

AFFILIATIONS

Guidelines: (Amended October 11, 2016)

1. When completing affiliations, the coach from the higher team must tell the coach from the team below who he wants to affiliate. The coach below **MUST** confirm with the player(s) that they are willing to play for the higher team when called, before the Affiliation papers are completed...this is a **MUST** do process to avoid wasting affiliations on players who will not come up when called.
2. For purposes of clarification, unless an affiliated player has a League, Play-off, or Provincial game, the player shall be entitled to play or practice with the team above to whom they have been affiliated.
3. The Coach of the higher level team must call the coach on the team below prior to calling up an affiliated player. The coach from the higher team can only telephone the player with the agreement from the affiliated player's coach or the affiliated player's coach may call the player directly to inform them of the call up. If the affiliated player's coach calls the player, he will immediately notify the coach above of the players' decision. This process must be followed by both coaches as to contact and allowing an affiliated player to play for the team above
4. If there are disputes between coaches, the decision of the applicable Club Director is final
5. An affiliated player **shall** play for the team above if affiliating team has fifteen (15) or less players (Note: this number is 16 for Midget AAA), including goaltenders, available for the game. If the team above has 16 (Note: for Midget AAA it is 17 players) or more players available to play, the team below can refuse **only if** his team has a league game, play-off game or provincial game. A coach cannot refuse a player if they have a team practice or team event.
6. **An affiliated player cannot step on the ice until the affiliation has been signed by Hockey Alberta and the affiliation has been returned to SAMHA/Raiders.**
7. Coaches should, at every opportunity, encourage the players to play and practice at the higher level

The following affiliations will be allowed for Midget:

1. **Midget AAA** – can affiliate from Midget Minor AAA, Midget AA, Midget Interlock, or players within our draw zone. The maximum number of affiliates is 19. Please note: for players in our Draw Zone, the coach must let the appropriate Minor Hockey Association (“MHA”) coach know what you have done.
2. **Midget Minor AAA** – Note: can only affiliate 15 year old or younger players. This team can affiliate from the Midget AA (15), a 15 year old from Midget Interlock and Bantam AAA. The Midget Minor AAA team can affiliate a maximum of 12 players (including goalies). Please note: for players in our Draw Zone, the coach must let the appropriate MHA coach know what you have done.
3. **Midget AA** – can affiliate from the Midget Minor AAA team (if a player is not already affiliated to Major Midget AAA) and Midget Interlock teams. The Midget AA teams can affiliate a maximum of 12 players (this includes goalies).
4. **Midget AA (15)** – Note: this team can only affiliate to a 15 year old or younger players. This team will affiliate from 15 year old players at Midget Interlock or Bantam AAA (only those players who are not affiliated on the Bantam AAA team) or Bantam AA teams. This Midget team can affiliate a maximum of 12 players (including goalies). Since some of the players are not in the Raiders Club, coaches must ask the coach from the team which the affiliated player is on whether they are willing to come-up when called.

The following affiliations will be allowed in Bantam:

1. **Bantam AAA** – can affiliate from Bantam AA (any of the three teams) or Bantam Interlock with prior Board approval or Bantam players in our Draw Zone. The maximum number of affiliates is 19. For players in our Draw Zone, the coach must let the coach of the MHA team know what you have done.
2. **Bantam AA** – can affiliate from the Bantam Interlock teams. The maximum number of affiliates is 8 (including goalies). A draft will be held to identify affiliate players for each team. Since some of the players are not in the Raiders Club coaches must ask the coach from the team which the affiliated player is on whether they are willing to come-up when called.

Hockey Alberta's Female Hockey Alberta Development Model requires Affiliation to be used to accommodate athlete development and provide an opportunity for players to experience the higher level of hockey and are as dictated by **Hockey Alberta's Female Elite ADM:**

- Midget "AAA" Teams are permitted to affiliate *Midget* registered players from a lower category from any MHA within Alberta.
- "Elite" Teams (Bantam and Midget) are eligible to affiliate players from a lower division or category that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Recruitment Area.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Host MHA is located.

All players to be registered for affiliation within the Female Hockey ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

- A team may affiliate a maximum of nineteen (19) players from within the team's designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's affiliation list filed with Hockey Alberta.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.
- Once a player's affiliation is approved, the player's name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- A player, registered with a team which has a "team to team" affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
- Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a "team to team" affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.
- All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

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