



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 U9 and U7 will follow Hockey Canada Cross Ice rules
- All affiliations must follow the NBMHA Affiliation Chart:

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

U18 AA	Minor U18 AA	U18AA	U18(H/L	
U16 AA	U15 AA	U15A		
U18 H/L	U15 H/L			
U15 AA	U14 AA	U15 A	U15 H/L	
U14AA	U15 A			
U15A	U15 H/L			
U15 H/L	U13 H/L			
U13AA	U12 AA	U13 A	U13 D	U13 H/L
U12AA	U13 A	U13 D	U11 AA	U13 H/L
U13A	U13 D	U11 A	U11 H/L	
U13D	U13 H/L			
U13 H/L	U11 H/L			
U11AA	U10 AA	U11 A	U11 D	U11 H/L
U10AA	U11 A	U11 D	U11 H/L	
U11A	U11 D	U11 H/L		
U11D	U11 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



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anywhere within the NOHA.

3. From U9 to U21, 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 U13A player on a Major U13A Team can affiliate with a Minor U13AA 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.

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



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- 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 participate 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

Exception can be requested where the affiliation is for an opportunity for a showcase Tournament or the opportunity is deemed a meaningful for the player development. This exception requires the approval of the Division Convener.



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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. The player's Head Coach will be made aware if the player is participating in:
 - 1) Practice
 - 2) Exhibition Game
 - 3) Off Ice Event

If a conflict exists with the above and the home team's activities, coaches should determine which activity is the best for the players development. If agreement cannot be achieved, the Division Convener will make the final decision.

4. Coaches in the NBMHA are to encourage, promote and seek out affiliation opportunities for players on their team
5. Outside Association affiliation will not be granted at the U7, U9 Divisions.
6. Outside Association affiliation may be considered for U11, U13, U15 and U18 upon approval from the Division Convener.



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7. House League affiliation

- 1) Affiliation for House League must stay within NBMHA
- 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.