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Regulation 9: Affiliation

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.

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 U9 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 U12 A player on a U13 A Team can affiliate with a U12 AA Team in a higher category). This would not apply to 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.



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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 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 a 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 Playoff 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) 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 Goaltender, 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.