



SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION RULES

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.
- Final date to submit player affiliations is **January 15th**.

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 Division (i.e., a first-year player on a U13 A Team can affiliate with a U12 AA Team 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.



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- h) With the exception of provisions allowable within the OHF and Hockey Canada Regulations, no Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list 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.

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 all Teams 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**, except as approved by the NOHA Board from time to time;
 - ii. 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 (10) 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) The 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.
- d) In divisions that do not lead to a Regional or National Championship, a Goaltender may affiliate to more than one (1) Team upon approval of the Minor Hockey Association and of the District Council Director.

Note: If an affiliate player exceeds ten games, on the eleventh game, the coach will be deemed to be using an ineligible player, giving the head coach a suspension and a forfeit of the game. Further disciplinary action may result from NOHA.



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Procedure to Request an Affiliation

For players within the Sault Major Hockey Association:

1. If a team wants to add a player to their roster as an affiliate player, they must contact the registrar first. They will provide the players' name, and the player's team. Make sure to cc your league director as well.
2. Once it has been confirmed that the player isn't already affiliated with another team the parents will be contacted to receive agreement to the request. This is done by email and the request is valid for 48 hours. If the agreement has been received the player will be added to the requesting teams roster and submitted for the NOHA approval.
3. The coaches and the league director will be notified that the player has been approved.

For players outside the Sault Major Hockey Association

1. If a team wants to add a player to their roster as an affiliate player, they must contact the registrar first. They will provide the players' name, and the player's team. Make sure to cc your league director as well.
2. You will be provided with a NOHA PLAYER AFFILIATION FORM that the requesting coach must sign. Once signed send the form back to the registrar and it will be forwarded to the home association for completion of the form.
3. Once the form has been signed by the parent, players coach and association signing authority, it will be sent to the registrar and the player will be added to the requesting team's roster and have the NOHA approve the player.
4. The coaches and the league director will be notified that the player has been approved.

Procedure to Call up an Affiliate Player

1. A player cannot step on the ice until he/she has been approved by the NOHA- If they do they are considered an illegal player.
2. After the player has been added to the roster **you must have the players' coach approval each time you want to call the player up. The coach must be contacted before the player is contacted.**
3. 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.**