Affiliate Player Guideline (2020)

Players can only be affiliated to one team at any given time

In order to affiliate to a team a player must be carded to a lower level team.

WKMHA does not permit U11 Dev players to AP to U13 Recreation teams

 A maximum of 19 players are permitted on an Affiliation list for each team.

Affiliation guidelines shall mirror those of OMAHA.

Players **CAN NOT** participate as a team affiliated player until the Association Registrar has provided the higher-level team with an HCR generated roster with that player listed.

Affiliated players are **NOT** to be contacted for participation with a higher-level team without the prior consent of the affiliated players Head Coach and the Head Development Coach.

Lower level coaches are expected to encourage affiliated players to be available of any opportunity to participate at a higher level. Should a conflict between schedules exist lower level coaches will consult with the Director Hockey Operations & Programs or the Head Development Coach as to whether he/she should make that player available to the higher-level team. It is only after consent has been obtained from the lower level coach that the higher-level coach is permitted to contact the requested player or player’s parents.

AP players must make their originating team priority

Affiliated Game Allowances

U7 - U9 there are no affiliations permitted

U9 - U11 Affiliation Game Restrictions are up to a maximum of five (5) games including exhibition, regular season, tournaments and or playoff games.

* All affiliation opportunities require a communication process which consist of and ONLY of the following
	+ The Director of Hockey Operations and/or the Head Development Coach communicate with the U11 Development ‘C’ Team Head Coach about the affiliated participants. These parties will follow thru and communicate with the U9 affiliated player parents on the opportunity before anyone is added to any list.
		- It is highly encouraged the U11 program affiliates and utilizes the released U11 tryout participants as affiliated players before exhausting the U9 affiliates
	+ Then the WKMHA office has to fill out a BC Hockey U9-U11 Affiliation form, which directly goes to the BC Hockey.
		- NO player can be added, practice or play until the BC Hockey Form is received back from BC Hockey to the WKMHA Office; this may take more time than expected and in many cases has never been completed by BC Hockey to protect its participants and their age appropriate playing experience

U11-U18 Affiliation Game Restrictions are up to a maximum of ten (10) games including exhibition, regular season, tournaments and or playoffs until the lower team’s season completes

Hockey Canada Regulation E35a

35. a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see Regulations B.42, E.36 (b).

**Process:**

-Coach who wants to AP a player should contact the Head Development Coach

-Head Development Coach is to contact the Player’s Coach

-Upon approval of the Player’s Coach, The higher level Head Coach will communicate with the affiliated players families, *except the U9-U11 Atom Development ‘C’ Team; see above;* and advise them of the request and the expectations regarding attending their original team practices and games

-If accepted, the HDC will notify the WKMHA registrar and the player will be added to the official HCR as an AP player

-To have an AP added to your roster for the upcoming weekend, the request must be submitted by the HDC to the registrar by Wednesday at midnight

-Every team (U11-U18) is required to have an AP list that must have at least one player on it by December 15th. The final date to add an AP to your roster is January 10thof the current season.

**Flow Chart for AP Players:**

U18 T3- AP from U18 recreation, then U15 Tier 3

U15 T3- AP from U15 recreation, then U13 recreation

U13 T2- AP from U13 T3, then U13 recreation

U13 T3- AP from U13 Recreation, then U11 Dev

U11 Dev A- AP from U11 Recreation, CAN NOT AP from U11 Dev C

U11 Dev C- AP from U11 Recreation

U18 Recreation-AP from U15 Recreation

U15 Recreation – AP from U13 Recreation

U13 Recreation- AP from U11 Recreation

U11 Dev A – AP from U11 Dev C

U11 Dev C – AP from released U11 tryout participants & BC Hockey Accepted U9 players. With the approval from Director of Hockey Operations and/or the Head Development Coach

U11 Rec- AP from U9 players as Recommended from the Director of Hockey Operations and/or the Head Development Coach.

U9 – AP not permitted

U7- AP not permitted

**Atom Recreation- AP from Novice- only as per the attached Memorandum from BC Hockey**

**MEMORANDUM**

October 2, 2017

**TO:                 District Associations**

**FROM:            Barry Petrachenko**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**COPY:            BC Minor Hockey Associations**

**SUBJECT:     Novice Players Affiliation or Registration to Atom Teams**

Please note the following information setting out the process for the submission of requests to allow the affiliation or registration of Novice players to an Atom team:

* District Associations are to submit the request via email to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) stating:
	+ Full rationale as to why the district supports the request
	+ Future plans for the situation (i.e. if it will be an ongoing situation or only one-time requirement/request)
* Please note that District approval of the registration or affiliation of a Novice player to an Atom team does not equate to automatic approval by BC Hockey.

Further, it has come to our attention that some of our Minor Hockey Association Atom teams have been utilizing Novice players not registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). This will serve as a reminder that all players must be registered in the HCR prior to participation in any games or practices.

**Player Movement: Recreational Teams**

From time to time players may be moved from one team to another for a variety of reasons. To make this transition as non-disruptive for the player the following guidelines must be followed:

When a coach or player has requested that a player movement be considered

the following guidelines must be followed:

* 1. All team head coaches must be in agreement to any player movement.
	2. First communication is between the Division Manager and Director Hockey Operations & Programs and/or Head Development Coach, then the coaches of the affected teams.
	3. If no agreement can be reached amongst the coaches, the Divisional Manager shall provide information in the matter to the Director Hockey Operations & Programs, Head Development Coach or other Executive members who will arbitrate and resolve the matter.
	4. The Divisional Manager will then contact the receiving coach to inform them of the decision. The Divisional Manager will contact the player, and their parent(s) or the guardian regarding the decision.

**No coach shall contact either directly, or indirectly, any parent or player involved in a possible move prior to resolution.**