**KMHA Affiliation Policy and Process 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. Peewee 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 affiliate’s 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

**Please Note:**

1. **A player may only play 10 games with the higher category/division team in the entire season as per Hockey Canada. 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 affiliation rule.** For a goaltender, a game only counts against the affiliation number if the player participates in play.
2. No players may be affiliated after **January 15th**.