



## **SOUTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

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### **9. Affiliate Players (Revised October 2016)**

In accordance with our mission and mandate, it is the intent of this policy to provide direction in terms of the use of Affiliate Player (AP) within our Association.

The definition of an Affiliate Player is a skater or goalie that is irregularly called upon to maintain a minimum number of members of a higher based team.

A higher based team is defined as a team either skill based (rep and the qualitative levels within) or by division (age).

The AP is NOT a member of the higher quality based team. They are a “rental player”. If a team is down a forward/defence skater, or goalie, they will affiliate a like position player -forward/defence/goalie- to give them a pre-required number of line pairings, or back-up goalie.

**All affiliate playing rules of HC, BCAHA and PCAHA are to be recognized as part of this policy unless specifically recorded as amended by SDMHA.**

#### **GENERAL**

9.1 ALL Affiliate Players MUST play with their own originally rostered team as their first priority should a conflict occur in game scheduling.

9.2 All Affiliate players will be approved by the VP of their respective divisions prior to initial contact being made by the higher team coach to the player/parents (guardians) and current coach of the prospectus AP.

9.3 It is the duty of the coach of the higher based team to explain full, the rules and ramifications for this Affiliation to the parents (guardians) of the proposed AP.

9.4 All Affiliate Players, and their parents (guardians), with full knowledge, will agree to their affiliation to the higher based team prior to being officially rostered, or called up, as an AP to that higher based team.

9.5 All Affiliate Players will be eligible to play at the highest possible level in relation to their skills and capabilities.



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9.6 Affiliation requests must be approved by the lower based team head coach and will not be unreasonably denied.

9.7 Affiliated player will be designated on the official game sheet with an “AP” behind their name.

9.8 Multiple Affiliations, from various teams (if possible) for the same position should be made to:

a) avoid team game conflicts. See point 9.1

b) ensure enough players are available to comply with the HC Rule # E.35a) “If he/she plays in more than 5 league and or play-off games after January 15<sup>th</sup> with a higher based team, he/she will not be allowed to compete any further with the primary team for which he/she was registered for the season” Please note this does not include exhibition or tournament games

c) Team Managers (of both teams involved) need to keep track of AP games played after Jan 15--should a 11<sup>th</sup> game be played the Affiliate Player is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to play with his/her lower based team. This does not mean they are now part of the higher based team. He/She could be prematurely finished for the season.

9.9 SDMHA will accommodate AP to our teams such that the Association ices the strongest team available for scheduled games.

9.9.1 In this regard, it is our belief that all levels-- girls, house and rep hockey-- have varying guidelines for the call up of Affiliate Players.

**9.10. Affiliation is not a perfect practice and often happens on very short notice. Be respectful and make it a positive one for all parties involved.**

### **9.10 Girls Hockey**

It is the belief of the girls division that the affiliation process can be a positive tool to provide one team with enough players to make a game more successful whilst allowing our stronger players an opportunity for development.

Head Coach to Head Coach dialogue is encouraged such that:

a) Coaches can provide valuable information to aid in both team and player development.

b) To ensure no player affiliated abuses the privilege with negative (boastful) behaviour on her rostered team.



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c) Courtesy to the rostered team that any call up will not adversely affect any team functions/practices.

9.10.1 The Head Coach who is seeking players will be the individual selecting players they wish to call up.

9.10.2 The Head Coach of the team seeking the AP will have discussion and direction with the appropriate Division Manager whose role it is to maintain reasonable parameters of the selection.

9.10.2.1 Your team has to have 12 or less skaters to be able to affiliate.

9.10.2.2 Your team can affiliate up to 13 skaters and 1 goalie.

9.10.2.3 Your AP must be from a lower division or flight.

9.10.3 It is the belief that second year players typically should be chosen to AP with the higher based team. (size, safety, development succession)

9.10.4 Division Managers are involved in the process to help trouble shoot and to keep track of games played making sure PCAHA rules are adhered to.

9.10.5 PCAHA League Managers must grant permission to every Affiliate Player, with AP recorded on the game sheet behind the approved affiliate's name.

9.10.6 Lower based teams may only block the AP if a breach of commitment to her primary team has occurred and said breach has been previously documented to the DM or VP.

9.10.7 Affiliation is not a perfect practice and often happens on very short notice. Be respectful and make it a positive one for all parties involved.

9.10.8 Further direction/clarification can be obtained by directing your questions to the VP Girls Hockey.

### **9.11 RECREATIONAL "C" Atom -Midget**

9.11.1 Affiliate Players are done on a game by game basis. AP must be drawn from recreational "C" teams in a lower division.

9.11.2 The team must have 12 or fewer skaters or no goaltender in a particular game in order to be eligible to use an affiliate player.

9.11.3 It is recommended that AP players are drawn from the second year (older aged) pool of players in the lower based team.



