



## **6.59 Affiliated Players**

**Sources: Hockey Canada Regulations**

**HEO Polices:**

**6.49 Minor Hockey**

**6.14 Serving of Suspensions**

### **Purpose:**

- a) To provide significant development opportunities for players aspiring to play at a higher Division or Category.
- b) 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.

### **General Affiliation Procedures:**

- a. Affiliation is a game-related process. Players do not need to be affiliated to practice with a higher Division or Category team, provided they are duly rostered at the lower Division or Category.
- b. All HC rules and regulations will apply, with the following local standards. All HEO teams will use the 19-player affiliation list. Once affiliated on the 19-player list, a player may not play as an affiliate with another team in the same Category until such time as their affiliation rights have been formally released. All teams must add affiliates to their official HCR roster.
- c. No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliate Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.
- d. A player's affiliation may only be broken by releasing that player from his/her registered team. That action breaks all affiliations, and the release must be completed before Jan. 10 of a given season.
- e. The team that holds the player's playing rights (Junior) in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
- f. Permission to use an affiliated player must be obtained on a game-by-game basis from the player's original team as per Hockey Canada Regulation F. (refer to G if the player's team does not have a meaningful game scheduled)
- g. The affiliated player cannot be refused permission to play for the affiliate team if no game conflict exists.
- h. Notwithstanding the "No Game Conflict" clause, a player who is currently recovering from Injury and has not been cleared to play by a Physician, or the player is currently serving a suspension, are not eligible to play with a Higher Division or Category team as an affiliate player.



## **Hockey Canada Regulation F. 14, 15, 16.**

### **Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior Affiliation:**

A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be selected as an Affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season:

- (a) a Major Junior Team;
- (b) Junior A Team;
- (c) Junior B Team; and
- (d) Junior C Team (excluding 16-year-old players playing at the highest level of U18).

### **Number Of Games A Player May Play in Higher Divisions or Categories**

Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:

- (a) For Junior A, Junior B, and Regional and National Championship eligible Teams, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team.
- (b) For Junior C, a Player seventeen (17) years of age or older, registered at the highest Category of U18 may Affiliate to a Junior C Team to a maximum of 10 games. For any Player sixteen (16) years of age or older registered in a Category below the highest Category of U18, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play with a Junior C Team as an Affiliate Player.
- (c) For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play as an Affiliate Player.
- (d) Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in Regulation D15(a) and (b).
- (e) Any Player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / Canada Winter Games / World Junior A Challenge will not count against the limit of games per Team.
- (f) 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.

If an Affiliate 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 on the



following terms:

- (a)** No new Registration is required or shall be issued for Affiliate Players, and such Players are not numbered among such higher Division/Category Teams Registered Players.
- (b)** Affiliate Players remain Registered Participants of their lower Division/Category Team.



Affiliation of first year eligible U16 Players (fifteen (15) year old) to Major Junior and Junior A and Junior B hockey Teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:

- (a) A Player may Affiliate to a Major Junior Team and a Junior A or B Team in the same Season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each Team. A Player may not Affiliate to both a Junior A and a Junior B Team.
- (b) A Team may Affiliate no more than five (5) Players for up to a maximum of five (5) games each during the Season.
- (c) A Player shall NOT participate as an Affiliate, except under emergency conditions, when the
- (d) When the Player's registered Team is finished its Season, the Player may Affiliate an unlimited number of games with his Affiliate Team or Teams for the balance of the Season.
- (e) The Affiliate Team may only have one (1) fifteen (15) year old Affiliate Player in its line-up per game.
- (f) Any Player affiliation occurring as a result of the National Junior/Under 17/Canada Winter Games/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the five (5) game total per Team.

**Minor Affiliation:**

**AAA**

- a. U18 AAA affiliation will be Branch wide and the U18 AAA Association will define their rules for affiliation areas of operation.
- b. U13, U14, and U15 AAA Zones will have first option to affiliate players on teams within their Zone of operation. Should Zone teams decline to affiliate any player, that player may affiliate to any other AAA team.



### **Competitive Levels below AAA and House League**

- a. Competitive teams below AAA will affiliate within their appropriate District or Association, as defined by District policies and according to Hockey Canada Regulations. Players may not affiliate outside of their District below AAA.
- b. House League players may only affiliate to the lowest Competitive level for their Association. Competitive players may not affiliate to House League teams.
- c. House League teams will affiliate within the residential Association to which they belong.

### **U9 Tier 1 is treated as a Competitive level and Tiers 2,3, and 4 will map to House A, B, and C in other Divisions:**

- d. Each District and Association may determine the documentation necessary for affiliation for house league players, however, at the minimum, there would be a written agreement between the two coaches (an email would suffice), ensuring that the applicable home association registrar and the applicable association Convenor are in the list of addressees.

### **Game limits:**

- a. At Regional / National Championship levels (U13 AAA, U15 AAA, U18 AAA), all players may affiliate to a maximum of 10 games with each team. Only regular season and playoff games count towards this total.
- b. Goalies will only count games in which they participate and not as backup. At all other levels, skaters may affiliate to a maximum of 15 games with each team. Only regular season and playoff games count towards this total. Goalies have no limit on affiliated games.
- c. Should a player's affiliation to one team be broken and replaced by another team, the affiliation game count resets to zero. If the player's affiliation rights are returned to a prior affiliating team in the same season, then the game count will continue to increment from where it was reset. For example, Player A is affiliated to Team X and plays 5 games. They are then affiliated to Team Y. The game count resets to zero and begins again. If Player A changes affiliation back to Team X, his game count restarts where it left off, at 5 games played. It will be the affiliating team's responsibility to manage the player's affiliation game count.

### **Deadline Dates:**

The deadline for adding affiliates to any roster is February 15 of any given season, except for Regional/National Championship levels which have a deadline of Jan. 15 of any given season. Other key dates will still apply (Jan. 10 for releases, Feb. 10 for final player additions).



**Serving Suspensions with an Affiliated team:**

Refer to HEO Policy 6.14 Policy on the Serving of Suspension

**Miscellaneous:**

- a) Suspensions are to be served with the lower category team, regardless of which team the player incurred the suspension with. (Refer to 15.7.8 re rules regarding out-of-town tournaments)
- b) As a general rule, no replacement can be made for any ill or injured players by a player of the same Division and Category. The only exception to this rule is the emergency replacement of a goaltender from the same or a lower division and category when no affiliated goalie is available. The replacement must come from within the same District. Written permission must be obtained from the District Chairman (or designate).
- c) A player affiliating to a higher age classification may play below his letter classification at the higher age level except for affiliating to the house "C" level where this level is for developmental purposes. This paragraph refers to House League only

Please refer to 6.58 Schedule B for House League Affiliation Procedures.