

## **R. AFFILIATION**

### **DEFINITION**

Affiliation is the process by which teams may pickup or have players from other teams to play on their team. LMHA will use the Hockey Alberta named player affiliation process to affiliate players. The primary objective of our affiliation is centered around it being used as a player development tool.

### **POLICY**

- LMHA shall establish affiliation policies for teams annually as deemed necessary for hockey operations within League, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada regulations.
- LMHA will use the Hockey Alberta Named Player Affiliation process only.
- Affiliation is to be used as a player development tool.
- All affiliations need to be done in consultation with both Head Coaches , players , players parents and the Division Director. They will need to be signed off by the Division Director prior to being submitted to the General Manager for filing and approval.
- Players refusing to affiliate to the team requesting them shall be removed from the affiliation list and as such will not be allowed to affiliate to another team without Executive approval.
- First point of contact for using affiliate players will be to the Head Coach of their team. This contact must be in the form of an email being Ccd to the Division Director and the General Manager.(TEAM COACHES,MANAGERS SHALL NOT CONTACT THE PLAYER DIRECTLY) Regular season games have precedence over any other hockey activity. This means that ; If a player has a regular season game with his/her own team and is called up for a game , the player has a responsibility to play for his or her own team (unless his/her coach grants permission for them to playup). Coaches should at every opportunity, encourage players to play at a higher level. If this means that the team has to use affiliate players while their players are playing up, the coach shall do so.

### **RULES & GUIDELINES FOR REP TEAM AFFILIATIONS**

- Only teams Atom and above may affiliate.
- Providing affiliation has been filed properly and approved prior to December 15 of the current hockey season an affiliated player will be allowed to participate in accordance to League, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada regulations as they pertain to eligibility.
- Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game sheet shall be considered as participation in a game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation shall only be considered as taking place by their participating in the game. This must be noted on the game sheet.

### **SUGGESTED NUMBER OF AFFILIATES PER TEAM**

- **Double AA and up**
  - 3 Forwards from any 1 team
  - 2 Defense from any 1 team
  - 1 Goalie from any 1 team
- **Tier I and down**
  - 3 Forwards
  - 2 Defense
  - 1 Goalie

### **SUGGESTED FRAMEWORK FOR AFFILIATION FLOW**

- **When affiliating up a division preference shall be given to second year players to go to the higher division. Exceptions need to have the support of the Division Director prior to filing.**
  - Atom Tier III shall affiliate to Atom Tier II
  - Atom Tier II shall affiliate to Atom Tier I and Peewee Tier III

- Atom Tier I shall affiliate to Peewee Tier I and Tier II
- Peewee Tier III shall affiliate to Peewee Tier II
- Peewee Tier II shall affiliate to Peewee Tier I and Bantam Tier III
- Peewee Tier I shall affiliate to Peewee AA and Bantam Tier II
- Peewee AA shall affiliate to Bantam Tier I and Bantam Tier II
- Bantam Tier III shall affiliate to Bantam Tier II
- Bantam Tier II shall affiliate to Bantam Tier I and Midget Tier III
- Bantam Tier I shall affiliate to Bantam AA and Midget Tier II
- Bantam AA shall affiliate to Elite Hockey and Midget Tier I
- Midget Tier III shall affiliate to Midget Tier II or the next highest midget level
- Midget Tier II shall affiliate to Midget Tier I
- Midget Tier I shall affiliate to Elite Hockey and Midget AA
- Midget AA shall affiliate to Elite Hockey and Jr. A and Jr. B

- Exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the General Manager to be taken to the Executive for approval.
- We encourage coaches to use affiliates as much as possible throughout the season. Priority must be given to having them attend practice prior to playing a game.

## **S. EQUIPMENT AND JERSEYS**

### **EQUIPMENT**

- At the start of the season, each team will be supplied with the following equipment:
  - A puck bag
  - Pucks to be used for practices and games
  - LMHA Handbook outlining policies, procedures and regulations
  - Goalie Equipment and Goalie stick for Novice Division
- Teams in all divisions will pay a deposit of \$500.00 which will be held in trust and will be returned to the team in whole or in part dependent on equipment being returned in good condition. Please note any jerseys damaged during the installation or removal of player or sponsor name bars will have the repair or replaced charged against the teams bond.
- Players must supply their own hockey equipment which should include the basics along with a CSA Helmet, Neck/Throat Protector and mouth guard (mouth guards for Pee Wee Division and higher).
- Goalie Equipment can be rented from LMHA for Atom

