



AFFILIATION POLICY

I. THE USE OF AFFILIATES SERVES TWO PURPOSES:

- A. To provide players to replace those unable to play due to injury, sickness or non-team suspension only.
- B. To provide an opportunity for the affiliate players to gain exposure and experience at a higher level of competition.

II. GUIDELINES REGARDING THE AFFILIATION PROCESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Affiliation paths will be determined at the commencement of each season taking into account relevant circumstances of the time (see appendix A). All Affiliate players **MUST BE** filed with **Hockey Alberta** by December 15 of each year.
- B. The coach of an affiliate player is expected to agree to the use of the affiliated player any time it does not interfere with a scheduled game of the player's team (games on the same day may be defined as to be interfering). Permission must be obtained from the coach of the affiliate player for each game the affiliate player is to play. An email confirmation will suffice and will need to be cc'd to the Division Director, Operations Coordinator. If the coach is unavailable, the director should be contacted and they may give approval after consultation with the Affiliated Player if a Team Official cannot be contacted. Any conflicts in this area should be brought immediately to the attention of the Director, a CMHA VP, and Coach Director for prompt resolution.
- C. 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 player play more than 10 games with the Hockey team to which he is affiliated, he shall be considered an 'ineligible player'. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the affiliated team the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- D. Only properly affiliated players can be used in League, Playoff, Provincial, Tournament or exhibition games covered under Hockey Alberta rules. Regular league games, league playoff games, Provincial Playdown games and Provincial Tournament games are considered "counters" when determining the number of games played as an "affiliated player". Tournament and Exhibition games do not count as games played when determining "affiliated" status.

- E. The appearance of an Affiliated 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. Such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report with "AP" beside their name.

III. WHEN CAN AFFILIATES BE USED:

- A. Teams will be allowed to call up an affiliated player only when they are short of their regular roster number. Coaches will be allowed to bring up affiliates, but only to replace injured, sick or "non-team suspended" players and the coach will not be allowed to exceed his regular number of allowed players.
- B. Exceptional circumstances not covered in this section are to be referred to the CMHA VP for consent.

IV. FEMALE AFFILIATION:

- A. Female Players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may **be permitted to** affiliate to Female Teams, **upon** consideration of an application to the HA Female Representatives in consultation with the HA Minor Council Zone Representative.
- B. Affiliation Agreement forms and a supporting letter must be submitted to Hockey Alberta Zone 6.

V. APPENDIX A

- A. The affiliation will be as follows, Players will be selected to affiliate from the teams in the graph below. The Executive reserves the right to approve or modify requests.
- B. For AA teams, players from the highest tier team from associations within the draw zone can be affiliated. For example, Canmore has U13 tier 2 as their highest team in U13 so players from that team may be considered to be affiliated if they participated in AA tryouts.

U 18 REP Team 1	To	U 18 AA
U15 AA	To	U15 AAA "Xtreme"
U 15 REP Team 1	To	U 15 AA/U 18 REP
U 15 REP Team 2	To	U 15 REP Team 1
U 15 REP Team 3	To	U 15 REP Team 2
U 13 REP Team 1	To	U 13 AA
U 13 REP Team 2	To	U 13 REP Team 1
U 13 REP Team 3	To	U 13 REP Team 2
U 13 REP Team 4	To	U 13 REP Team 3
U 11 REP Team 2	To	U 11 REP Team 1
U11 REP Team 3	To	U 11 REP Team 2
U 11 REP Team 4	To	U 11 REP Team 3
U 11 REP Team 5	To	U 11 REP Team 4

U18 RHL transitioned players from REP	To	U18 REP Team 1/2
U 15 RHL transitioned players from REP	To	U 15 REP Team 3
U 15 RHL Mountain	To	U 18 RHL
U 15 RHL Rockie	To	U 15 RHL Mountain
U 13 RHL transitioned players from REP	To	U 13 REP Team 4
U 13 RHL Mountain	To	U 15 RHL Rockie
U 13 RHL Rockie Mountain	To	U 13 RHL Mountain
U 13 RHL Rockie	To	U 13 RHL Rockie Mountain
U 11 RHL transitioned players from REP	To	U 11 REP Team 5
U 11 RHL Mountain	To	U 13 RHL Rockie
U 11 RHL Rockie	To	U 11 RHL Mountain

- C. Team affiliations will be set once all teams have been rostered, and the above may change with the direction of Division Directors. When a REP team is affiliating a transitioned player special approval must be completed through the league. All affiliations in REP from a division below must have league Approval.
- D. All Affiliated players affiliating to AA teams must complete the affiliation agreement and submit to AA Director for approval. Players that have not completed this process will not be eligible to affiliate.