


# Red Deer Pond Hockey

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| Policies and Procedures Manual |                           |          |              |  |
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## 1.0 PURPOSE

To inform the members (including coaches and players) that RDPH has a NO AFFILIATION rule, and so players are not permitted to play with any team other than the one to which they have been officially assigned. Players cannot be 'called up' from other divisions or leagues. At any time, the only players permitted to be on the ice are those who have been officially assigned to the teams who are scheduled to play. The only exception is players who are registered as goalies within RDPH in Divisions 4 to 6. Goalies may play as substitute goalies for teams who have not been assigned a designated goalie, or whose goalie is unavailable due to illness, injury or other legitimate circumstances.

## 2.0 COMMENCEMENT DATE

This Policy will commence from October 1, 2019. It replaces previous policy of player affiliation whether written or not.

## 3.0 APPLICATION OF POLICY


3.1 This policy applies to the following RDPH groups

- Players
- Parents
- Board of Directors
- Volunteers
- Officials

## 4.0 RATIONALE

4.1 **Safety** - The players in other divisions/leagues may require a higher level of competition, or there may be significant disparities in the physical size and/or skill of the players

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**4.2 Complications in Team Building** - The teams are built using the information gathered from parents at registration, and past coaches, and every effort is made to equalize the teams within each division. When players from other divisions and/or competitive leagues are used as affiliates, they may not be playing at the same skill level. When coaches use affiliate players, they upset the dynamics of the team.

**4.3 Development of the RDPH Players** - The primary goal of RDPH is to provide a safe, fun, non-competitive environment for kids to learn and play hockey. When affiliate players are used, especially from outside the league, it takes away from the skills development of the players actually assigned to that team. It also negatively impacts the cohesiveness and team player dynamics when affiliate players are used.

## 5.0 INVESTIGATION PROCESS

5.1 On-ice officials can cross-reference the game book compared to the registrations for the team at any point during the game.

5.2 When inputting game sheets, team managers will cross-reference the game sheet with the official team registration.

## 6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 Coaches must list all players, with associated jersey numbers, on the game sheet.

6.2 Officials who suspect there is an affiliate player on the ice will stop play to confirm proper registration.


6.3 If the player is found to be an affiliate, that player is ejected from the game.

## 7.0 DISCIPLINE STATEMENT

7.1 If it is discovered that an affiliate player was used, or that a coach attempted to use an affiliate who was ejected from play, the disciplinary action is as follows:

- First offence: coach receives a written warning
- Second offence: coach receives a one-game suspension
- Third offence: coach is suspended pending a disciplinary committee hearing

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## 8.0 REVIEW AND REVISION HISTORY

| Revision | Scope of Revision             | Approved By | Date |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|------|
| 0        | Initial Procedure Development | BOD         |      |