

MDHA AFFILIATION GUIDELINES

The MDHA highly encourages coaches to affiliate players from teams below them and include them in both games and practices. We also strongly encourage coaches to allow affiliated players to play up when given the opportunity. It is our goal to develop players and we feel that the opportunity to play at a higher level may result in this development of skill.

- House League and Rep teams for the 2019-20 season will use the Specialty 19 System.
- Players may only affiliate to certain higher category/division teams (See Appendix C & D); **ONE TEAM PER CATEGORY**, not just one team. A category is defined as A/B/C/RepB/AA/AAA/U18.
- Appendix C **GHA House Affiliation Chart**
http://metcalfejets.ca/files/gha_house_affiliation_chart.pdf
- Appendix D **GHA Competitive Affiliation Chart**
http://metcalfejets.ca/files/gha_rep_affiliation_chart.pdf
- The player must be affiliated by completing the Specially Affiliation Form available on the MDHA website for each team the player is affiliated to.
- Once the form is signed by the player, parents, and coaches it is submitted to the Registrar for approval by the District Chair prior to participating (game or special event). The player will be added to your TRF.
- Affiliation is a game-related process. **Players do not need to be affiliated in order to practice with a higher Division or Category team**, provided they are duly rostered at the lower Division or Category.

The following affiliate guidelines should be observed:

- Convenors will help coordinate the affiliation of players at House and to Rep to ensure that affiliates are evenly distributed among teams
- Prior to affiliating a player permission must be received from the coach, parent and player.
- Affiliate paperwork is required for each player and each team the player is affiliated to. Specially Affiliation Form must be completed. Affiliate Players must be added to the TRF.
- It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that the player plays no more than 15 games (goalies may play unlimited games), has been called up on the TTM site and has been duly recorded on the game sheet as an "AP". Missing players should be crossed off.
- **The coach wishing to use a player as an affiliate MUST ask permission of the coach of the player's registered team prior to asking the player. This is a courtesy among coaches and also ensures that suspensions and other issues are known and respected.**
- Coaches using affiliated players must notify the affiliate's regular coaching staff following a game should injuries or suspensions occur.
- Suspensions are always served with the registered team (it does not matter which team the player got the suspension with) unless the affiliate is away at a tournament with his/her affiliated team.
- Teams should affiliate players from more than one team so game conflicts can be avoided.
- Only players that will be used should be affiliated

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h) Head Coaches are encouraged to affiliate players to their team and are required to ensure that all affiliated players are given the opportunity to attend no less than one (1) practice a month with their affiliated team as well as provide their division Convenors an Affiliation Report including the names of all affiliated players called up for practices and/or games on a monthly basis to ensure that affiliated players are being utilized.

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8.0 Affiliated Players

The HEO Minor Rule can be found

here: <https://www.heominor.ca/system/files/Affiliation%20Rules%202019-2020.pdf>

- The purpose of affiliation, per Hockey Canada: 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. (app F., Page 81).
- Affiliation is a game-related process. Players do not need to be affiliated in order to practice with a higher Division or Category team, provided they are duly rostered at the lower Division or Category.
- All HC rules and regulations will apply, with the following local standards. HEO Minor teams will use the 19-player affiliation list. Once affiliated on the 19-player list, a player may not play as an affiliate with another team in the same Category until such time as their affiliation rights have been formally released or transferred, according to the process defined in the team's District or Association.
- **Players and Goalies may affiliate to one team per CATEGORY, not just one team.**
 - A category is defined as A/B/C/RepB/AA/AAA/U18.
- Competitive Levels below AAA and House League –
 - a. Competitive teams below AAA will affiliate within their appropriate District or Association, as defined by District policies and according to Hockey Canada Regulations. Players may not affiliate outside of their District below AAA.
 - b. House League teams will affiliate within the residential Association to which they belong.
 - c. Each District and Association may determine the documentation necessary for affiliation for house league players, however, at the minimum, there would be a written agreement between the two coaches (an email would suffice), ensuring that the applicable home association registrar and the applicable association Convenor are in the list of addressees.
 - d. All teams shall add affiliates to their official roster. Affiliates may be released with an email from the affiliating coach to the association registrar requesting that the player be

released. After the player has been released, an updated team list will have to be requested from the applicable district registrar.

- e. A player's affiliation may be transferred between teams in the same Division, using a procedure defined by the Association.
- **GAME LIMITS:**
 - At Regional / National Championship levels (Major Pee Wee **AAA**, Major Bantam AAA, Midget AAA), all players may affiliate to a **maximum of 10 games per team**. Only regular season and playoff games count towards this total. Goalies will only count games in which they participate and not as backup.
 - **At all other levels**, skaters may affiliate to a **maximum of 15 games per team**. Only regular season and playoff games count towards this total. **Goalies have no limit on affiliated games.**
 - Should a player's affiliation rights be transferred to another team in the same division or category, the affiliation game count resets to zero. If the player's affiliation rights are returned to a prior affiliating team in the same season, then the game count will continue to increment from where it was reset.
 - For example, Player A is affiliated to Team X and plays 5 games. They are then affiliated to Team Y. The game count resets to zero and begins again. If Player A changes affiliation back to Team X, his game count restarts where it left off, at 5 games played.
 - It will be the affiliating team's responsibility to manage the player's affiliation game count
 - The deadline for adding affiliates to any roster is Feb. 15 of any given season, except for Regional/National Championship levels which have a deadline of Jan. 15 of any given season. Other key dates will still apply (Jan. 10 for releases, Feb. 10 for final player additions).

