



FORT SASKATCHEWAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

TITLE: ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION

POLICY #: 2300

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1.0 Purpose

To outline the rules that the Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association (FSRA) follows in regard to allowing teams to receive FSRA players from the same age level or lower and handling those players.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to the FSRA in situations when there are not enough players available to fill a team's roster. It is meant to serve as a supplement for Ringette Alberta's Player Affiliation Policy.

3.0 Terms

Affiliation – The act of filling the roster of a ringette team with players from another team. The purpose is to help field a team with insufficient numbers or to replace players who have fallen ill or become injured and cannot be used to increase the competitiveness of the team.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 After teams are formed and before the start of the season, each team's coaching staff forms an affiliate list of a maximum of five players from teams of the same age level or one level below. The parents and/or guardians of each player must be spoken to before a player can be added to the list. That list is then submitted to Ringette Alberta by the Registrar.
- 4.2 If sufficient numbers are not available to form a team, the coaching staff of the affected team may ask the players on that team's affiliate list to fill the vacancy on that team. This will be done only after all player movement from upper and lower levels within the FSRA is complete.
- 4.3 There is no guarantee that the affiliate player will participate in any games or practices with his or her affiliate team as that decision is up to the coach. Since affiliate players do not pay an extra fee to be affiliated, they do not have the same rights and privileges of the higher-level team.



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- 4.4 The FSRA coaches are responsible for sharing and picking affiliates from the available pool of players. It is recommended that the coaches select affiliates from more than one team when possible.
- 4.5 Bringing the affiliate to games and practices will be at the affiliate team's coaching staff's discretion, though permission must be obtained from the affiliate player's parent and or guardian and head coach.
- 4.6 An affiliate player can serve on a maximum of two teams: his or her own, and one affiliate team. The affiliate player's first loyalty will be with his or her own team, and can only attend games, practices, or tournaments with the team he or she is affiliated with if he or she will not miss a game, practice, or tournament with his or her own team.
- 4.7 An affiliate will not be brought up to play at the expense of a full-time player. However, a coach can bring an affiliate in order to bring the team's numbers up to the level required by Ringette Alberta. In those cases, the affiliate is entitled to the same amount of ice time as the other players at the coach's discretion.
- 4.8 While the FSRA recommends that affiliates are rotated for each game, it is up to the discretion of the affiliate team's coaching staff.
- 4.9 Failure to comply with this policy will result in discipline as per the Discipline and Complaint Policy (#1310). Any disputes that have been caused by an affiliation request must be brought to the attention of the President.