### **JERSEYS**

- All teams, Novice & above will receive two sets of sweaters. One set for home games and the second set for away games. Initiation / Novice will receive one set only.
- Name Bars are allowed to be sewn onto LMHA jerseys. (refer to Section S bullet 2)
- Jerseys in other Atom – Midget Divisions are used for a 3 - 5 year period, depending on the jersey condition. Any additional material (ie sponsorship bars or name bars) that teams or players are wishing to sew onto these jerseys must be approved by LMHA beforehand.
- Any jerseys that can be retired from use can be donated to Kidsport or any other nonprofit organization or disposed of at the General Managers discretion
- Individual players must purchase matching socks at Novice and above
- Teams will be financially responsible for the replacement of jerseys lost throughout the season.
- For House Teams, the selection of team jerseys shall be made by random draw amongst the coaches.

Teams moving up or down a tier will be expected to play a full schedule in the new tier. All games played in the previous tier will not be considered as league games. Minor Hockey Associations are expected to place teams in tiers that they are most competitive.

#### **4.0 ROSTERS:**

- A. Governors along with their Deputies shall inspect the applicable Hockey Alberta HCR prior to placing a team into league play.
- B. Players added to a team roster shall be pursuant to Hockey Alberta regulations and applicable dates.

#### **5.0 AFFILIATION:**

- A. League affiliation is intended for the sole purpose of drawing from affiliates to prevent cancelling a league game due to shortage of players. The 3 approved reasons are 1) injury 2) illness 3) player absent for personal reasons. Replacing suspended players is not an approved reason and accordingly is not allowed.
- B. All affiliations must be registered and approved with Hockey Alberta before the Governor may allow the affiliation.
- C. An approved Hockey Alberta affiliation does not automatically dictate league affiliation approval.

Three areas not allowed:

- i) Teams using affiliation for strength
- ii) Affiliation of player registered on a team playing in the same level within the tier in the NEAHL
- iii) Replacement of a suspended player with an affiliate

What is allowed:

- i) Affiliate to registered numbers
  - ii) On small teams (10 or less) can only affiliate up to 12
  - iii) Goalies may be affiliated up to two per roster
- D. Teams should complete an affiliation sheet with registration in the league allowing the Governor to approve the affiliations for the year. The team officials must mark the game sheet with (AP) and game number (1 of 10; 2 of 10 etc.) for each affiliate player.

#### **6.0 OVER-AGE:**

- A. The division Governor of the appropriate age group may endorse applications for over-age if one or more of the following circumstances exist:
  - i) Association has no team at the proper category
  - ii) Association hasn't enough players to make a team without the applicant
  - iii) Association has too many players in the older category and not enough in the younger category
  - iv) Applicant has health problems (certificate required from doctor)
  - v) Applicant is in first year of hockey
  - vi) Applicant is small in size

The division Governor will not endorse applications for any other reason.



# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 6, 2016

**TO:** Elite Draw Zone Host Centre's  
AA Draw Zone Host Centre's  
Zone Minor Administration Coordinators

**FROM:** Bryden Burrell  
Coordinator, Hockey Operations

**SUBJECT:** **Affiliation Clarification – AA & AAA**

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Hockey Alberta would like to provide clarification with regards to named player affiliations to teams in the AA Hockey Model and Male ADM. It appears there has been confusion amongst the Elite Draw Zone's with regards to players whose resident MHA has been assigned different Host Centre's within the AA Hockey Model and ADM.

Hockey Alberta affiliation regulations permit players to affiliate to a team of a higher Division or Category within their resident local MHA or to the AA or AAA team that has been designated for the players geographic region.

**Example:**

Players from Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association (MHA) participate with Camrose MHA within the AA Hockey Model, but would participate with Leduc MHA within the ADM.

Players from Wetaskiwin MHA who are registered to any of the Camrose MHA AA teams are only eligible to affiliate to the Elite teams offered through Leduc MHA. Wetaskiwin MHA players are not eligible to be affiliated to the Elite Hockey Programs offered by Camrose MHA as Leduc MHA has been identified as their draw area.

Camrose MHA would be eligible to affiliate said player to a AA team offered at a higher Division within the Association if applicable; however, please keep in mind that no player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current hockey season.

Additionally, please ensure the "Named Player Affiliation Agreement" is used for all affiliations taking place within the AA Hockey Model and ADM. The completed form must be uploaded to the transfer request or the "Documents & Memos" section of the players profile in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). The "Named Player Affiliation Agreement" form can be found [here](#).

Please direct any questions to your Zone Minor Administration Coordinator or the Hockey Alberta Office.