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This edition is prepared for easy and convenient reference only. Should errors occur, the contents of this book will be interpreted by the President according to the official minutes of meetings of this Association. The Handbook is published every two (2) years and any changes to the constitution that are approved during even numbered seasons will be incorporated in the copy posted on the web site.

The Playing Rules of this Association are published in a separate booklet and may be obtained from the Executive Director of any Hockey Canada Branch, from any office of Hockey Canada or from Hockey Canada's web site.

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## E. TEAMS, CLUBS AND AFFILIATIONS

1. Definition of “teams” for registration purposes:
  - a) a group of team officials, at least one of whom must be a coach, with all coaches meeting Branch certification and Speak Out requirements, and one of whom must be qualified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HTCP in Ontario). (Does not apply to Senior Recreational teams and Senior teams that do not compete in National or Regional Championship competition, at the discretion of the individual Branches).

And either

- b)
  - i. a group of not less than fifteen (15) registered players, at least two (2) of whom must be goaltenders, who are qualified in one (1) Division and category under Hockey Canada regulations governing age, and other regulations up to the maximum number provided by Hockey Canada regulations for teams eligible for Regional or National Championship.  
Or
  - ii. where that team does not participate in either a Regional or National Championship, a minimum number of registered players will be authorized by the Branch.

**NOTE:** For the purpose of Playing Rule 16 (a), the minimum is six (6) players.

- c) For the purpose of Regulation E, a/p refers to those players from club teams, affiliated teams, or specially affiliated players when such player(s) are participating with a higher Division/category team.
2. It is the responsibility of the Branch to ensure that every team competing in any series conducted by this Association shall be a member of this Association.
  3. A team shall become a member of this Association by taking up membership in the Branch within whose territorial jurisdiction such team is situated. The Executive Committee of the Branch may in its discretion accept or refuse the application of any team.
  4. A team shall annually and when changes occur, keep the Branch in which it is registered informed of the names and addresses of:
    - a) Its President;

### **NUMBER OF GAMES A PLAYER MAY PLAY IN HIGHER DIVISIONS OR CATEGORIES**

35. a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, but if he plays more than five (5) league and/or play-off games after January 10 with a team or teams in any higher Divisions or categories, he shall not be allowed to compete any further in the Division or category for which he is registered in the same season. Should a player play more than five (5) games with a team or teams in still higher Divisions and categories, than he shall accordingly disqualify himself from playing any further in lower Divisions and categories. For goaltender exceptions see B.41, E.36 (b).
- b) Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in E.35 (a).
36. a) No new registration is required or shall be issued for players so advancing, and such players are not numbered among such higher Division/category teams twenty five (25), or twenty-one (21), twenty (20), or nineteen (19), as applicable, registered players. (Regulation K- Imports)
- b) Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
- c) A Non North-American import is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher Division or category as an affiliate regardless of the number of Non North-American imports on the higher Division/category team.
- d) A player, who is granted an appeal to register in Minor Hockey in a Branch other than their home Branch or country, is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher division or category as an affiliate player.
37. Affiliated players used by a higher Division/category team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or roster.
38. Such players remain members of the lower Division/category team.
39. A team of a higher Division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the team with which the affiliated player is registered.

