



Cochrane Minor Hockey Association (CMHA)

Policy Title: Affiliation Policy and Procedure

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Website: www.cochraneminorhockey.com

1.0 Affiliation Purpose

1.1 The use of Affiliates serves two purposes:

- To provide players to replace those unable to play due to injury, sickness, or non-team suspension only.
 - To provide an opportunity for affiliate players to gain exposure and experience at a higher level of competition.
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2.0 Affiliation Process

2.1 Coaches/Managers must complete an online recall form to track the number of recall games and provide CMHA oversight in case of disputes. The goal is to offer all players the opportunity to experience higher-level play, while balancing the needs of both teams.

- The Coach/Manager of the team requiring a player must first contact the Affiliate Team's Coach/Manager.
- The Affiliate Team's Coach/Manager will then discuss the opportunity with the player and their Parent/Guardian.
- The team making the call-up **must not** contact the player or their parents directly without prior discussion.

2.2 All parties involved—Coaches, Players, and Parents—must be respectful.

- In the event of a dispute, CMHA VPs or the President will make a final decision.
- During playoffs or their lead-up, additional consideration must be given to the player's original team needs.
- Coaches should discuss the player profile required (e.g., Forward, Defense, Goalie, Big Body, Scorer, etc.).
- All call-ups will be logged via the online form for transparency and tracking.



2.3 Affiliations must be formally requested using the designated CMHA Affiliation Request Form.

[Click here to access the form](#)

3.0 Affiliation Guidelines

3.1 Affiliation paths are set at the start of each season and must be filed with Hockey Alberta by December 15.

3.2 Coaches must agree to call-ups when requested.

- Parent permission must be obtained and confirmed by email (cc'd to relevant directors).
- Failure to comply with this process may require CMHA intervention.

3.3 Affiliated players may play a maximum of 10 games with the higher-level team (excluding exhibition and tournaments).

- After the player's own team completes playoffs, unlimited affiliation is permitted.

3.4 Only properly affiliated players may participate in League, Playoff, Provincial, or Exhibition games.

3.5 The presence of a player's name on a game sheet is considered participation—except for backup goalies who don't play.

3.6 Affiliates may only be used to fill a short roster and cannot exceed the original team size.

3.7 Any exceptional cases must be reviewed by the CMHA VP for approval.

4.0 Female Affiliation

4.1 Female players on minor male teams may affiliate to female teams upon approval by Hockey Alberta Female Reps and Minor Council.

4.2 Requests must be submitted with an Affiliation Agreement form and a supporting letter to Hockey Alberta.



5.0 Appendix A – Structural Affiliation Notes

5.1 Affiliations are outlined in the supplemental document. The Executive may approve or modify affiliations.

5.2 For AA teams, players may affiliate from the highest-tiered team within the draw zone (e.g., Canmore U13 Tier 2).

5.3 Affiliations will be finalized once rosters are set. REP affiliations from below require league approval.

5.4 All players affiliating to AA teams must submit a completed Affiliation Agreement to the VP of Operations and/or High-Performance Director.

- Players who do not complete this form are ineligible to affiliate.