

10.0 Player Affiliation

FORT McMURRAY RINGETTE ASSOCIATION



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10.1 Purpose

Player affiliation allows a Group Member to create a team at a level where there are not enough players for a viable team and allows a team to replace absent, sick, injured, or suspended players on a game by game basis.

10.2 Applicability

All teams registered with Ringette Alberta, with the exception of Open D and Masters Teams, may affiliate players who are also registered with Ringette Alberta.

10.3 Principles

- a. The term PLAYER includes both skaters who play defence, forward or centre, part time goaltenders who are dressed as skaters, AND those dressed as goaltenders for a particular game.
- b. A skater is anyone who is competing in a particular game but NOT dressed as a goaltender
- c. It is acceptable to allow temporary use of affiliate players, from time to time, to ensure that teams are able to ice a viable team when insufficient numbers of a team's full-time players are unavailable.
- d. Affiliation is NOT the tool to be used to provide additional ice time for select players: affiliation is not intended to be a supplemental developmental tool. Development that is needed by individual players is the responsibility of that player's Group Member and coaches of that player's full-time team.
- e. Affiliation is not to be used to improve the competitiveness of a team at the expense of ice time for a regular roster player; these include skaters and goaltenders.
- f. Affiliating players to teams that may include more skilled and physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially more mature players may not be appropriate and therefore must be made with due diligence.
- g. Teams should affiliate only as many players as they reasonably may need to call upon during a season as it may limit the ability of other teams within the same Group Member to access affiliates, goalies in particular.
- h. Teams must be aware that registering an affiliate to their team may affect that players' eligibility for Western Canadian or Canadian Championships.

10.4 Requirements

- a. An affiliate player may be called from their full-time team to play on another team, with the exception noted in b. and in compliance with the restrictions in #3. And #4.
 - i. Associations must affiliate suitable players from their own association before they may affiliate players from another association.
 - ii. For goaltenders only, affiliation is allowed to a lower age division team, excluding Open ringette teams, only when the player in question is already "playing up" an age group; e.g., A 15-year-old goaltender is placed on a U19 team to make that U19 team viable. The player may affiliate to a U16 team since the player's age is appropriate for that level already.
- b. An affiliation may be terminated once per season. A player's affiliation that has been terminated may not affiliate to another team during the same season.

- c. Affiliation is conditional on the player, parents (in the case of a minor), coaches and local association(s) agreeing to the affiliation and completing the necessary Player Affiliation Documentation.
- d. The deadline for Ringette Alberta to receive all Player Affiliation documentation, without paying a late fee, is November 15th of the current playing season.
- e. There is no additional registration fee for an affiliate player.
- f. Competitors 'dressed' and listed on a team's game sheet shall be:
 - i. A minimum of seven (7) players (including skaters and goaltenders);
 - ii. A maximum of five (5) affiliate

players AFFILIATING SKATERS

- g. When affiliating only skaters (defence, forwards and/or centres) for participation in a game:
 - i. A maximum of twelve (12) competitors 'dressed' may be listed on a team's game sheet;
 - ii. A part time goaltender who is dressed as a skater (to play defence, forward or centre for a particular game shall be considered a skater and among the 12 competitors

AFFILIATING ONLY A GOALTENDER

- h. When affiliating only a goaltender to participate in a game:
 - i. Subject to #10., a maximum of eighteen (18) competitors may be 'dressed' and listed on a team's game sheet; AFFILIATING a COMBINATION of SKATERS and A GOALTENDER
- i. When affiliating a combination of skaters (defence, forwards and/or centres) and one (1) goaltender for participation in a game:
 - i. A maximum of 12 competitors: eleven (11) skaters and one goalie may be 'dressed' and listed on a team's game sheet;
 - ii. A maximum of 13 competitors (11 skaters and 2 goaltenders) may be dressed for a game where a team dresses two goalies, one of which is an affiliate goaltender, subject to clause #8.
- j. Affiliate Goaltenders
 - i. The affiliate goaltender is only to be played in the event of illness, injury or absence of the full-time goaltender.
 - ii. The affiliate goaltender may be dressed as a back-up in any game and may only play if the full-time goaltender gets hurt or becomes ill during the course of that game.
 - iii. Coaches must ensure the purpose of affiliation is upheld with their goaltender affiliation choices

- k. Number and Type of Games Where affiliation is permitted, there is no restriction as to the number or type of games an affiliate player may participate in except: Individuals registered as full time players at U10 Step 1, U10 Step 2, or U10 Step 3 shall not participate in more than five (5) games per season as an affiliate player; Group Members are responsible for monitoring and enforcing the five (5) game maximum.
- l. Affiliate players not eligible to play may be on the bench but cannot be 'dressed'. The player's name must appear on the game sheet with (NOT DRESSED) appearing beside the name.
- m. A team that is made up of players from different communities should locate at a 'home' association. AA teams may affiliate a player(s) from anywhere in accordance with the above affiliation policy.
- n. U19 and below: Individuals registered as full-time players on a U19 or below team shall only be on two rosters, once as a player and once as an affiliate in the current season.
- o. U14C may affiliate players from a U12A team within a Group Member Association that does not have a U12B or U12C team. The affiliate player(s) must have scored in the lower 50% of that season's overall UAA score. The affiliate player must be approved by RAB prior to playing

a game for the U14C team.

- p. Conflicts regarding Provincial Playdowns and Championships may occur therefore, team staff must be aware of the dates for each Playdown and Provincial Championship and choose their affiliate players appropriately. The affiliate's main responsibility is to the player's own team's schedule (practices, league games, exhibition games, play-offs, tournaments, etc.).
- q. Supervision of a minor affiliated to a higher age group team is the responsibility of the player's parents and the coaching staff of the receiving team.
- r. Upon the conclusion of the Ringette Alberta Provincial Championship for the full-time team and where the team advances to the Western Canadian or Canadian Ringette Championship, that team's affiliate players shall automatically become full time players on that team except when the affiliate's full-time team from the regular season has also advanced to a Western Canadian or Canadian Ringette Championship in the same season.
- s. Compliance and Consequences
 - i. First time offence - the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred, and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalised team.
 - ii. Second time offence (within two calendar years of the first offence) - the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a 3 game suspension and the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalised team.
 - iii. Third and subsequent offences (within two calendar years of the first offence) the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a minimum 3 game suspension and the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalised team.

In exceptional years, it may be necessary for the Association to move Players in order to balance divisions or to form viable Teams.

An Affiliate may practice with the Team they are affiliated to if the Affiliate's commitment to their own Team is not compromised.