



SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION POLICY

The Sault Major Hockey Association will be using the 19-at-large affiliation as the lone affiliation option as per NOHA and Hockey Canada regulations. As such, Sault Major Hockey Association will adhere to the NOHA General Affiliation Regulation 9.1.

Purpose: Support teams to play at their maximum potential during periods of decreased manpower, and foster development of players in lower categories to play at a higher level of hockey

- **Affiliated players cannot play for a team if the team roster is completely healthy** (ex: If a team has 17 carded players, they cannot use 2 AP's to fill a 19 player roster). Affiliation will only be allowed in the event of injury, suspension, illness or other unrelated absences that may arise during the course of the season. i.e. Family, school, work commitments, etc. Teams may increase the roster to 19 for tournaments at the discretion of the league director.
- Affiliation can only take place if the affiliation opportunity does not interfere or conflict with the players' home team's game schedule.

Association Guidelines and Procedures

- The Major Midget AAA will adhere to the affiliation rules as set out by the Great North Midget League.
- Stand-alone teams are able to pick affiliates as needed.
- Teams in multi-team leagues will select 5 affiliate players at the end of their draft, in the same selection order as the draft (eg. Bantam A and Midget AA/A teams will select 5 players at the end of the Bantam A and Midget A draft from players in the Bantam HL and Midget B division).
- In multi carded leagues, players may not affiliate with a team within their own league except for tournaments, Tournament of Champions, and OHF's.
- All remaining players will be added to an affiliate player pool, and can affiliate at a first come first serve basis.
- **A player may turn down a request to affiliate with a team, but then is ineligible to affiliate with any other teams.**
- Regardless that a player is an approved affiliate player, **the player must have the approval of their registered team coach to participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.**
- **Outside Association affiliation will not be granted except in the following exceptions:**
 - A Major Midget AAA team with an AAA Minor Midget team in its association would be permitted to affiliate 6 players to its 19 at large list from their association's Minor Midget roster. The remaining players will be eligible for affiliation to all other Major Midget teams via a draft. This is per the GNML affiliation rules.
 - Teams within divisions that do not have players available with which to affiliate within the Sault Major Hockey Association (eg. Bantam HL, Atom Minor AA, Peewee Major AA).
 - Teams in different categories that play within the same league (Atom Major AA)
- Final date to submit player affiliations is **January 15th**.



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9.1. General Affiliation Procedures

- a) Affiliation regulations and procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation F.
- b) Geographic subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation, shall be determined by the NOHA Board of Directors.
- c) From Novice to Junior A, teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select nineteen (19) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.
- d) Teams may only select Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category Team, with the exception of the Regulation below; all such Players and Team(s) must be properly registered in the HCR.
- e) Minor-aged players registered on teams with both minor/major Players will be allowed to affiliate with minor rep Teams in their age category (i.e. a Minor Peewee A player on a Major Peewee A Team can affiliate with a Minor Peewee AA Teams in a higher category). This would not apply to Major AAA Teams.
- f) An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by the NOHA Executive Director, before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the NOHA.
- g) Once a Player's Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player, their name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliated Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
 - i) the Team with which they registered Releases them on or before **January 10**; or
 - ii) the Team that holds their playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
- h) No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.
- i) A Player must have the approval of their registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:
 - i) be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
 - ii) participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.
- j) Affiliated Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name.
- k) All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.



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9.2. Number of Games a Player May Play in High Divisions or Categories

- a) Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:
 - i) For Teams that are eligible for OHF, Regional and National Championships, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team of higher Division or Category at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per season;
 - ii) For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, affiliation shall be unlimited;
 - iii) Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games are excluded from the maximum number of games.

Note: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered Playoffs and therefore does count towards the ten (1) games total.

- b) If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team, the Player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- c) Appearance of an Affiliated Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate Goalkeeper, in which case only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

It is the responsibility of the requesting coach to notify the coach of the player's rostered team and ensure that all required commitments have been met. Any conflicts and or confusion regarding player movement should be directed to the registrar.

Any breach or misuse of this policy may result in the players' affiliation being removed.

Note:

Regardless of what a League, Association or Team uses electronic game sheets or whether it has unlimited affiliation, the Referee MUST sign the Affiliation Record form.