The Affiliation process is **used to give players a chance to develop their skills** by playing for a higher level team. Refer to Hockey Canada Regulation Part III E (Teams, Clubs and Affiliations) for affiliation rules. These rules are further supplemented for play between teams in HEO Minor as per the following paragraphs and as specified in Appendix B.

a) Suspensions are to be served with the lower category team, regardless of which team the player incurred the suspension with.

b) A **coach cannot deny a player the opportunity to affiliate.**

c) When house league players (Novice level or higher) are affiliating with competitive teams, they may only affiliate with the lowest competitive category team.

d) **EMERGENCY GOALIE RULE:** Supplement to Hockey Canada Policy B 42- 44. As a general rule no replacement can be made for any ill or injured players by a player of the same Division and Category. The only exception to this rule is the **emergency replacement of a goaltender** from the same division and category, when no affiliated goalie is available. The replacement must come **from within the same district**. Written permission must be obtained from the District Chairman (or designate) and with a doctor's note restricting the team's regular goalie from playing for a specified period. (The Manager should send an email to the President of MDHA to receive permission for an emergency goalie

specifying game number, date, time, goalie being replaced, goalie replacing the and the reason for request.)

e) A player affiliating to a higher age classification may play below his letter classification at the higher age level except for affiliating to the house “C” level where this level is for developmental purposes. This paragraph refers to house league only.

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Players and Goalies may affiliate to one team per CATEGORY, not just one team.

- A category is defined as A/B/C/RepB/AA/AAA/U18.
- The Affiliation Chart must still be followed and an affiliation form must be completed for each team affiliated to
- For example: A Bantam House A player/goalie can affiliate to one Midget A, one Midget B team AND one REP B team.
- The maximum number of games a player can play as an affiliate remains at 15 games per team. Goalies remains unlimited.

Affiliation Chart Deviations:

- At the GHA meeting November 2019 two motions were passed to allow deviations from the Affiliation Charts.
 - Ranger Major Midget AA can now affiliate from House League (Midget A and B.)
 - Where associations do not have a House A team, major aged House B players may affiliate to major aged Rep B teams of equivalent age divisions.

Rule 22 Affiliations:

22.1 In all instances where a player will be affiliating from a team in one member Association/AAA to a team in another Member Association/AAA (e.g. Rep to Rangers or Rangers to AAA) the Specially Affiliated Player Permission Form must be completed and signed by both Associations/AAA as is applicable (both the lower team's and the higher team's Association), as well as the District Registrar, prior to the player's name appearing on the affiliating team's official roster.

22.2 Players may only affiliate to a higher category/division team (one team per category); with the exception of the HEO MINOR “emergency goalie rule”, which does allow a goalie to play for another team in their own category under very special circumstances. All requests to utilize this emergency goalie rule require permission from the relevant Corporation VP (Competitive or House League) or District Chair before the game is played.

22.3 Players assigned to a Competitive/Representative team may NOT affiliate to a lower category team, regardless of the age division. i.e. AA Players may NOT affiliate to an older aged A team, A may not affiliate to an older Rep B, and Rep B may not affiliate to an older aged House League team (Appendix C).

22.4 **Players must be approved for affiliation by the District Registrar**, prior to participating (game or special event).

22.5 Affiliated Players, used by a higher division or category team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the "A/P" after their name.

22.6 Affiliation call-up procedures for all Competitive/Representative and House League players are:

- a. All call-ups require the approval of the player and the player's parent(s). The Player is not to report if he would miss a meaningful game, as defined in the HEO MINOR Handbook, with his substantive team except with his Coach's Permission.
- b. All call-ups are to be entered into the GHA affiliation database, prior to the game being played.
- c. 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 affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of fifteen (15) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times
- d. Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoffs, are excluded from the number of games referred to in 22.7.

22.7 The purpose of Player affiliations is to ensure that teams have the opportunity to always dress the appropriate number of Players for each game. As such, affiliated Players for teams at the House League level may be used to affiliate up to a total of 15 skaters and two goalies.

22.8 Novice Players may not affiliate to an Atom team on or before January 15th. After January 15th only Major Novice players may affiliate to an Atom team

Affiliated Players Suspensions During Tournaments and Exhibition Games

A player playing as an Affiliated Player serves their suspension with their registered team, unless they are on an out of town tournament with the team they are affiliated with. Then they are considered a full member of that team until the tournament is complete.

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