



AFFILIATE PLAYER POLICY

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Unless otherwise indicated by Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation, or Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the following shall apply:

Peterborough Hockey Association (PHA) values the development of all players, and a functional Affiliate Player (AP) process is part of that development. PHA teams shall affiliate players as per OMHA Regulations with the following additions:

1. **DEFINITIONS:**

- a) Affiliate Player (AP) – a player who is eligible to participate for their rostered team, and one other team of a higher division or category;
- b) Category – a team's level of competition within a Centre (eg. AA, A, BB);
- c) Division – an age group within an Association (eg. U18, U16, U15, etc);
- d) Goalie – someone who is registered to a team as a goalie;
- e) Player – someone who is registered to a team as a player;
- f) Requesting Team – the team requesting to add an affiliate player to their roster;
- g) Rostered Team – the team on which the player is originally registered as a member;

2. **AP PROCESS:**

- a) teams may affiliate players from one (1) category below them (eg. AA affiliates from A), and from two (2) categories below them (eg. AA may affiliate from BB/ C);
- b) teams may affiliate players from the same category in the next youngest division (eg. U15AA may affiliate from U14AA), however they cannot affiliate players from the category below and the next youngest division (eg. U15AA cannot affiliate from U14A);
- c) players shall only be affiliated to one (1) team;
- d) the coach of the requesting team shall inform the Coach of the rostered team of which players the requesting team is planning to affiliate;
- e) the coach of the rostered team shall inform the parents of the player being affiliated;
- f) the coach of the rostered team shall facilitate the completion of the necessary paperwork as provided by PHA on behalf of Ontario Minor Hockey Association;
- g) the Coach of the requesting team shall submit the paperwork to the VP of Rep and PHA Registrar;
- h) players and/ or parents may decline to be affiliated to any team without reason;

3. **AP GUIDELINES:**

- a) the coach of the rostered team has an obligation to promote this process for the benefit of the player(s) involved;
- b) the requesting team in the next highest category shall have right of first refusal with respect to which players they wish to affiliate from the team in the category below them (ie U14AA shall have first choice of AP players from U14A before U15A may affiliate from U14A, U13A shall have first choice of players from House League before U13AA may affiliate from House League);
- a) AP requests for players from a lower birth year must be approved by the Rep Executive, and shall only be considered once all options from the current birth year have been evaluated, and there is a valid reason to AP from a lower birth year. Approval or players to AP at an older age group shall also be based on approved of OMHA;
- c) if a player declines to be affiliated with a team in the next highest category (ie U14A player declines offer from U14AA), they are not eligible to be AP'd to any other team within PHA;
- d) AP's shall not be permitted to miss a game with their rostered team in order to practice or play a game with the requesting team;
- e) the requesting coach shall consider any possible disruptions to the rostered team before making the request;
- f) requesting teams shall only AP a goalie to substitute for a goalie;
- g) requesting teams shall only AP a player to substitute for a player;
- h) the requesting team may utilize an AP at anytime during practices;
- i) for games, the following shall apply:
 - i. the requesting team shall only utilize an AP in a game when their team is temporarily short one or more players;
 - ii. the requesting team shall only be permitted to utilize AP's to match the number of players listed on their approved roster sheet.

4. **REGULAR SEASON:**

- a) AP's can deny an AP request for the following reasons:
 - i. the parent of the AP denies request;
 - ii. the rostered team has a scheduling conflict;
 - iii. team, PHA or league disciplinary reason(s);
 - iv. injury;
- b) where the requesting team and rostered team have ice commitments on the same day, the following shall apply:
 - i. games for the requesting team shall take priority over practices for the rostered team;
 - ii. rostered teams may refuse an AP request if both the requesting team and rostered team have practice times that overlap, however PHA strongly encourages the rostered team to accommodate the request to promote their AP players;
- c) AP's may play in tournaments provided that

- i. there is no conflict with league play;
 - a. an exception may be made with respect to a goalie if the rostered team has two goalies, and the rostered team is willing and able to fill the second goalie spot from their AP list;
- ii. the parents allow the player to participate.

5. **PLAYOFFS/ PLAYDOWNS:**

- a) PHA recognizes that all teams want the best chance possible at competing for playoff/ playdown awards;
- b) Coaches of the rostered team are encouraged to accommodate AP requests during playoffs/ playdowns;
- c) Coaches from the rostered team may deny any and all AP requests during playoffs/ playdowns if the rostered team has a game or practice that conflicts with the day or time of the requesting team's game/ practice.

6. **HOW TO REQUEST AN AP:**

- b) the head coach of the requesting team shall notify the head coach of the rostered team prior to approaching any player or goalie about an AP opportunity. A requesting team shall not contact an AP directly to initiate the AP process;
- c) requests for AP's to attend practices or games shall be made with as much advance notice as possible, ideally a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours;
- d) the requesting team shall contact the rostered team by email for all AP requests. In the event the Requesting team is unresponsive within twenty-four (24) hours, the requesting coach may contact their Rep Director for assistance;

7. **AP DISPUTES:**

In the event of a dispute related to the interpretation of this AP policy, the matter shall be referred to the Rep Executive for a decision. The decision of the Rep Executive shall be considered final.