

TITLE	AFFILIATION POLICY
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1.0 OVERVIEW

Hockey Alberta Bylaw and Regulations Section B – Minor Hockey 7.16 & 7.17:

7.16 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player" for the affiliated team. However, if the 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.

7.17 Appearance of an Affiliate Player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report. All Affiliated Players being used in a game must be marked "AP" on the game record.

Please refer to the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Section 7 for the full details on Affiliation.

2.0 BMHA POLICY

2.1 The goal of this policy is to have teams communicate and work together with the affiliation process. This will allow our players the best opportunity for growth and development, without being detrimental to other teams. If coaches are not following this process or denying requests, BMHA will have to step in to make decisions regarding affiliation requests. In the event that a Head Coach or Team Manager is unable to be reached, the BMHA President will make a decision regarding the affiliation process.

2.2 Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended players.

2.3 Affiliated players will only be permitted to affiliate to one team during the season.

3.0 PROCESS

Once players have been officially added to the teams Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) roster, the following guidelines will be observed to aid the process:

3.1 Head Coach (HC) contacts their Team Manager (TM) indicating they require affiliates for the next game(s).

3.2 That TM then contacts the affiliate players (AP) TM requesting an affiliate player.

3.3 Affiliate TM gives the AP contact information to the requesting TM.

3.4 The HC or TM of the requesting affiliates team then contacts the APs parents to ask them if the AP can play for them.

3.5 The AP then decides yes or no.

3.5.1 If yes, the TM informs the APs HC when the AP will be playing for the higher team to determine if the lower team will require an AP if they have a conflicting game.

3.5.1.1 It is imperative that the HC give the player the opportunity to say yes or no.

3.5.1.2 It is not the HCs decision, as it is an opportunity for the player to get some higher-level experience and the HC should not get in the way of that.

3.5.1.3 Only in extreme circumstances will the HC be able to stop the AP movement from happening.

3.5.2 If no, then the TM informs the higher Team's TM that the AP is not available and finds out if they would like to use a different AP from their team, and then the TM goes back to step 3.3.

4.0 WHO CAN AFFILIATE TO WHO

4.1 RHL League

U11 - U18 follow the Rockies Hockey League Affiliation rules. Based on the number of teams each season these plans may change annually.

4.2 CAHL League

U11 - U18 CAHL* team's please review and understand the specific league regulations regarding Affiliates.

**CAHL – Affiliates will be added after tiering rounds unless special circumstances.*

5.0 AFFILIATION REMINDERS

5.1 Players can only be affiliated to one team

5.2 Head Coaches and Team Managers **MUST** make sure their affiliate players are properly rostered prior to playing your affiliate player(s) and notify the league CAHL or RHL prior to using them the first time so that they can get entered into the system.

5.2.1 Playing ineligible players will result in a suspension of the Head Coach by Hockey Alberta.

5.2.2 Minimum FOUR (4) Game Suspension for the Head Coach.

5.3 Players cannot choose the team they want to affiliate to.