



AFFILIATION

The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category/Tier Teams to replace when regular registered players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable.

A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) Players from a lower Division, Category or Tier within their MHA as hereby defined.

Minor Female Exception: When an MHA does not have a Minor Female team at the next lowest division or category, the MHA may place a request to the Minor Female Committee asking to be permitted to affiliate a player(s) from a lower Division or Category Minor Female team from a nearby MHA.

Please refer to the Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations and Minor Female Regulations for the complete Affiliation Regulations.

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PROCEDURE

- i. Affiliation must be declared and filed with the MHAs respective League, prior to the affiliated players being allowed to participate in any League game with the Hockey Team to which they are affiliated.
- ii. Leagues and the Hockey Alberta reserve the right to revoke the approval of an affiliate player at any time should that player be deemed to strengthen the team in which he or she is affiliated.
- iii. Providing Affiliation has been declared, filed and approved with the League and Hockey Alberta, Affiliates are eligible to participate in all Exhibition, Tournament, League, Playoff and Provincial Championship games.
- iv. Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.

Exception: In the event a team's roster falls below twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, teams are permitted to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders)

MINOR LEAGUES

- i. Affiliation and the use of Affiliate Players will only be recognized where Affiliation has been filed in accordance with the following tiering grid, as hereby defined vertically and laterally, using the team's designated tiering placement at the time of filing.



U18			
Tier 1	U15		
Tier 2	Tier 1	U13	U11
Tier 3		Tier 1	HADP
Tier 4	Tier 2		
Tier 5	Tier 3		
Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2	
	Tier 5	Tier 3	Tier 1
	Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2
		Tier 5	Tier 3
		Tier 6	Tier 4
			Tier 5

Example: Team A plays in the U18 Tier 3 category of their league. Team A would be eligible to affiliate players from within their MHA playing on teams competing at U18 Tier 4, 5 or 6; as well as teams playing U15 Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Exception: If an MHA does not have access to Team(s) that align with the tiering grid), they may be able to apply to Hockey Alberta through the Minor Leagues Committee, or designate, for special permission to register affiliate(s) outside of the grid.

- ii. Upon the finalization of tiering, should a team be re-tiered after the filing of Affiliation and had affiliates that are no longer in compliance with the affiliation grid, those affiliates will be reviewed by the League to determine their individual eligibility for the remainder of the season.
- iii. Should the League deem individual affiliates as ineligible due to re-tiering, upon application to the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor League and Minor Administration Coordinator, Hockey Alberta may allow teams to re-submit individual affiliation requests to become compliant with the affiliation grid. Applications must be received no later than December 30 of the current hockey season.
- iv. Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to return the team to their original roster size.

Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.

Exception: In the event a team’s original roster size is less than twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders), teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders).

Exception: In the event a team has only one (1) registered goaltender, they will be permitted to use affiliation to have for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders.

- v. Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of seventeen (17) skaters and two goaltenders.