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Purpose

The Novas recognize the importance of affiliate players to the success, depth, and continuity of the program.

Affiliate players are members of The Novas and may be called upon during the season when roster players are unavailable due to injury, illness, suspension, schedule conflicts, or other team needs.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify expectations regarding affiliate player participation in practices, games, team activities, and communication.

Policy

The Novas may roster affiliate players in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nova Scotia U15 Major Hockey League, Hockey Nova Scotia, and Hockey Canada.

Affiliate players remain members of their home team while also being affiliated with The Novas.

An affiliate player may be called up to participate in games with The Novas in accordance with applicable league and Hockey Nova Scotia rules, including any limits on the number of games an affiliate player may play.

Practice Participation

Affiliate players are permitted to practice with The Novas when invited or approved by the coaching staff.

During the regular practice week, affiliate players may attend Tuesday and Wednesday practices when available and when their attendance does not conflict with their home team obligations.

Thursday practices are reserved for specific weekend game preparation.

Affiliate players may only attend Thursday practices if they are expected to play with The Novas that weekend and have received a specific invitation from the Head Coach or designate.

Game Participation

Affiliate players may be called up to play with The Novas at the discretion of the Head Coach, President, or designate.



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Affiliate player participation in games will be based on team need, player readiness, positional requirements, availability, home team obligations, and applicable league and Hockey Nova Scotia rules.

Being rostered as an affiliate player does not guarantee game participation.

Expectations

Affiliate players are expected to follow all applicable Novas policies, team rules, dressing room expectations, travel expectations, conduct standards, and communication expectations when participating with The Novas.

Affiliate players are expected to attend practices and games prepared, focused, and ready to contribute when called upon.

Parents and guardians of affiliate players are expected to respect the role of the coaching staff and understand that affiliate participation is based on team needs and coach discretion.

Home Team Responsibilities

Affiliate players remain responsible to their home team.

Attendance with The Novas must not interfere with home team games, practices, or obligations unless properly approved in accordance with applicable rules and expectations.

Final Decision

The Head Coach, President, or designate will determine affiliate player practice attendance, game participation, and team involvement.

Affiliate participation decisions are not subject to parent appeal or debate.