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### **NDMH Affiliated Player “AP” Policy**

Purpose: Support representative level teams to play at their maximum potential during periods of decreased manpower, and foster development of players in lower categories to play at a higher level of hockey

1. Players wishing to play for OMHA teams within the NDMH organization must be registered with NDMH and fulfil residency qualifications as outlined by the OMHA residency regulations.
2. A copy of the OMHA Offer of Affiliation must be signed by both coaches and the player's parent/guardian acknowledging this affiliation and submitted to the NDMH VP OMHA to be kept on file. An electronic scan of the signed document is required on the players profile in Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). The OMHA REM or designate, must approve the affiliation. Deadline for submission of affiliated players is the 15th of January.
3. Prior to participating as an affiliated player, the player's name MUST appear on the team's electronic roster. Game sheets MUST indicate affiliated players with an “AP”.
4. All affiliation rules as defined by the OMHA Manual of Operations Section 7.0 must be adhered to with the addition of NDMH Player
5. Movement Policy outlined below.
  1. The use of an affiliated player is for replacement of a rostered player that is injured, sick, suspended, quits, moves from the area, or for player development at lower categories (AE/LL/HL).
  2. In keeping with the above stated purpose of this policy, AP players may be selected from the category directly below in development level or the age category below in the same development level. For example first entry teams will usually choose from the second entry team in the same age category or the first entry team in the age category below. Second entry teams may choose from the House league division in the same age category or the second entry team in the age category below.
  3. Affiliated Players may be invited to practice with the higher level team by the head coach however there is no obligation for the affiliating coach to provide additional practice or game time to affiliated players.
  4. Meeting Team Commitments: Players are typically affiliated for development or to boost player numbers when shortages occur. Restrictions on participation of affiliated players are:
    1. Affiliating a second entry player to a first entry team: Player's commitments to the second entry team MAY be waived by the second entry coach if the second entry team has enough players remaining.
    2. Affiliating an underage first entry player to a higher first entry team: Player must meet commitments of the first entry category team for his/her own age division before the higher teams needs.
    3. Affiliating a HL/LL player to any representative team: Player must meet commitments of the HL/LL category team before the higher teams needs.
    4. Affiliating an underage HL/LL player to a higher HL/LL: Player must meet commitments of the HL/LL category team for his/her own age division before the higher teams needs.

It is the responsibility of the requesting coach to notify the coach of the players rostered team and ensure that all required commitments have been met. Any conflicts and or confusion regarding player movement should be directed to the NDMH VP OMHA.

Any breach or misuse of this policy may result in the players affiliation being removed.

Affiliated players may be required to provide additional monetary support to the affiliated team, for additional practices, games etc. This will be left to the discretion of the affiliated teams management.

For all exceptions, the requesting coach is to provide written request to the NDMH Executive outlining the circumstances for the request for an AP player outside of these guidelines.