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9.11.4 The team must get League Manager approval to bring the roster to 13 skaters and 1 goalie.

9.11.5 Affiliate Player **Goalies**. An affiliate goaltender must come from a lower division or category. All Affiliate goaltenders must be approved by the League Manager on a game by game basis. There is no requirement that the called up goalie must be a second year. Please refer to the PCAHA Rule book Section C (27 to 29) for further clarification.

### **9.12 RECREATIONAL “C” – INITIATION TYKE H1/2, NOVICE H3/4**

Please refer to the PCAHA Rules & Regulations Section C – 35 on Affiliate players.

### **9.13 REP HOCKEY**

As this level of hockey is highly competitive the AP process has several guiding factors over and above the “general” rules outlined previously.

9.13.1 Affiliate players are only to be used in emergency circumstances or for evaluation purposes.

9.13.2 SDMHA has mandated that an affiliate player may be used from a lower base team such that the higher based team may dress a MINIMUM number of 15 skaters and 2 goalies.

9.13.2.1 Bantam A1 or Midget A1 can affiliate, position specific, skaters to have available a three (3) line rotation whether forward or defense for a maximum 16 skaters. This will allow for a team that has 10 forwards, none of which are position specific to defense, to affiliate a defense man to give three full defensive lines.

9.13.3 Affiliate players that are being called upon for evaluation purposes may ONLY attend 2 practices per month with the higher based team. This will allow the AP to gain knowledge of systems played by the higher based team.

a) This AP privilege of extra ice time will result in the affiliate player being assessed an AP fee as set by the executive at the time the Rep AP lists are approved by the VP Rep. Fees are payable to the team.

9.13.4 A player is only permitted to participate as an affiliate player with one higher based team during a season. The registrar will add the ‘AP’ designation to the official Hockey Canada Roster once all approvals are attained and as directed to by the VP Rep. See 9.4 above.

9.13.5 A Hockey Canada rep team may affiliate up to 19 players-2 of which MUST be goalies.

9.13.6 Atom Rep teams are not recognized by Hockey Canada and are therefore operating under the rules of PCAHA Casual Carding. (Please refer to the current Rules and Regulations Book of PCAHA)



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9.13.7 No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) AP list at any time during the current season.

9.13.8 Call up requests for an AP must be to the affiliate players original team first--either the Head Coach or Manager. The Manager needs to record number of times the AP is used once January 10<sup>th</sup> has passed.

9.13.9 The Head Coach or Manager of the higher based team will contact the selected affiliate player once 9.12.8 has occurred. The higher based team will also record the number of games an AP has been used after Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

9.13.10 At NO TIME should an affiliate player be used more than 10 times for Peewee to Midget division. (excluding tournaments and exhibition games) For Atom Level refer to PCAHA Casual Player Rules as noted in 9.13.6. Disciplinary action against the higher based team will result should this condition be breached. **PLEASE REFER TO PCAHA RULES & REGULATIONS ON AFFILIATE PLAYERS – SECTION C #30 – 35.**

9.13.11 At no time should the use of an AP conflict with the original lower teams practice except under exceptional cases that will be reviewed by both teams Head Coaches (and the VP of Rep if necessary-whose decision will be final.)

9.13.12 The designation of Affiliate Players will be done according to the following:

- a) The higher based team will validate that the AP has completed a valid body checking clinic. (Critical at the Peewee level)
- b) Divisional Rep teams will make every attempt to list affiliate players from the lower category of the like rep hockey division. For example: Bantam A1 pulls from Bantam A2 and Bantam A2 pulls from Bantam A3 and Bantam A3 pulls from Peewee A1.
- c) First year players of the recreational “C” league are not eligible to affiliate to a Rep team of a higher division. For example a first year peewee aged “C” player cannot affiliate to a Bantam Rep lowest tier team.
- d) To avoid game conflict times –see general point 9.1 and 9.8—Head Coaches need to have *meaningful dialogue* amongst themselves before submitting their AP lists for approval.
- e) Generally the older aged player of the division should be affiliated before a younger aged player if skill levels are equal. This is to benefit the player called up for the continuation of the competitive program.



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f) If a player's name appears on more than 1 (one) suggested AP list, the VP of Rep hockey will contact the family and the decision to affiliate to which team will be made by the parents (guardians). The family will make the decision based on *full knowledge* of all teams requesting their player's services and the merits of going with each team.

g) Should a team have lost a player from their list based on 9.13.12.f --that team can add a player that is not yet on another teams list should they wish to do so. The team that "lost" the potential AP cannot bump another AP to their team.

9.13.13 All parental (guardian) approvals for affiliation of their children, is to be recorded, through the use of an email confirmation of the same, by the higher based team. This confirmation is to remain with the team and be available for executive viewing at any time throughout the current season.