

Affiliation Policy

Considering recent questions surrounding the application of the Southwest Hockey player affiliation policies, the following clarification is provided:

- No player is permitted to be affiliated to more than one team during the playing season.
- A maximum of three affiliate players may be used by one team within any one game.
- All higher division/category teams must attain consent from lower division/category teams prior to using any affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in suspension of offending team's Head Coach;
- All players, in PeeWee Division and above, must have taken the approved checking clinic before being eligible as an affiliate player on a checking team.
- Parental permission is required before any player from a non-checking division is affiliated to a checking division
- A player of a team of a lower Division or category may affiliate to a team to a maximum of ten (10) games per season (excluding exhibition and/or tournament games). However, if the player's registered team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may then affiliate an unlimited number of times

To ensure that teams are fully aware of which team shall be their affiliate team for the 2018/19 season, the following table demonstrates these relationships. Please note that teams are NOT permitted to affiliate with players from any other team.

HIGHER LEVEL TEAM	LOWER LEVEL TEAM
Midget 1	Midget 2
Midget 2	Midget 3
Midget 3	Midget 4*
Midget 4*	Midget 5*
Midget 5*	Midget 6*
Midget 6*	Bantam 3
Bantam 1	Bantam 2
Bantam 2	Bantam 3
Bantam 3	Bantam 4 / PeeWee 1
Bantam 4	Bantam 5
Bantam 5	Bantam 6
PeeWee 1	PeeWee 2
PeeWee 2	PeeWee 3
PeeWee 3	PeeWee 4*
PeeWee 4*	PeeWee 5*
PeeWee 5*	PeeWee 6*
PeeWee 6*	Atom 4*
Atom 1	Atom 2
Atom 2	Atom 3
Atom 3	Atom 4*
Atom 4*	Atom 5*
Atom 5*	Atom 6*
Atom 6*	Atom 7*

* Denotes situations where there are more than one team at either the higher level or lower level. In these cases, the Director of Coaches has established protocol for use of affiliate players and coaches should refer to the Director for greater insight before utilizing affiliates.

Southwest Hockey has established an affiliation policy to address how the affiliation regulations will

be interpreted, specifically when the schedules of the higher level and lower level teams conflict, as well as when there is a dispute between teams on player affiliation as follows:

- In cases, where team schedules do not conflict, full utilization of affiliation to fill vacancies is recommended.
- In cases where the lower team is practicing, and the higher team requires a player(s), full utilization of affiliation to fill vacancies is recommended with the lower team drawing players from their affiliate group for the practice.
- In cases where both the higher and lower team are playing games that create a timing conflict and the higher-level team requires affiliate players, the following guidance shall apply:

PLAYER(S) MISSING AT ONE POSITION (FORWARD/DEFENSE)	
One player missing	No affiliation permitted
Two players missing	One affiliated player permitted
Three players missing	Two affiliated players permitted
Four players missing	Three affiliate players permitted

- a) In cases, where the higher team requires a back-up goalie, and there is a conflict in games, they may request a goalie from the lower team to act as back-up, if that goalie was not scheduled to start the game for the lower level team. In this case, using the same rationale, the lower team may then affiliate a goalie from the next lower team to back-up their starting goalie. **Hockey Calgary permission is required.**
- b) When requesting the use of affiliates, the Association expects that all coaches shall cooperate fully to ensure that the affiliation is handled appropriately. In all cases, the coach of the higher-level team shall contact the coach of the lower level team to communicate the requirement and seek approval prior to using the player or players. In addition, it shall be confirmed that the player being requested is willing to participate. In cases, where the coaches disagree on the requirement for affiliate players, the Director of Coaches is to be contacted to facilitate a resolution in accordance with this policy.
- c) As per Hockey Calgary rules, the team requesting the affiliate must obtain the sanction of the League Chair. Failure to obtain permission to use the affiliate player or to obtain the sanction of the League Chair may result in the loss of 2 game points and the coach of the higher team receiving a one game suspension.
- d) If a team requires a substitute goaltender Southwest Hockey may allow, during any scheduled exhibition, league, provincial or tournament game, the use of a goaltender from another hockey team of equal or lower division or category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a replacement goaltender is required by the hockey team concerned. Permission must be obtained from Hockey Calgary.
- e) Affiliation can only happen once an affiliate player has been added to the official team roster.

Novice Affiliations

- a) The principle of affiliation at the Novice category is to provide replacement players when regular team players are ill, injured or otherwise unavailable.
- b) When a Team has less than twelve (12) registered players, Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on the game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players (ie. – when Affiliated Players are used in a game, the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on the game sheet is twelve (12). The maximum number of twelve (12) includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players)

- c) Affiliated players will only be allowed in situations where registered team players are unavailable to the team because of:
 - (i) illness
 - (ii) injuries
 - (iii) inadequate numbers of registered team players to play a game
- d) All affiliates will be designated/registered by Southwest Hockey Association.
- e) All higher division/category teams must attain consent from lower division/category teams prior to using any affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in suspension of offending team's Head Coach.
- f) Affiliated players must be approved by the Hockey Calgary League Chair before they are used as an affiliate.
- g) An affiliated Novice player may not play more than five (5) games with the affiliated team in the current hockey season, excluding exhibition and tournament games.

NOTE: There will be no affiliations allowed within the division of Timbits/Initiation. There will be no affiliations allowed from Timbits/Initiation up to Novice.