



AFFILIATION POLICY

OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of player affiliations is to ensure that teams have the opportunity to always dress the number of players officially registered with the team for each game. In addition, it's an opportunity to introduce players to a higher caliber of play through games and practices which encourages player development. Sault Major Hockey Association strongly believes in the affiliate program and as such, follows the Rules of Affiliation – Regulation 7, as set out by the NOHA.

R.7.1.	Affiliation regulations and procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions in HC Regulation E.
R.7.2.	Affiliation options are as indicated below for each category. Each Association/Club must declare its affiliation option no later than October 15th of the playing season. Such declaration shall be completed by the official signing officers in writing and forwarded to the NOHA Office and available to the OHF upon request. The NOHA Affiliation Declaration form must be used.
R.7.4.	Teams must have a NOHA Player Affiliation Record form duly completed and signed by the Referee for each game this player participates in. Teams must also have a copy of the teams approved Affiliation Declaration
R.7.5.	<p>A player of a team of a lower division and the same or lower category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for 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.</p> <p>Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games, are excluded from the number of games.</p> <p>NOTE: Teams using affiliated players are not responsible for the information on the affiliated players' HCR record if the player has been approved electronically on the HCR. If for any reason a player is found to be ineligible after being registered and approved by the NOHA, the team the player is registered with will be held responsible. If a team uses this player as an affiliate player, this team cannot be held responsible and points cannot be taken away from them for using this player while he was on an approved HCR roster.</p> <p>The player cannot play an eleventh game (11) until the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs.</p> <p>NOTE: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered play-offs and therefore does count towards the ten (10) game total.</p>

<p>R.7.6.</p>	<p>Appearance of a registered 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 actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.</p>
<p>R.7.7.</p>	<p>A player who is granted an appeal to register in Minor Hockey in a Branch other than their home Branch or country, is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher division or category as an affiliate player.</p>
<p>R.7.8.</p>	<p>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 on the players line-up or roster.</p>
<p>R.7.9.</p>	<p>In any team affiliation, the player must have permission from the coach or manager of the team they are registered with before the affiliated player can participate in any game or practice. Failure to receive permission may result in the suspension of the Coach.</p>
<p>R.7.10</p>	<p>An NOHA Senior A team may neither have a Major Junior team as an affiliate nor use players from a club team in the Major Junior category. A Junior A team located in the NOHA area may have an affiliated Junior team situated only within the NOHA area.</p>
<p>R.7.11</p>	<p>A Junior A team within the NOHA area may affiliate with a Junior B team situated anywhere within the NOHA.</p>
<p>R.7.12.</p>	<p>Players from a lower category affiliated team advancing to the higher category team are not required to electronically register in the HCR with the team of the higher category but remain members of the lower category team. Such players are not numbered among the higher category team’s list of registered players. (paragraph also listed under R.4.38).</p>
<p>R.7.13</p>	<p>Teams have the following affiliation options: Club System - HC Regulation E.9(c) shall govern this affiliation. The determining factor for Club Affiliation shall be common signing officers for the purpose of registration and releases. Within a Club System, affiliate players must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or; B) from the same age division and a lower category. <p>Players and teams that are part of a declared Club System shall not be eligible to affiliate to another team through a Team-to-Team affiliation or Specially Affiliated Player list. The NOHA Affiliation Declaration Form must be used to file this type of affiliation. Team-to-Team Affiliation - This affiliation shall be governed by HC Regulation E9(a). The affiliate team must be a team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) from within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and B) from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or; C) from the same age division and a lower category.

	<p>Players on a team-to-team affiliation are ineligible to play as an affiliate player on any other team either through a Specially Affiliated Player List or a Club System. The NOHA Affiliation Declaration Form must be used to file this type of affiliation. Specially Affiliated Players (19 at Large) - HC Regulation E.9(b) shall govern this affiliation.</p> <p>Players eligible to be part of a Specially Affiliated Players list must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) reside within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and, B) be from a lower age division and the same or lower category; or, C) be from the same age division and a lower category. <p>Specially Affiliated Players may not be selected to participate as an affiliate player to another minor hockey association/club that has declared either a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Club System affiliation for the current season. These players may not be on more than one Specially Affiliated Player List.</p> <p>The final list of players must be forwarded to the NOHA office by January 15th or earlier of the playing season. The Affiliation at Large List must be completed in full with written consent (signing officers) from both teams involved in the affiliation. All players used as Specially Affiliated Players must be listed on the NOHA Affiliation at Large List and approved by the NOHA Executive Director before competing as an affiliated player. Once listed as a Specially Affiliated Player, a player may not be dropped from the list during the current season and replaced unless the team with which he signed his CHA Registration Certificate releases him on or before January 10th. The NOHA Affiliation at Large List must be used to register this type of affiliation.</p> <p>A minor hockey team may have, as part of its Specially Affiliated Players, a player registered with a team in the Ontario Women’s Hockey Association (OWHA), provided that the player meets the residence, age requirements and other Regulations regardless of where the player plays in the OWHA program.</p>
R.7.14.	<p>Midget AAA teams may affiliate with 19 players at Large. These players may come from the District that is host to this team and any abutting district that does not have a Midget AAA team. Teams have until January 15th to declare a total of 19 players or less.</p>
R.7.15	<p>If a player is released by his/her residence association (AA or below) and there is a AAA team in their District which they are eligible to play for and then registers with another association (AA or below) in another District, he/she is not eligible to affiliate with the AAA team in that District or any other District without written approval from their Home District AAA team</p>
R.7.16 (New 2016)	<p>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 player on a major peewee team can affiliate with a minor peewee in a higher category in their association. This would not apply to AAA teams.</p>