

## **CMHA Policy: Affiliated Player (AP) Process – U11 Division**

In the U11 division, where no formal “rep” teams exist, Cranbrook Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) outlines the following policy regarding the use of Affiliated Players (APs) for underage players:

- 1. Standard AP Movement:**

Players may only be called up from U11 to U13 Recreation, provided they are listed on the CMHA-approved AP list for the applicable U13 team.

- 2. AP List Requirement:**

To be eligible for any call-up, the U11 player must be included on the official AP list submitted to CMHA.

- A player may only be on one team's AP list

- 3. Exception for Exceptional Players:**

In rare cases where a U11 player is considered to be of exceptional ability and a coach wishes to have them bypass U13 Recreation (e.g., to a U13 Bucks team or U13 Avalanche team), a written request for AP status must be submitted to the CMHA Executive Board.

- The request must provide a detailed explanation outlining why it is in the best interest of the player to skip a level, including any development, safety, or skill-based rationale.
- The AP status comes with a cap of three games and five practices
- If the cap is reached then the coach must put in another request to CMHA Executive outlining their reasons for an increase in call ups.

- 4. Board Review:**

All exceptions will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the CMHA Executive Board. Approval is not guaranteed and will consider what is best for the player's development and the overall integrity and balance of CMHA programming.

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