



1. Affiliations U11-U18

The purpose of affiliation for FSMH teams is to supplement a team in case of illness, injury, or other forms of absenteeism on the team. Hockey Teams may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team within their Association in a lower Division or Category.

Minor Female Exception: When an MHA does not have a Minor Female team at the next lowest division or category, the MHA may place a request to the Minor Female Committee asking to be permitted to affiliate a player(s) from a lower Division or Category Minor Female team from a nearby MHA.

A player may be affiliated to only one team. An affiliated player must come from a lower tier, division, or category.

a. Affiliation Process

- i. After the Tiering is complete the divisional director identifies players for affiliation to a higher tier or division team and sends the list to Head Coaches (top 23 list).
- ii. The Head Coach reviews the provided list and makes their selections
- iii. The Affiliation Request form is submitted by the team requesting affiliates (<https://www.fortsaskminorhockey.com/fsmh-affiliation-request/>)
- iv. The affiliations will be reviewed & endorsed by the GM of Operations.
- v. Affiliations may be accepted until and including December 15 (Date subject to change within current season) at noon of the current Hockey Season.
- vi. Once approved players are formally added to Teams HCR and identified as "Affiliates"
*Note players are not permitted to participate in any games or practices until the affiliation is approved and the player is added to the HCR.
- vii. Once a player's affiliation is approved, the player's name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season.
- viii. Affiliated players must be added to your league roster before they are permitted to participate in any league games.

*** U11-aged players may be affiliated to the U13 division with full affiliation privileges (games & practices). U13 goaltenders may be affiliated with a U15 team with full affiliation privileges. Second-year U13 players may be affiliated with a U15 team once permission from parents is received. [See Affiliation Grid](#)*





*****IF REQUESTED, TEAMS MUST BE ABLE TO PRESENT A COPY OF THEIR OFFICIAL HARD CARD WITH APPROVED AFFILIATES LISTED****

Important: Any Player participating in any game as an Affiliated Player without proper approval or registration in the Hockey Canada Registry on the said team as an “affiliate” shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations.

All affiliations terminate at the end of the current hockey season.

b. Using Affiliate Players

1. Before an affiliate player can play or practice for a team Coaches of the affiliating team must obtain approval from the coach of the player’s registered team **each and every** time the player is needed before extending an invitation to the player or the player’s parents to attend a practice, game or tournament. - best practice is to send and receive notice in writing (email, text)
2. Coaches on the player’s regular team can only decline participation if the player is under suspension (of any kind) or if the player has a regular season, playoff or tournament game commitment. Coaches must allow the player to compete with the higher-level team if there is a practice or exhibition game conflict.
3. If a controversy over a player exists, try to sort out the matter on a team level first. If the matter is still not resolved, consult with your divisional director. The affiliation will not be recognized until the matter can be resolved.

c. Practices

- i. An affiliated player is not a permanent member of the team that has affiliated the player, therefore should not practice with the team as a full-time member. Affiliated players may attend practices to fill rosters spots when needed due to illness, injury, missing players etc. but this practice should not interfere with the player’s rostered team’s practice.

d. Games

1. The team using the affiliate player is required to identify the player on the game sheet as an “A” (affiliate) and with the player’s team number (i.e. FS502).



2. Affiliates may be used for league, playoffs, provincial championships, exhibition, and tournament games.
3. The maximum number of players, including affiliate players, which will be allowed to be shown on any official game sheet must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team.
4. Teams can replace injured players and/or absent players with affiliated players to bring the team up to their roster size. **Teams may NOT use an affiliated player to replace a suspended player.**
5. An affiliated player should not miss a game with their rostered team to participate in a game with the team that has affiliated the player.
6. Affiliated players will **NOT** be permitted to replace suspended players.
 - a. Exception: In the event a team's roster falls below ten (10) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, that team will be permitted the ability to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of ten (10) skaters plus goaltenders
7. Minor Hockey Leagues and Hockey Alberta reserve the right to revoke the approval of an affiliate player up to January 15th should that player be deemed to strengthen the team in which he or she is affiliated.

e. Number of Games

- i. A player may play a maximum of 10 games with the hockey team to which they are affiliated. This excludes exhibition and tournament games
- ii. If a player plays more than 10 games with the hockey team to which they are affiliated, they are considered ineligible and subject to Hockey Alberta rules. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may affiliate an unlimited number of times.

f. Substitute Goaltender:

- i. A substitute goaltender from another hockey team of equal or lower division or category may be permitted if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a hockey team requires a replacement goaltender. You must contact your divisional director as soon as you become aware of the need for a substitute



goaltender. Please review Hockey Alberta Substitute Goaltender Criteria and Application.

- ii. Approved games played as a substitute goaltender do not count as affiliate games played.

g. Affiliation Grid:



U18			
Tier 1	U15		
Tier 2	Tier 1	U13	U11
Tier 3		Tier 1	HADP
Tier 4	Tier 2		
Tier 5	Tier 3		
Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2	
	Tier 5	Tier 3	Tier 1
	Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2
		Tier 5	Tier 3
		Tier 6	Tier 4
			Tier 5

Example: Team A plays in the U18 Tier 3 category of their league. Team A would be eligible to affiliate players from within their MHA playing on teams competing at U18 Tier 4, 5 or 6; as well as teams playing U15 Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Note : In circumstances when a MHA does not have a registered team at the next lower Division, as per the tiering grid, upon consideration of the application by the MHA to the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor Leagues Coordinator and Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the League, the team may be permitted to affiliate player(s) from a lower Division in the next closest MHA providing that the identified MHA does not have a registered team