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AFFILIATION PROCEDURE

Provincials Affiliation Regulations will follow Section B: Minor Hockey Registration, bylaw 46, and Provincials/Interprovincial Play-Offs, bylaws 60-85 of the Hockey Manitoba Regulations & Rules of Competition.

AFFILIATION REGULATIONS MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION REGULATIONS
Note: Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Minor Hockey.

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a) When centers have combined to form a team, a “home” centre must be designated for registration purposes. For the purpose of affiliation, players may be used from the individual centers making up the combined team in next lowest age category
b) When a minor aged player must play for a center outside of their home centre, said player will affiliate only with higher aged teams in the centre they have usually registered, should a team exist.
c) Where a player does not have a team in an age category above them in their home association, they may be allowed to affiliate with the next closest team to their residence. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.
d) When a minor hockey team does not have a team below them in a lower age category they may apply to their Region for permission to use affiliates from their next closest center. Those players would be limited to one team. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.
e) Players first priority will be to their own rostered team. Affiliate players must play a minimum of 50 per cent of their rostered team’s league games (excluding exceptions such as long-term injury) to be eligible for regional playoff s and provincials with their rostered team or any team in which they are eligible to affiliate. This also includes any league playoff s where the champion is declared provincial champion. Exceptions will only be considered by Hockey Manitoba. Teams shall obtain the permission of the respective coach and parents prior to using a player as an affiliate.
f) A Minor hockey player participating in the Minor program may be temporarily promoted to a higher category team. Minor teams may affiliate players up to the roster max of 20 players. However, there must be a minimum of six regular players on the game sheet.
g) Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues. For Regional play-offs leading to Provincials and Provincials, teams may use affiliates to a maximum of 20 players. Minimum of six regular players must be on game sheet.
h) Under-7/Under-9 Rosters: Minor Hockey Associations with more than one team of Under-7 or Under-9 Rosters may affiliate freely between their teams. The exception would be league play for Under-9. In addition these teams may affiliate players from neighboring associations with permission from the

Association President and Regional Director. The intent is to allow team formation when numbers are less than eleven

i) Excluding the Winnipeg region, girls may register in both the boys and girls programs. They may only affiliate within the programs in which they are registered. Exception: Excluding the Winnipeg region, girls' teams may affiliate eligible girl players registered on a boy's roster, if there is no girl's team in the age category below within a reasonable distance of the girl's team requesting the affiliation. Permission from the applicable region(s) is required and all other affiliation regulations apply.
j) Affiliation requests outside these rules will be considered by Hockey Manitoba

PROVINCIAL/INTER-PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS – MINOR HOCKEY

All other affiliation regulations as indicated in the Hockey Manitoba regulations continue to apply.

78. Players must affiliate from a lower category within the same age division. If affiliating from a lower age division, player must affiliate from an equal or lower category.
79. Teams may add eligible affiliate players to supplement their rosters as follows:
    a) Under-11 & Under-13: up to 13 skaters and two goalies
    b) Under-15 & Under-18: up to 15 skaters and two goalies

Ex. U11 / U13

Roster has 15 -19 players and 2 goalies – NO AP allowed
Roster has 14 players – 13 skaters and a goalie you can AP 1 goalie
Roster has 13 players – 11 skaters and 2 goalies – AP 2 skaters
Roster has 12 players – 11 skaters and 1 goalie – AP 2 skaters and a goalie
Roster has 11 players – 10 skaters and 1 goalies – AP 3 skaters and a goalie
When you AP a player – must only be up to 13 skaters and 2 goalies

Ex. U15 / U18

Roster has 15 - 19 players and 2 goalies – NO AP allowed
Roster has 15 players and 1 goalie – you can AP a goalie
Roster has 14 players and 2 goalies – you can AP 1 skater
Roster has 13 players and 2 goalies – you can AP 2 skaters
Roster has 12 players and 1 goalie – AP 3 skaters and a goalie
When you AP a player - must be up to 15 skaters and 2 goalies

- In all cases, affiliation is to supplement a roster up to the allowed minimum, not to replace a player on an approved roster who is able to participate.
- If a team chooses to travel with extra affiliates due to distance away from their home center, an AP player must replace an AP player, regular rostered players are not permitted to sit out in place of an affiliate player.
- All affiliate players must be correctly rostered in the Hockey Canada Registry and listed on the team roster before the start of Provincials, Players are not eligible to be added once the Championship starts.
- Players are not allowed to participate in more than 1 Provincial Tournament on the same weekend.
- Coed Team must AP players from a COED rostered team. COED teams are not eligible to AP players from a Girls Team.

- Girls Teams must AP players from a Girls rostered team. Girls teams are not eligible to AP players from a COED team.

AFFILIATION MATRIX:

TOURNAMENT CATEGORY	CAN AFFILIATE PLAYERS FROM	SECONDARY OPTION FOR PLAYER AFFILIATION
U18A	U18B/C	U15A/B/C
U18B	U18C	U15B/C
U15AA	U15A/B/C	
U15A	U15B/C	U13A/B/C
U15B	U15C	U13B/C
U15C	U13B/C	
U13AA	U13A1/A2	U11AA
U13A	U13A1	U11A
U13B	U13C	U11B/C
U13C	U11B	U11C
U13D	U11D	U11E
U11AA	U11D/E	
U11A	U11D/E	
U11B	U11C	
U11C	U9C	U9C
U11D	U11E	
U11E	U9C	U9C

AFFILIATION REQUEST PROCESS:

When submitting a request to affiliate a player, please follow the following steps:

1. Submit your Affiliate Player (AP) Request using the following link - https://activitymessenger.com/p/KVg9eSX.
    a. Hockey Manitoba will review your AP request.
    b. Hockey Manitoba will have a tracking sheet for all AP requests from your team for your applicable provincials tournament, with the status of each AP's request.
2. Hockey Manitoba will notify you via email of the status of your AP Request.
    a. If your AP is approved, they can be added to your team roster and can dress for the tournament. The request will be marked as approved and the host committee of the applicable provincials tournament will be notified.

   b. If your AP is denied, Hockey Manitoba will provide a reason for the rejection, and the player CANNOT be added to the roster or dress for the tournament. The request will be marked as denied and the host committee will be notified.
3. All hosts will be sent the AP Tracking Sheet for each team in their tournament to verify APs at their tournament.
   a. AP requests submitted after the Roster & AP Submission deadline of **February 10th, 2027**, MAY not be accepted.

AFFILIATE PLAYER PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS:

If your team has reached the AP maximum, and APs can no longer be approved, teams may request **pre-approval** of potential affiliate players.

If an AP is pre-approved, they will NOT be added to the roster or dressed for the tournament. However, they will be on standby to receive approval from Hockey Manitoba should injury, illness, or extraordinary circumstances occur during the tournament, thus impacting a team's roster.

To request pre-approval for an AP, send your team name, and the name and HCR team roster of the player you would potentially affiliate to kgladden@hockeymanitoba.ca and ssamec@hockeymanitoba.ca.

If you would like to request a concession for an AP interpretation by Hockey Manitoba, please contact the applicable chairs:

Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural (Co-Ed Provincials)
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Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey – (Girls Provincials)
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