

## Affiliation Rules and Procedures

### Rules

- 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.
- KMHA operates under the Club System of affiliation. This effectively means that all teams of a lower level are automatically affiliated to the teams above with some exceptions in HL to Competitive Affiliation.
- 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.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> game for approval.
- A goalie called up as an affiliate will only have the game counted if they play, not if they act as a backup.
- 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.
- 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".

- House League players affiliating to competitive teams may only affiliate to the lowest level of competitive. In the case of Novice this is the A level, at all other levels this will be B.
- Minor competitive B teams affiliating house league players may only affiliate players of minor age and only for league play. **House league players may not attend tournaments with minor B teams**

### **Procedure**

- 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.
- 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.
- All teams should carry the Club Affiliation Letter posted on the KMHA website that identifies KMHA as using the Club Affiliation system and a copy of the roster for the players' regular team.