



REGULATION SIX: AFFILIATION

6.0 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. The first priority for an affiliate player to a higher-level team is to their regular registered team, unless approved by the player's regular coach.

6.1. Teams may use one of the following systems of affiliation:

1. Team to Team Affiliation. Applicable to all divisions Senior, (male and female) Junior, Minor and Minor Female. A team may only have one affiliated team.
2. Minor Teams may only select affiliate players from a lower division or category team(s) in the same association. Major U15 teams are permitted to sign ten (10) special affiliation agreements, one of which must be a goaltender.
3. U16 AAA teams are permitted to sign ten (10) special affiliation agreements, one of which must be a goaltender.
4. Major U18 Teams are permitted to sign (13) special affiliation agreements, three of which must be a goaltender.
5. 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 ten (10) games per season. 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. For goaltender exceptions, see Hockey Canada Regulations.
6. 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 Hockey Canada Regulations.
7. All such affiliations permitted under Reg. 6.1 shall terminate at the end of the current playing season and may not be altered during the current playing season.

6.2. Minor Hockey will follow the "Club System" as defined in 6.1 above and further defined and governed by Hockey Canada Regulations. This does not apply to Major U15, U16AAA or Major U18.

6.3. Junior and Senior teams use the special affiliate method of 19 special affiliates (as defined in 6.1(b) above and further defined and governed by Hockey Canada Regulations) and may do so provided that

Affiliation from all C levels to checking teams will require approval of HNSMC.

3. At no time may a player skip a Division for the purpose of affiliation.
4. Higher Division/Category Minor Teams must attain consent from the lower Division/Category team prior to using an affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in suspension of the offending team's Head Coach.
5. With the exception of U13 AAA, U11, U15 or U18 AA, teams from within amalgamated Minor Hockey Associations may only draw upon affiliates from one team. (Example - If a Minor Hockey Association has 3 "A" teams, that team must choose one "B" team only, to affiliate with). Affiliate teams are to be selected by December 1st.
6. Minor teams may use players from any combination of teams allowed within their club system affiliation.
7. For Minor Hockey Associations with 35 or fewer registered U18 players, the lowest affected team may, with approval of the Regional Director, affiliate to players in the U15 Division who are in their last year of U15 eligibility, in accordance with the club system.
8. All players above U13 must have taken the Approved 2014 HNS checking clinic before being eligible as an affiliate player at a checking level. This does not apply to goaltenders.
9. Teams are not permitted to roster players (excluding goalies) from another association for the purposes of affiliation.
10. 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. For this goaltender regulation see Hockey Canada Regulations Section F, 15, e.
11. For the purposes of affiliation, both U7 and U9 players are typically not to be affiliated to any team/division for any purpose. However, in certain situations, this can be reviewed and approved by both the Regional Director and Conference Coordinator.
12. U23 Minor teams can only affiliate players from U18 C or U18 Recreation programs and players must be in their third year of play in the U18 division.
13. U15 age players cannot affiliate to U18, with the exception of goaltenders, unless approved by the Regional Director.