



Olds Minor Softball

Player Affiliation Policy, Amended July 24, 2019

General Affiliation

- 1) The Head Coach and/or Team Manager must be the first point of contact for affiliation requests.
 - A) Scheduled games or practices are grounds for denying affiliation requests.
 - B) Head Coaches can designate rest days for pitchers and/or limit innings pitched.
- 2) Affiliation should be undertaken in same age level or down 1 tiered level.

Refer to OMSA Definitions of Terms regarding over and underage for affiliating players outside the age level in need.

- A) With the appropriate age level coordinator's approval:
 - a. An affiliation may come from **ONE** tiered level **ABOVE** the age.
 - b. Under aged players can affiliate **TWO** age levels up. Affiliation of under aged players greater than one age levels is discouraged but may be allowed in exceptional circumstances. This requires the approval of **BOTH** appropriate age coordinators.
- 3) In order to foster ongoing skill development, players who are evaluated for tiered teams but aren't selected for that team should be offered affiliation opportunities before consideration of other players.
- 4) Coaches must explore all affiliation options within OMSA before affiliating players from outside OMSA.

Overage Affiliation

- 1) For male team:
 - A) All teams U14 to U23 may affiliate a maximum of two overage players who are one year advanced from the playing category.
 - B) There is no restriction on overage players pitching or catching.
- 2) For female teams:
 - A) Overage affiliation is **NOT** allowed for U14, U12 & U10 for provincial play.
 - B) For U16 & U19, only teams that do not lead to post provincial play may affiliate a maximum of 2 overage players who are one year advanced from the playing category. That is, U16B, C, D and U19C & D are eligible to affiliate overage players.
 - C) Overage players may not pitch or catch in provincial play.
 - D) Non provincial tournaments & league play – please refer to each tournament's/ league's rules and regulations to confirm any age restrictions.

Player Affiliations outside of OMSA

- 1) Once the athlete's regular team's season is over, she/he may be affiliated to any team outside of OMSA.
- 2) During an athlete's regular season:
 - A) The athlete must receive permission from their regular head coach or manager.
 - B) The athlete may not compete **in season** against an OMSA team without prior "informed" consent from his/her own head coach **AND** the coach of the registered tournament OMSA team against which the athlete may compete. IE: If U16C is competing in a tournament, another OMSA athlete may not affiliate to a competing team in said tournament without permission from the athlete's head coach/manager **AND** the U16C coach/manager.