



PLAYER AFFILIATION POLICY

Objective:

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.

Applicability:

- Players will be permitted to affiliate with one (1) team within the Association or an external Association in accordance with the regulations of the NOHA and Hockey Canada. Affiliated players are eligible to affiliate with only one (1) team
- Affiliate players must be approved on the affiliate team's HCR roster before being eligible to play
- Affiliate players can be added to the affiliate team's HCR roster until January 15
- Affiliations for Novice and Tyke will follow Hockey Canada Cross Ice rules
- All affiliations must follow the WFMHA Affiliation Chart:

Teams can affiliate with the teams (if applicable) on the right

Midget AA	Minor Midget AA	Bantam AA	Midget H/L	
Minor Midget AA	Bantam AA	Minor Bantam AA		
Midget H/L	Bantam H/L			
Bantam AA	Minor Bantam AA	Bantam A	Bantam H/L	
Minor Bantam AA	Minor Bantam A	Peewee AA	Bantam H/L	
Bantam A	Peewee A	Bantam H/L		
Bantam H/L	Peewee H/L			
Peewee AA	Minor Peewee AA	Peewee A	Peewee D	Peewee H/L
Minor Peewee AA	Minor Peewee A	Peewee D	Atom AA	Peewee H/L
Peewee A	Peewee D	Atom A	Peewee H/L	
Peewee D	Peewee H/L			
Peewee H/L	Atom H/L			
Atom AA	Minor Atom AA	Atom A	Atom D	Atom H/L
Minor Atom AA	Minor Atom A	Minor Atom D	Atom H/L	
Atom A	Atom D	Atom H/L		
Atom D	Atom H/L			

General Affiliation Procedures (NOHA)

1. Affiliation regulations and procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation F.
2. Geographic subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation, shall be determined by the NOHA Board of Directors. It is their position that the geographic sub-division is the entire NOHA, therefore with approval from the player's home Association & Team, a player may affiliate anywhere within the NOHA.



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3. From Novice to Junior A, teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may selected nineteen (19) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.
4. Teams may only select Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category Team, with the exception of the Regulation below; all such Players and Team(s) must be properly registered in the HCR.
5. Minor-aged players registered on teams with both minor/major Players will be allowed to affiliate with minor rep Teams in their age category (i.e. a Minor Peewee A player on a Major Peewee A Team can affiliate with a Minor Peewee AA Teams in a higher category). This would not apply to AAA Teams.
6. An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by the NOHA Executive Director, before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the NOHA.
7. Once a Player's Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player, his name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliated Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
 - a. the Team with which he registered Releases him on or before January 10; or
 - b. the Team that holds his playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
8. No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.
9. A Player must have the approval of his/her registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:
 - a. be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
 - b. participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.
10. Affiliated Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name.
11. All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.



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Number of Games a Player May Play in High Divisions or Categories

1. Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:
 - i) For Teams that are eligible for OHF, Regional and National Championships, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team of higher Division or Category at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per season;
 - ii) For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, affiliation shall be unlimited;
 - iii) Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the maximum number of games.

Note: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered Playoffs and therefore does count towards the ten (10) games total.

2. If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team, the Player may thereafter Affiliate an unlimited number of times.
3. Appearance of an Affiliated Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate Goalkeeper, in which case only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

2. Affiliation Process

1. Coaches may only request an affiliate player for Playoff games, League games or Tournaments when they have a shortened roster (approved roster in HRC) as a result of a player on their roster being sick, injured or not able to attend the event. A team may ask an affiliated player to join team for a tournament, but they cannot dress unless they are missing a player. Priority will always be given to carded players of their registered team.
2. Players can only participated in affiliated games when there is no conflict with their registered team. Players cannot play if their team is participating in:
 - 1) Playoff game
 - 2) League game
 - 3) Tournament

An exception can be requested where the affiliation is for an opportunity for a showcase tournament. This exception requires the approval of the player's Head Coach and the Division Convenor.



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3. If there is no conflict with the above-mentioned activities, the player must be given the opportunity to affiliate with the team requesting the affiliate player, in accordance with the NOHA regulations. Approval from the player's Head Coach will be required if the team is participating in:
 - 1) Practice
 - 2) Exhibition Game
 - 3) Off Ice Event
4. Coaches in the WFMHA are to encourage, promote and seek out affiliation opportunities for players on his/her team
5. Outside Association affiliation will not be granted at the Tyke, Novice and Atom age divisions. Affiliation for Peewee, Bantam and Midget will be available to teams within the NOHA only as per NOHA guidelines.
6. Atom Rep affiliation:
 - 1) Each team can affiliate up to 19 players, if the team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) must be Goaltenders
 - 2) Affiliation for these programs must stay within WFMHA to promote internal development of WFMHA players
 - 3) Each team must affiliate a minimum of 3 players and must be called up on a rotational basis
7. Peewee, Bantam and Midget "A" Rep affiliation:
 - 1) Each team can affiliate up to 19 players, if the team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) must be Goaltenders
 - 2) All affiliated players must be from within WFMHA, no outside affiliation will be permitted
 - 3) Each team must affiliate a minimum of 3 players
8. Peewee, Bantam and Midget "AA" Rep affiliation:
 - 1) Each team can affiliate up to 19 players, if the team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) must be Goaltenders
 - 2) Each team is to affiliate a minimum of 3 players from WFMHA out of the 19 total
 - 3) Teams may affiliate with outside Associations that have agreed to affiliation from within the NOHA boundaries
 - 4) The Head Coach has the choice to choose from any approved affiliated player subject to the Affiliation Rules



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9. House League affiliation

- 1) Affiliation for House League must stay within WFMHA
- 2) Affiliation for House League players is unlimited
- 3) Teams must affiliate a minimum of 3 players as they can only affiliate with one (1) team.
A player cannot play unless the affiliation is registered in the HCR database.