

KMHA Affiliation Policy and Process House Programs

Principals

The KMHA encourages and supports affiliation of players in order to develop players and ensure teams are able to field complete rosters for all games. All eligible KMHA teams will participate in the affiliation program.

Overview

The KMHA operates a “Club System” under Hockey Canada regulations (Regulation E) and, as such, all players in KMHA are automatically considered to be affiliated to their higher level teams. Each House A and B level team from Novice to Bantam must affiliate 3 players (minimum). Affiliated players are to be invited to all practices and can be used in games or tournaments, provided the tournament allows it. Coaches must select affiliates from the lower level teams, obtain agreement from player’s parents, notify the Convenor and coordinate with the affiliates regular coach.

C level teams from Atom and above may select affiliates from C level teams from the age group below (i.e. Pee wee C affiliate Atom C players). Affiliates at the C level should only be used if more than 3 regular players will be absent from a game.

Process

In order to manage the affiliation process, a certain amount of notification and reporting is required. Coach shall:

1. Download the [District 11- Affiliation letter](#) from the Team Staff, Documents, Forms and Logos section of the website. This letter stipulates that KMHA uses the Club Affiliation system.
2. Obtain a copy of that player’s official team roster from the lower-level coach to prove that the player is in fact registered with KMHA on a lower level team.
3. Select affiliate players
4. Obtain agreement to affiliate from the player and parents,
5. Record the affiliation by notifying the appropriate Convenor by email.
6. Notify affiliates regular coach and seek agreement from them anytime an affiliate is required for a game.

The player’s first responsibility is always their own team. The lower-level coach may only deny the request if there is a game conflict or if it is reasonable to believe that it will significantly impact on the player’s ability to perform in a game for their regular team.

Similarly, coaches using affiliated players must notify the affiliates regular coaching staff following a game should injuries or suspensions occur. Team officials must respect this policy and make no effort to discourage affiliated players from participating with affiliated teams

Maximum Games

A player may only play 5 games with the higher category/division team (after January 10th, as per Hockey Canada). Should a player play a 6th game, the player can no longer play in the lower division or category to which he/she belonged.

It is the responsibility of the player/coach and parent to keep track of the number of meaningful games played. **Tournament and exhibition games are not included in the 5 games rule.** Prior to January 10 there is no limit on the number of games played as an affiliate. For a goaltender, a game only counts against the 5 games rule, if the player participates in play.

Body Checking

No player is permitted to play a contact game without having completed a body checking clinic that season unless they completed a full season of contact hockey the season immediately preceding the current season and, in the opinion of the coach, is prepared to play in a contact game.

Parent's of player's affiliated to teams competing in **body checking** divisions/leagues shall be so notified by the coach of the team requesting the player affiliation.

Competitive Team Affiliation

When house league players (Atom level or higher) are affiliating with competitive teams, they may only affiliate with the lowest competitive category team. Novice players are not permitted to affiliate to competitive teams.

Suspensions

All suspensions obtained in the higher category/division game must be served with the lower team