

Affiliate Players for Provincial Tiering Weekends (PTWs)

What is an AP Player:

- An AP is an “affiliate player” who can ‘affiliate’ with one other team participating in PTWs in a higher age category and division.
- A player can only be used as an AP with one (1) team at a time.
- An AP must be a registered member with Softball Alberta
- “*Roster team*” refers to the team the AP is rostered with on a full-time basis.

Who can affiliate for a given team:

- Teams may only affiliate players from within their own Minor Association.
 - Exception: Adrenaline, Kaizen, River City and Warriors. These organizations are limited to drawing from their local areas - Zone 3 & Zone 6
- Affiliate players can only come from the lower age category / divisions.
- U9 players are not permitted to participate in games as AP’s for U13/U15 teams
- A player must fulfill their obligations to their rostered team before participating as an AP in a PTW
- Approval to use an AP for a PTW must be approved by Softball Alberta – a 2 business days prior to PTW commencement.
- Teams can not affiliate a player from a team that is registered in Provincial Tiering in the same age category.

When can an affiliated player be used:

- The purpose of an AP is to allow the tiering team the opportunity to field a team for every game. AP players are used to “in case of” last minute emergencies, injuries, illnesses, etc. and not to augment lineups.
- No player may be used as an AP while their lower category team is in competition except with the consent of the lower category team and Softball Alberta.

AP Documentation

- All AP approval forms must be submitted no later than 2 working days prior to the start of the tiering game.
- The player’s roster coach must be notified of the intent to affiliate their player and the player must have the approval of their rostered team in order to play.
- An AP approval form must be signed by the following individuals prior to submitting to Softball Alberta:
 - Head coach of the tiering team
 - Head coach of the roster team
- Once approval has been granted by Softball Alberta the tiering team head coach should carry the approved form at all times.
- Appearance of a player’s name on the official lineup card and/or scoresheet shall be considered participation in the game.
- An approved AP application is only valid for one wknd. A new application must be done for each PTW.
- AP’s are not allowed on the team’s final provincial roster - once and all regular Pickup Player rules would then

Penalties for Using an Unauthorized Affiliated Player:

- The use of an unauthorized affiliated player in a game will result in the Head Coach being suspended for the use of an ineligible player. The suspension shall be for a period of 30 days from the date of infraction.
- The decision of Softball Alberta will be final.