



WMHA Player Affiliation Policy

WMHA RATIONALE : As per our « Article 3 – Object » of our Constitution, The objects of this association are:

3.2 To develop and administer the sport of hockey in a manner that will encourage mass participation, improve skill levels, ...

3.3 To provide opportunities for all players to play the sport at levels appropriate to their degree of skill or interest...

3.6 To place the players and the game in the forefront and to provide the conditions necessary for a healthy program by encouraging internal co-operation between players, executives, coaches, managers and parents ...

NOHA PURPOSE : 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.

HOCKEY CANADA : Club System - HC Regulation E.9(c) shall govern this affiliation. The determining factor for Club Affiliation shall be common signing officers for the purpose of registration and releases. Within a Club System, affiliate players must be: A) from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or; B) from the same age division and a lower category.

ANNUALLY : As required by NOHA, WMHA will declare that it is operating a « Club System Affiliation » (Hockey Canada Regulation E) where all players on lower level teams can be affiliated to a higher division or category team.

* A player who refused to sign a REP card may not be affiliated by any team.

REASONS : Typically a team may require one or many affiliated players : to complement their regular line-up of less than 17 players or because injury, suspension, illness, family/school functions, etc.

PROCESS :

While there is a requirement (*as per NOHA R.7.9*) to notify the affiliate's regular coaching staff each time of your intention to use a player (ensuring that suspensions or any other issues are known), the WMHA Executive, in line with our objects stated above, give imply consent when there is no conflict of schedule for the affiliated player. Otherwise, WMHA Team Officials must respect the following « **Conflict Schedule - Point Value Event** » and make no effort to discourage affiliated players from participating with any teams as a result of its implementation.

WMHA has developed the following guidelines that must be followed :

1. Where there is an event conflict, the following schedule of event priorities should be used. The team with the highest event priority will take precedence.
2. Where the event priorities are the same, the player's regular team will take precedence.

Conflict Schedule - Point Value Event

6	Out-of-town tournament
5	Playoff game or In-town tournament game
4	League game
3	Practice
2	Exhibition game
1	Off-ice team event

Coaches using affiliated players must notify the affiliate's regular coaching staff following a game should injuries or suspensions occur.

Important note : NOHA R.7.5. explains that if a player plays for a team or teams of higher divisions and categories more than five (5) league and/or playoff games after January 10th than he shall not be allowed to compete any further in the division or category for which he is registered in the same season. The player will remain with the team on which he played the sixth game and be designated as an affiliated player "AP" for the balance of the season. Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games, are excluded from the number of games. NOTE : The NOHA Tournament of Champions are considered play-offs and therefore count towards the six (6) game total.