



PLAYER AFFILIATION POLICY

1.1 Purpose: Player affiliation allows a team to replace absent, sick, injured, or suspended players on a game-by-game basis and to provide development opportunities to Ringuette New Brunswick (RNB) athletes.

1.2 Applicability: All RNB High Performance (RNB HP) teams, as well as RNB Community teams from local associations registered with RNB, with the exception of Open teams, may affiliate players who are also registered with RNB.

1.3 Principles

1.3.1 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.

1.3.2 A skater is anyone who is competing in a particular game but not dressed as a goaltender

1.3.3 It is acceptable to allow 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 rostered players** are unavailable.

1.3.4 Affiliation is **NOT** the tool to be used to provide additional ice time for select players. Affiliate skaters or goaltenders must make their **full-time team** their priority. Attending practices, games and tournaments as an affiliate is **in addition** to their participation on their full-time team. The coaches of both teams should communicate and prevent conflict to ensure that affiliate players and goalie are being given an opportunity to participate with the affiliated team, without being disadvantageous to their full-time team.

1.3.5 Affiliation is not to be used to improve the competitiveness of a team at the expense of ice time for a full-time regular roster player; this includes skaters and goaltenders.

1.3.6 Teams can affiliate only up to a maximum of five (5) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

1.4 Requirements

1.4.1 An affiliate player may be called from their full-time team to play on a game-by-game basis with another team, only as indicated in **Table 1.1**.

1.4.2 An affiliation may be terminated once per season at the coaches discretion.

1.4.3 Affiliation is conditional on the player, parents (in the case of a minor), coaches and local association(s) agreeing to the affiliation.

Table 1.1: Appropriate Affiliation

Division	U19AA	U19A	U16/19 Community	U16AA	U16A	U16 Tier 1	U16 Community	U14 A	U14 Tier 1	U14 Community
U19AA			U19 aged if no U19A							
U19A										
U16/19 Community										
U16AA			U16 Aged							
U16A			U16 Aged							
U16 Tier 1			U16 Aged							
U16 Community										
U14 A										
U14 Tier 1										If no U14 Tier 1
U14 Community										

Notes:
 Green shaded denotes level applicable for player affiliation.
 Yellow shaded denotes level applicable for player affiliation, if the priority division is not available.

1.4.4 Timelines: The deadline for coaches to name their affiliates is October 15th of the current playing season.

1.4.5 Fees: There is no additional registration fee for an affiliate player.

1.4.6 Competitors ‘dressed’ and listed on a team’s game sheet shall be:

1.4.6.1 A minimum of seven (7) players (including skaters and goaltenders);

1.4.6.2 A maximum of five (5) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

1.4.7 When affiliating only skaters (defense, forwards and/or centers) for participation in a game

1.4.7.1 A maximum of fifteen (15) skaters 'dressed' may be listed on a team's game sheet;

1.4.10 Affiliate Goaltenders

1.4.10.1 The affiliate goaltender is only to be played in the event of illness, injury or absence of the full-time goaltender.

1.4.10.2 The affiliate goaltender may be dressed as a back-up in any game (provided the team follows **1.4.1**) and may only play if the full-time goaltender gets hurt or becomes ill during the course of that game.