

Player Affiliation

This document outlines the procedure to follow when requesting that a player be allowed to affiliate with a higher team.

If the player being requested is on a Pee wee House League team, or higher, they must have completed a current Checking Clinic.

The coach making the request must always contact the coach of the player's host team whether it is the first game or any subsequent game thereafter. Once the coach of the host team has been contacted, and s/he agrees with the affiliation request, the player would be contacted to see if s/he is in agreement with the affiliation request.

The coach making the request cannot contact the player directly.

Once a player has played 3 or 4 games with the higher team, the Executive must be notified, in writing, of the desire of the coach making the affiliation request to keep the player on the higher team. This email should also include written approval of the host coach. The final decision as to whether the player stays with the higher team or returns to the host team rests with the Executive. Both coaches need to be aware that once the player reaches his 5th game after January 10th that player will have to remain with the higher team if he plays a 6th game. This is why the communication between both coaches is so critical to ensure there are no surprises when a player reaches the game cap.

The Player Affiliation rules are as follows:

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REGULATION 4 - AFFILIATION

400 PURPOSE: 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.

401 HNSMC Teams will follow the "Club System" as defined and governed by Hockey Canada Regulation E 20-28. This does not include the NS AAA Major Midget League member teams who will have their affiliation defined by HNSMC Executive.

402 General Affiliation Regulations as defined by Hockey Canada Regulation E 29-39 are applicable, except where defined herein.

403 Movement of players is restricted as follows:

A.

Division Affiliates to:

Midget AAA	Midget AA, A, B
Midget AA	Midget A, B
Midget A	Midget B
Midget B	Midget House League, Bantam Goalies
Bantam AA	Bantam A, B, C Pee wee AAA, AA, A, B
Bantam A	Bantam B, C Pee wee AA, A, B

Bantam B	Bantam C, Peewee A, B
Bantam C	Bantam House, Peewee B
Peewee AAA	Peewee AA, A, B
Peewee AA	Peewee A, B
Peewee A	Peewee B
Peewee B	Peewee House
Atom AAA	Atom AA, A, B
Atom AA	Atom A, B
Atom A	Atom B
Atom B	Atom House

- B. At no time may a player skip a Division for the purpose of affiliation (i.e.: Pee Wee player CANNOT affiliate to Midget).
- C. Bantam Age players cannot affiliate to Midget, with the exception of goaltenders.
- D. Only players registered on a Team Registration form, and approved by the Regional Director, may advance to a higher division or category team for purpose of affiliation.
- E. All ‘B’ teams may affiliate to house teams at a maximum of 5 skaters and one goaltender. All players above Atom must have taken the checking clinic before being eligible as an affiliate player.
- F. Higher Division/Category team must attain consent from Lower Division Category team prior to using an affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in suspension of offending team’s Head Coach.
- G. Affiliate players are used only for replacement of suspended, injured or sick players.
- H. A maximum of three (3) affiliates may be used by one team within one game.
- I. With the exception of “AAA”, teams from within amalgamated associations may only draw upon affiliates from one team.
(Example – If an association has 3 “A” teams, that team must choose one “B” team only, to affiliate with.) Affiliate teams are to be selected by December 1.
- J. Teams may use players from any combination of teams allowed within their club system affiliation.
- K. For Associations with 35 or fewer registered Midget players, the lowest affected team may, with approval of the Regional Director, affiliate to players in the Bantam division who are in their last year of Bantam eligibility, in accordance with the Club system.

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DECEMBER 15

Final date for filing of team affiliations.

NUMBER OF GAMES A PLAYER MAY PLAY IN HIGHER DIVISIONS OR CATEGORIES

35. a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories 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 Divisions or categories, he shall not be allowed to compete any further in the Division or category for which he is registered in the same season. Should a player play more than five (5) games with a team or teams in still higher Divisions and categories, than he shall accordingly

disqualify himself from playing any further in lower Divisions and categories.

b) 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 in E.35 (a).

37. 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 on the players line-up or roster.