

# YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## AFFILIATED PLAYERS

### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association (Association) is subject to and governed by the Regulations and policies of Hockey Canada (HC) which are administered by Hockey North. The following statement is intended to clarify the policies and procedures relating to the affiliation of players with the Association Development teams.

#### 2.0 HOCKEY CANADA REGULATIONS:

The following are Hockey Canada Regulations relate to player affiliation.

The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher division or category teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the playing rules. Teams may use one of the following systems of affiliation. Affiliation may be undertaken as follows:

1. Team to Team Affiliation – available to all divisions;
2. Specially Affiliated players – applicable to Sr. Female, Junior, Minor and Minor Female divisions only;
3. Club System – applicable to Junior, minor male and minor female divisions only.

The Specially Affiliated Player system is best suited for Association programs.

Specially Affiliated Players:

12. Branches may at their discretion adopt the following affiliation system. Junior/Senior (senior female only) teams that are permitted to have an affiliated team under Regulation E.10 may if they wish and in lieu of one (1) affiliated team have nineteen specially affiliated players of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders, from lower divisions or category teams operating in the geographic sub-division in which the selecting team operates providing that all players and teams are properly registered with the Branch.
13. a) A minor hockey team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team's designated geographic sub-division, as defined and approved by the team's Branch.  
b) A geographic subdivision may include a city, town municipality, rural area or zone as established from time to time by a Branch within its own jurisdiction.  
c) A player is only permitted to participate as an affiliated player with one minor hockey team of a higher division or category during a playing season. Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's affiliation list filed within the Branch.

#### Registration Deadlines:

- An affiliated player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting team until his Hockey Canada card has been endorsed by the Branch following the written consent from both teams involved and the affiliation has been filed with the Branch.
- The Branch may not endorse specially affiliated player registrations after January 15. The Branch shall draw up the final list of the specially affiliated players and register the said list with Hockey Canada no later than January 25.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Specially Affiliated Players' list at any one time during the current season.

#### Number of Allowable Games in a Higher Division or Category:

- An affiliated player may play for a team of a higher division and category at any time, but if he plays more than five (5) league and/or play-off games after January 10 with a team or teams in any higher division or category he will be considered a member of the higher division team.
- Exhibition and /or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to above. .
- Affiliated players used by a higher division or category team shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the player line-up or roster.

### 3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Transparency:** consistent application of our policies and procedures in a fair and transparent manner.

**Equity:** the impacts on all relevant teams and players shall be considered when implementing this policy.

**Respect:** we will respect the application and reporting requirements of the relevant authorities.

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

**Affiliated Player (AP):** refers to those players from club teams, affiliated teams or specially affiliated players when such player(s) are participating with a higher division or category team.

Minor Hockey includes only the following divisions: Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom, Novice, Initiation and the divisions created under B.2 of Hockey Canada By- Laws and Regulations.

### 5.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all divisions where the Development Team is playing in the next higher division as a League Team except where noted in the appropriate sections

### 6.0 ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

- A Development Team may identify a maximum of 10 Specially Affiliated Players of which one must be a goaltender.
- The Specially Affiliated Players shall, in the first instance, be limited to the age-appropriate players that competed for the development team but were not selected.

- The list of age-appropriate affiliated players may be supplemented with development team players from the next youngest age bracket, up to the maximum of ten players in total
- Development Team coaches must complete the attached form listing all Specially Affiliated Players, obtain the required approvals and submit to the Association Registrar prior to any affiliated players participating in Development Team activities.
- Specially Affiliated Players may be used in place of or to supplement players registered on a Development Team, subject to the limitations described below:

League Program:

- The maximum number of players, including Specially Affiliated Players that may be registered on any game sheet must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team. Teams can replace injured players and/or absent players with Specially Affiliated Players to bring the team up to the registered team roster size. The team roster size shall be reduced by one (1) for each player that is under a suspension imposed by Hockey Canada for that game. This reduction in roster size will not be less than 13 skaters. If there is less than 13 registered skaters on a team, affiliated players may be added to reach the minimum number of players.
- Specially Affiliated Players for Pee Wee teams and above may practice with the Development Team provided that it does not interfere with their obligations to their League Team.
- The Development Team Head Coach has the discretion to choose the player (s) from the pool of Specially Affiliated Players to participate in Development Team activities and tournaments.
- The Development Team Head Coach must obtain permission from the player's League Team Head Coach prior to the player participating in any Development Team games. Permission shall not unreasonably be withheld.
- All arrangements between the Development Team and the relevant League teams shall be confirmed in writing and copied to the relevant Governor, Director League Program and Director Development Teams.

Tournament travel:

- Development Teams may supplement their roster up to the maximum number of players allowed under Hockey Canada rules for tournaments and other competitive opportunities outside the Branch.

General:

Affiliated players must pay the full Development Team registration fee to participate in Development Team practices.