each time or it will not be able to be submitted, no exceptions are allowed. In each case, the Team is responsible for submitting the on-line form and then contacting their tier Governor and confirming they have received the notification. Failing to submit the form removes the eligibility of the Affiliate. Texts, telephone calls or emails are not considered meeting this requirement. Additionally, under this process:
- The links to the forms will be on the CAHL website and communicated to the teams at the beginning of the season.
 - No blanket approvals are allowed or approved at any time for the teams to use affiliate player(s) for more than one game at a time. The notification process must be used each time (for each game) the team wants to use the Affiliate Player. No Exceptions or the approval to use the player will not be provided. One form per player, per game. All managers will be supplied with a link to the form at the beginning of the season.
 - The affiliate player must appear on the teams official HCR roster
 - The affiliate players name must appear on the game sheet and be designated as (AP)

If a team fails to comply with this regulation, please see section 5 L) for the details of the potential outcomes.

New Regulation 5 L:

- 5L) If a team fails to comply with CAHL Affiliation Regulations 1f and 1g and the Affiliation Processes in its entirety, the following may happen:
- the team fails to notify the League and confirm with the Tier Governor. The team will be fined up to \$300.00 and some or all of the following sanctions may apply
 - the team uses an Affiliate Player for any other reasons than to replace players only when regular registered players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The team will be fined up to \$300.00 and some or all of the following sanctions may apply
 - the opposing team is eligible to protest the game(s) outcome with the rationale of how it has impacted them
 - the opposing team may protest the use of the player(s)
 - the applicable CAHL Vice President may revoke the player(s) in question Affiliation Approval
 - the game(s) in question may be declared invalid and rescheduled or forfeited at the discretion of the League President
 - the offending team official may be suspended for a minimum one (1) game to a maximum of three (3) games
 - the offending team may be fined up to three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

In addition to this the offending Member Association may be subject to other possible penalties at the discretion of the Executive and/or Board which could include but not limited to the offending CAHL Member or team no longer be able to use affiliate players in League games.

Note: Should the Affiliate Player not appear on the teams HCR Roster, the Head Coach will be indefinitely suspended and the matter handed over to the Hockey Alberta Discipline group for review and sanctioning outcomes



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As a result of Alberta One transition for the upcoming season the CAHL will now be adopting a new process for Affiliation. We are moving from an Approval type system to a notification type system. Benefits in doing so are the reduced delays in getting the affiliated player into the games by reducing or eliminating delays in approval, now the team just notifies the CAHL and confirms with the Tier Governor to play the player.

CAHL Affiliation Flow Chart

