



## Player Affiliation Policy

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### Objective:

To provide development opportunities for the participants in the Association by allowing players to affiliate with teams in the Association.

### Applicability:

- Players will be permitted to affiliate with teams in the Association and in accordance with the regulations of the NOHA.
- Players that are playing at the highest level within their age category (i.e., Novice AA, Major Peewee AAA, etc.) will be permitted to play at a higher age category that is more suited to that player's ability, if recommended by the Coach and Player Development Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, based on the following criteria:
  - Hockey Skill
  - Age
  - Physical and mental maturity

### Process:

- A Coach wishing to affiliate a player must notify the coach of the team the player is carded with, and indicate the details of the event.
- Coaches may only request an affiliate player for Playoff games, League games or Tournaments when they have a shortened roster (less than 15 players and 2 goalies), as a result of a player on their roster being sick, injured or not able to attend the event.
- If there is no conflict, the player must be given the opportunity to affiliate with the team requesting the affiliate player, in accordance with the NOHA regulations.
- Coaches in the NCHA are to encourage, promote and seek out affiliation opportunities for players on his/her team.



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Table 1 - Priority Table

Rank	Event
1	Playoff Game
2	League Game
3	Tournament
4	Practice
5	Exhibition Game
6	Off Ice Event

### Exceptions

- A coach may decline an affiliation request if a player is under a team disciplinary action (i.e., a player that has been benched the first period of the next game due to bullying). The disciplinary action must be in force and has been communicated to the parents in order for it to be considered valid.

### Appeal Process

- If there is disagreement on the result by any of the parties, an appeal can be made in writing.
- This appeal must be heard at the next Board Meeting. The party in disagreement will plead their case to the Board. The Board will excuse the party, debate the issue, vote and then inform the party of the decision. This decision is final unless the party would like to proceed to the NOHA appeal process.