



ST. ALBERT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

APPENDIX B

SAMHA Affiliation Policy

Players may be affiliated with other teams as per Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations. The needs of the Association's Program and the St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club must be considered.

In consultation with the coaches, the Division Directors and HOCVP will complete and submit Affiliation Forms to the President for approval and registration with Hockey Alberta.

With the approval of the Division Director, the HOCVP and the President, an "affiliating team" may affiliate from the team one or two levels below the affiliating team within the same Division.

Divisions

U7 – No affiliation

U9 – Affiliation is only permitted if a team has less than 12 players

U11 – Player affiliation available on a case-by-case basis; goaltender affiliation required

U13 – Each team affiliates four players and if available, a goaltender

U15 - Each team affiliates four players and if available, a goaltender

U18 - Each team affiliates four players and if available, a goaltender

*All SARHC affiliations are selected by the Head Coach of the affiliating team.

**Played can be affiliated from non-contact to contact with the written approval of the parent.

Use of Affiliates

The goal of affiliation is to allow players to compete and develop at a higher level while providing the higher-level team with a player to fill their roster for practices and games. Coaches of the affiliating team must obtain approval from the coach of the player's regular team before directly extending an invitation to the player or the player's parents to attend a practice, game or tournament.

Coaches on the player's regular team can only decline participation if the player is under suspension (of any kind) or if the player has a regular season, playoff, or tournament game commitment. Coaches must allow the player to compete with the higher-level team if a practice or exhibition game conflict exists.

Disagreements in participation in the affiliation process will be escalated to the Division Director for a final decision.

A player may be affiliated to only one team.

An affiliated player must come from a lower tier, division, or category.



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Female players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

Affiliation Process

1. During the draft process, affiliate players are identified by the Division Director and HOCVP. The Head Coach has the opportunity to request affiliate players at the draft.
2. Two weeks after team formation, the Division Director and HOCVP finalize the affiliate selections with coaches.
3. The SARHC must finalize affiliates prior to October 15th and SAMHA must finalize affiliates prior to November 15th.
4. The affiliation has been reviewed & endorsed by the President of SAMHA. On exception, affiliations may be accepted and endorsed by the President up to and including January 15th of the current hockey season.
5. Players are formally added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates"

****IF REQUESTED, TEAMS MUST BE ABLE TO PRESENT A COPY OF THEIR OFFICIAL HARD CARD WITH APPROVED AFFILIATES LISTED****

Important: Any Player participating in any game as an Affiliated Player without proper approval or registration in the Hockey Canada Registry on the said team as an "affiliate" shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials are subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations.

Key Points

- The requested player must be in good standing with his team and must not be serving a suspension. Please remember that affiliation is a privilege. Head Coaches can deny affiliation for players displaying negative, undisciplined, or bad behaviour on their team.
- All affiliations terminate at the end of the current hockey season.
- The team with the game should always take priority over practice.
- If the requested player's team has a game on the same day or time as the affiliate team, preference should be given to the primary team. Exceptions to this rule include:
 - teams requiring a key position filled (goaltender)
 - to enable a minimum of 12 skaters.
 - Ultimately, the decision should be left up to the player & their parents and no negative repercussions imposed.



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Games

- The team using the affiliate player must identify the player on the game sheet as an “AP” (Affiliate Player).
- Affiliates may be used for league, playoffs, provincial championships, exhibition, and tournament games.
- The maximum number of players, including affiliate players, which will be allowed to be shown on any official game sheet must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team.
- Teams can replace injured players and/or absent players with affiliated players to bring the team up to their roster size. The team roster size will be reduced by one for each player under a suspension.

Numbers of Games

A registered player is considered to have participated in the game when their name appears on the official game report, except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper. Alternate goalkeepers are deemed to have participated in the game when they play.

Providing affiliation has been properly filed, a player may play a maximum of 10 games with the hockey team they are affiliated with. This excludes exhibition and tournament games. If a player plays more than ten (10) games with the hockey team they are affiliated with, they are considered ineligible and subject to Hockey Alberta rules. However, if the player’s registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player’s affiliated team, the player may affiliate an unlimited number of times.

Division to Division Affiliation

If properly filed, U11 aged players may be affiliated to the U13 division with full affiliation privileges (games & practices). U13 goaltenders may be affiliated with a U15 team with full affiliation privileges. A second-year U13 players may be affiliated with a U15 team once permission from parents is received.

Substitute Goaltender

A substitute goaltender from another hockey team of equal or lower division or category may be permitted if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a hockey team requires a replacement goaltender. You must contact your Division Director as soon as you become aware of the need for a substitute goaltender. Please review Hockey Alberta Substitute Goaltender Criteria and Application. Approved games played as a substitute goaltender do not count as affiliate games played.