**KMHA Policy and Procedure Manual May 2018**

**4.2 AFFLIATION**

**1.**Affiliation Philosophy.

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The KMHA firmly believes in the affiliation process for the success and development of players and teams. All teams are expected to play with a full complement of players wherever possible.

**2.** Affiliation Rules

**a**. All Competitive teams will have to roster their affiliates. KMHA recommends rostering 2 goalies, 2 defense and 4 forwards. Only affiliates rostered to your team can play in league, tournament and exhibition games. House League continues in a Club System Style, this effectively means that all teams of a lower level are automatically affiliated to the teams.

**b**. Goalies can play an unlimited number of games as an affiliate. A player may only affiliate for a total of ten league games (regular and playoff) per season. Tournament and exhibition are not counted as part of the total.

**c**. A player whose regular team has exited play offs may play past the ten-game limit. Please contact your respective Director of Competitive or House League Programs prior to playing any player for an 11th game for approval.

**d**. Players may only affiliate to higher level teams. A goalie may affiliate to a team of the same level only under the terms of the emergency goalie rules. For HL Kanata league play this permission may be granted by your Convenor. For tournament play this permission must be granted by the District 11 Chair.

**e**. For House League only, 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”. For example, a Peewee HL “A” player may affiliate to Bantam HL “B” but a Peewee HL “B” player may not affiliate to Bantam HL “C”.

**g**. House League players affiliating to competitive teams may only affiliate to the lowest level of competitive.

**h.** Minor competitive B teams affiliating house league players may only affiliate players

of minor age and only for league play.

**3.** Affiliation Procedure

**a**. The coach of the higher-level team must clear the use of an affiliate with the coach of the affiliating player’s regular team each time they wish to use the player. Player priority is to the primary team.

**b**. The higher-level team must report the use of the affiliated player in the KMHA affiliation tracking system within 24 hours of the game being played.

**c**. Failure to comply with the approved affiliation processes may result in Coach and/or player suspension