**WKMHA Affiliate Policy and Procedure 2018/2019**

Players can only be affiliated to one team at any given time

 In order to affiliate to a team a player must be carded to a lower level team.

WKMHA does not permit Atom Dev players to AP to Peewee Recreation teams

 A maximum of 19 players are permitted on an Affiliation list for each team.

Affiliation guidelines shall mirror those of OMAHA.

Players **CAN NOT** participate as a team affiliated player until the Association Registrar has provided the higher level team with a HCR generated roster with that player listed.

Affiliated players are **NOT** to be contacted for participation with a higher level team without the prior consent of the Head Development Coach.

Head Coach to Head Coach dialogue is required. The Head Coach requesting the player MUST contact the Player’s Head Coach regarding EACH ice time they require the player during the season

Lower level coaches are expected to encourage affiliated players to avail of any opportunity to participate at a higher level. Should a conflict between schedules exist lower level coaches will consult with Association Head Development Coach as to whether he/she should make that player available to the higher level team. It is only after consent has been obtained from the lower level coach that the higher level coach is permitted to contact the requested player or player’s parents.

AP players must make their originating team priority and MUST attend the practices of their original team unless otherwise permitted by the Head Coach

 2013-2014 Hockey Canada Regulation E35a

35. a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affliated team, or a specially affliated player, may **affliate to** a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, **to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affliate an unlimited number of times.** For goaltender exceptions see Regulations B.42, E.36 (b).

**(Only league games and Playoff games count toward the 10 game max)**

**Process:**

Coach who wants to AP a player should contact the Head Development Coach

Head Development Coach is to contact the Player’s Coach to notify him/her of the AP request

Upon approval of the Player’s Coach, The HDC will contact the requested player to AP and advise them of the request and the expectations regarding attending their original team practices and games

If accepted, the HDC will notify the WKMHA registrar and the player will be added to the official HCR as an AP player

To have an AP added to your roster for the upcoming weekend, the request must be submitted by the HDC to the registrar by Wednesday at midnight

Every team (Atom –Midget) is required to have an AP list that must have at least one player on it by December 15th. The final date to add an AP to your roster is January 15th

It is recommended that every team AP at least one goalie

Affiliation is not a perfect practice and often happens on very short notice. Be respectful and make it a positive experience for all parties involved

**Flow Chart for AP Players:**

Midget T3- AP from Midget recreation, then Bantam Tier 3

Bantam T3- AP from Bantam recreation, then Peewee recreation

Peewee T2- AP from Peewee T3, then Peewee recreation

Peewee T3-AP from Peewee Recreation, then Atom Dev

Atom Dev A- AP from Atom Dev C

Atom Dev C- AP from Atom Recreation

Midget Recreation-AP from Bantam Recreation

Bantam Recreation – AP from Peewee Recreation

Peewee Recreation-AP from Atom Recreation

Atom Recreation- AP from Novice- only as per the attached Memorandum from BC Hockey

**MEMORANDUM**

October 2, 2017

**TO:                 District Associations**

**FROM:            Barry Petrachenko**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**COPY:            BC Minor Hockey Associations**

**SUBJECT:     Novice Players Affiliation or Registration to Atom Teams**

Please note the following information setting out the process for the submission of requests to allow the affiliation or registration of Novice players to an Atom team:

* District Associations are to submit the request via email to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) stating:
	+ Full rationale as to why the district supports the request
	+ Future plans for the situation (i.e. if it will be an ongoing situation or only one-time requirement/request)
* Please note that District approval of the registration or affiliation of a Novice player to an Atom team does not equate to automatic approval by BC Hockey.

Further, it has come to our attention that some of our Minor Hockey Association Atom teams have been utilizing Novice players not registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). This will serve as a reminder that all players must be registered in the HCR prior to participation in any games or practices.