

5.0 PLAYER AFFILIATION POLICY

- 5.1 Purpose** Player affiliation allows a Group Member to create a team at a level where there are not enough players for a viable team and allows a team to replace absent, sick, injured, or suspended players on a game by game basis.
- 5.2 Applicability** All teams registered with Ringette Alberta, with the exception of Open D and Masters Teams (see 9.0 Adult Ringette), may affiliate players who are also registered with Ringette Alberta.
- 5.3 Principles**
- 5.3.1 It is acceptable to allow temporary use of players (affiliate players), from time to time, to ensure that teams are able to ice a viable team when full-time players are unavailable.
 - 5.3.2 Affiliation is NOT the tool to be used to provide additional ice time for select players: affiliation is not intended to be a supplemental developmental tool. Development that is needed by individual players is the responsibility of that player's Group Member and coaches of that player's full time team.
 - 5.3.3 Player affiliation is not to be used to improve the competitiveness of a team at the expense of ice time for a regular player; these include skaters and goaltenders.
 - 5.3.4 Affiliating players to teams that may include more skilled and physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially more mature players may not be appropriate and therefore must be made with due diligence.
- 5.4 Requirements**
- 5.4.1 A player may be called from their full time team to play on another team, only as indicated in Table 1 or Table 2 below, with the exception noted in 5.4.1.2 and in compliance with the restrictions in 5.4.3. and 5.4.4.
 - 5.4.1.1 Associations must affiliate suitable players, as defined in the footnote to Table 1., from their own association before they may affiliate players from another association
 - 5.4.1.2 For goaltenders only, affiliation is allowed to a lower age division team, excluding Open ringette teams, only when the player in question is already "playing up" an age group; e.g., A 15 year old goaltender is placed on a U19 team to make that U19 team viable. She may affiliate to a U16 team since her age is appropriate for that level already.
 - 5.4.2 An affiliation may be terminated once per season. A player's affiliation that has been terminated may not affiliate to another team during the same season.

5.4.3 Affiliation is conditional on the player, parents (in the case of a minor), coaches and local association(s) agreeing to the affiliation and completing the necessary Player Affiliation Documentation.

Table 1 (see 5.3.4 for more guidance on appropriate affiliation)

Affiliation Permitted		TO AFFILIATE TEAM														Open	
		U10 Step 1	U10 Step 2	U10 Step 3	U12 C	U12 B	U12 A	U14 B	U14 A	U14 AA	U16 B	U16 A	U16 AA	U19 B	U19 A		U19 AA
FROM FULL TIME TEAM	U10 Step 1	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	U10 Step 2	✗	✗	☑ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	U10 Step 3	✗	✗	✗	☑ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	U12 C	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U12 B	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U12 A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U14 B	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U14 A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U14 AA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U16 B	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U16 A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓	✓	✓
	U16 AA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
	U19 B	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑	✓
	U19 A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	☑
U19 AA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	

See Table 2

¹To a maximum of 5 games per season

☑ indicates "suitable" player for the purposes of determining when an association may seek affiliates from outside their association

Table 2 (see 5.3.4 for more guidance on appropriate affiliation)

Affiliation Permitted		TO AFFILIATE TEAM								
		Masters	Open D	Open C	Open B	Open A	NRL	U19 AA	U19 A	U19 B
FROM FULL TIME TEAM	Masters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	Open D	✓ ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	Open C	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	Open B	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	Open A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	NRL	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	U19 AA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓ ²	✗	✗	✗
	U19 A	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	✗	✗
	U19 B	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	✓	✗
	U16, U14, U12	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	✓	✓

✓¹ Provided the player meets the Masters age restriction. ✓² Provided this is permitted in the NRL policy

5.4.1 Timelines

The deadline for Ringette Alberta to receive all Player Affiliation documentation, without paying a late fee, (see appendix A – Rates and Fees) is November 15th of the current playing season

5.4.2 Fees

There is no additional registration fee for an affiliate player.

5.4.3 Players 'dressed' and listed on the game sheet shall be:

- A minimum of seven (7) players
- A maximum of five (5) affiliate players
- A maximum of twelve (12) players if the only affiliate player(s) participating in that game are skater(s)
- A maximum of thirteen (13) players if a combination of affiliate skater(s) and an affiliate goaltender is participating in that game
- A maximum of eighteen (18) if the only affiliate player 'dressed' is a goaltender

5.4.4 Number and Type of Games

Where affiliation is permitted (see Table 1 and Table 2), there is no restriction as to the number or type of games an affiliate player may participate in except:

...Individuals registered as full time players at U10 Step 1, U10 Step 2, or U10 Step 3 shall not participate in more than five (5) games per season as an affiliate player.

Group Members are responsible for monitoring and enforcing the five (5) game maximum.

5.4.5 Affiliate players not eligible to play may be on the bench but cannot be 'dressed'. The players name must appear on the game sheet with (NOT DRESSED) appearing beside the name.

5.4.6 A team that is made up of players from different communities should locate at a 'home' association. AA teams may affiliate a player(s) from anywhere in accordance with the above affiliation policy.

5.4.7 U19 and below: Individuals registered as full time players on a U19 or below team shall only be on two rosters, once as a player and once as an affiliate in the current season.

5.4.8 Affiliate Goaltenders

5.4.8.1 The affiliate goaltender is only to be played in the event of illness, injury or absence of the full time goaltender

5.4.8.2 The affiliate goaltender may be dressed in any game

(provided the team follows 5.4.3) and may only play if the full time goaltender gets hurt or becomes ill during the course of that game.

5.4.8.3 Coaches must ensure the purpose of affiliation is upheld with their goaltender affiliation choices.

- 5.4.9 Conflicts regarding Provincial Playdowns and Championships may occur therefore, team staff must be aware of the dates for each Playdown and Provincial Championship and choose their affiliate players appropriately. The affiliate's main responsibility is to her own team's schedule (practices, league games, exhibition games, play-offs, tournaments, etc.)
- 5.4.10 Supervision of a minor affiliated to a higher age group team is the responsibility of the player's parents and the coaching staff of the receiving team.
- 5.4.11 Upon the conclusion of the Ringette Alberta Provincial Championship for the full time team and that team advancing to the Western Canadian or Canadian Ringette Championship, that team's affiliate players shall automatically become full time players on that team except when the affiliate's full time team from the regular season has also advanced to a Western Canadian or Canadian Ringette Championship in the same season.
- 5.4.12 Compliance and Consequences
- 5.4.12.1 *First time offense* - the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred, and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalized team
- 5.4.12.2 Second time offense (within two calendar years of the first offense) - the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a 3 game suspension and the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalized team
- 5.4.12.3 Third and subsequent offenses (within two calendar years of the first offense) the Head Coach or Acting Head Coach will receive a minimum 3 game suspension and the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation and/or abuse occurred and the score will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for the penalized team

5.5 References

- 2.0 Registration Policy
- 4.0 Tiering Policy



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9.0 Adult Ringette Policy

5.6 Definitions

"Players" include goaltenders and skaters.