

F. AFFILIATION

PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.

GENERAL AFFILIATION PROCEDURES

1. Teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select:
 - a) in Senior AAA, (other than Senior Female) ten (10) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least one (1) Affiliated Player must be a Goaltender; and
 - b) in all other Categories, nineteen (19) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.
2. Teams may only select Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category Team(s) operating in the Geographic Subdivision in which the selecting Team operates, and all such Players and Team(s) must be properly registered in the HCR with the Member.
3. An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by that Member Executive Director, before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with that Member Executive Director.
4. Once a Player's Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player, their name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliated Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
 - a) the Team with which they registered Releases them on or before January 10; or
 - b) the Team that holds their playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
5. No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.
6. A Player must have the approval of their registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:
 - a) be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
 - b) participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.

7. Affiliated Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name.
8. Teams from different Divisions and/or Categories competing within the same League are not permitted to Affiliate between themselves.
9. Notwithstanding Regulation F.8, in a Senior League which consists of Teams registered Senior AAA, Senior AA and/or Senior, a higher Category Team participating in that League may Affiliate Players from a lower Category Team participating in that League, but such higher Category Team may not dress such an Affiliate Player while such higher Category Team is still in League competition.
10. All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.

LIMITATIONS ON AFFILIATION (SEE ALSO REGULATION I – ACCREDITED SCHOOLS)

11. Players transferred to a Member from another Member or Federation, including USA Hockey, other than Non-North American Imports, may advance to a Team of a higher Division/Category as Affiliated Players, only if the total number of active Imports on such higher Division or Category Team does not exceed the number provided for such Team in any game unless special permission has been granted by Hockey Canada for the Team to have additional Imports under By-Law 50.4.
12. A Non-North American Import is ineligible to advance to a Team of a higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player regardless of the number of Non-North American Imports on the higher Division or Category Team.
13. A Player, who is granted an appeal to register in Minor Hockey anywhere other than in their Residential Member, is ineligible to advance to a Team of a higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player.

AFFILIATION BETWEEN MINOR TO MINOR AND JUNIOR TO JUNIOR:

14. A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be selected as an Affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season:
 - a) a Major Junior Team;
 - b) Junior A Team;
 - c) Junior B Team; and
 - d) Junior C Team (excluding 16-year-old players playing at the highest level of U18).

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NUMBER OF GAMES A PLAYER MAY PLAY IN HIGHER DIVISIONS OR CATEGORIES

15. Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:

- a) For Junior A, Junior B, and Regional and National Championship eligible Teams, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team.
- b) For Junior C, a Player seventeen (17) years of age or older, registered at the highest Category of U18 may Affiliate to a Junior C Team to a maximum of 10 games. For any Player sixteen (16) years of age or older registered in a Category below the highest Category of U18, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play with a Junior C Team as an Affiliate Player.
- c) For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play as an Affiliate Player.
- d) Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in Regulation F.15 (a) and (b).
- e) Any Player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / Canada Winter Games / World Junior A Challenge will not count against the limit of games per Team.
- f) Appearance of an Affiliated Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate Goalkeeper, in which case only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

16. If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team or Teams, the Player may thereafter Affiliate an unlimited number of times on the following terms:

- a) No new registration is required or shall be issued for Affiliate Players, and such Players are not numbered among such higher Division/Category Teams registered Players.
- b) Affiliated Players remain Registered Participants of their lower Division/Category Team.

17. Affiliation of first year eligible U18 Players (fifteen (15) year olds) to Major Junior and Junior A and Junior B hockey Teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:

- a) A Player may Affiliate to a Major Junior Team and a Junior A or B Team in the same Season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each Team. A Player may not Affiliate to both a Junior A and a Junior B Team.
- b) A Team may Affiliate no more than five (5) Players for up to a maximum of five (5) games each during the Season.
- c) A Player shall NOT participate as an Affiliate, except under emergency conditions, when the Player's registered Team is playing or when the Player has semester exams at school.
- d) When the Player's registered Team is finished its Season, the Player may Affiliate an unlimited number of games with their Affiliate Team or Teams for the balance of the Season.
- e) The Affiliate Team may only have one (1) fifteen (15) year old Affiliate Player in its line-up per game.
- f) Any Player affiliation occurring as a result of the National Junior/Under 17/ Canada Winter Games/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the five (5) game total per Team.