## **GENERAL AFFILIATION PROCEDURES**

29. Notwithstanding E.10, E.11, and E.12, Major Junior Hockey teams operating in the Western Hockey League, Ontario Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Hockey League may affiliate players registered on Hockey Canada teams in accordance with agreements reached between the respective Leagues and respective Branches.
30.
  - a) Teams from different Divisions and/or categories competing within the same league are not permitted to affiliate between themselves.
  - b) In a Senior League which consists of teams registered Senior AAA, Senior AA and/or Senior, notwithstanding Regulation E.30 (a) a higher category team participating in that league may affiliate with a lower category team participating in that league, but such higher category team may not access a player from a lower category affiliated team while such higher category team is still in league competition.
31. All such affiliations permitted under E.9 to E.19 inclusive, shall terminate at the end of the current playing season, and may not be altered during the current playing season. If an affiliation agreement is broken during the current playing season, the higher Division or category team shall not be allowed to use any of the affiliated team's players, nor will they be permitted to have a replacement-affiliated team.
32. In all affiliations permitted by preceding regulations in Regulation E, the written agreement between teams involved in any one affiliation, shall be filed no later than December 15, by the affiliated higher Division/category team with its Branch Executive Director. However, no player is permitted to play for the higher Division or category team before such written agreement is filed with the Branch Executive Director.
33. The names of all affiliated teams shall be filed by the Branch Executive Director with the President of Hockey Canada no later than December 30 by fax. (The requirement to file the names of these affiliated teams with Hockey Canada would only be applicable for those teams, which are entering Hockey Canada Regional or National Championships).
34. Non-compliance with paragraphs E.15 and E.33 will result in the loss of affiliation privileges for the current season.

**CLUB SYSTEM AFFILIATION (JUNIOR/MINOR MALE/FEMALE)**

20. a) A club is defined as a local Minor Hockey Association operated and controlled by a duly elected Executive or Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves, the persons referred to in E.4.  
b) However Branches may at their discretion adopt an internal policy as to the definition of a club and its signing Officers within the confines of a geographical sub-division.
21. a) A club may operate teams in one (1) or more of the following Divisions: Junior (excluding Major Junior), Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom, Novice, Initiation.  
b) A team operating within a club, shall be known as a "Club Team".
22. The movement of players within a club, shall only be to a team in a higher Division/category.
23. All club teams shall be located in the same geographic sub-division as established by the Branch.
24. If two existing club structures amalgamate, one of the existing club structures must be disbanded, and the players of the disbanded structure shall be dealt with in accordance with G.1.
25. If a club intends to form a team of a higher division or of a higher category of the same division the following season, it must notify its Branch Executive Director, and all of its registered players by registered mail by May 1, in order to protect its right to overage players for the following season.
26. A club shall annually and when changes occur keep the Branch in which it is registered, informed of the names and addresses of (a) its President, (b) its Secretary; and (c) the two (2) persons that the President and Secretary may designate as signing Officers for the purpose of releasing a player.
27. All lists, declarations or other submissions made on behalf of a club, shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the club involved or by the designated Officers as provided by E.26.
28. The names of all club teams, from which Junior club teams may draw players, shall be filed by the Branch Executive Director with the President of Hockey Canada no later than December 30 by fax. Non compliance will result in the loss of club team privileges for the current season.

- team's designated geographic sub-division, as defined and approved by the team's Branch.
- b) A geographic subdivision may include a city, town, municipality, rural area or zone as established from time to time by a Branch within its own jurisdiction.
  - c) A player is only permitted to participate as an affiliated player with one Minor hockey team of a higher division or category during a playing season. Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's affiliation list filed within the Branch.
14. A Specially Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting team until his Hockey Canada card has been endorsed by the Branch Executive Director as being a specially affiliated player. Such endorsement may not be given by that Branch Executive Director, before the written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with that Branch Executive Director.
  15. Once a player's Hockey Canada **registration** has been endorsed by the Branch Executive Director as being a specially affiliated player, his name becomes part of the selecting team's list of specially affiliated players and may not be dropped from such list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with **which he registered** releases him on or before January 10. The Branch Executive Director may not endorse specially affiliated player's registration after January 15. On that date, the Branch Executive Director shall draw up the final list of the specially affiliated players and file said list with Hockey Canada no later than January 25 (for circumstances under which players are released see Regulation H).
  16. No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players' list at any one time during the current season.
  17. A player, registered with a team which has a "team to team" affiliation with a higher Division/category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
  18. Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a "team on team" affiliation agreement with a higher Division/category team.
  19. An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her carded team.

- d) A Junior team within a club system may also have an affiliated team as per regulation E.9 (a) providing the category of the affiliated team is not represented in the original club system.

### **TEAM TO TEAM AFFILIATION**

- 10.
  - a) A team may only have one affiliated team.
  - b) A Minor team may have affiliated one team only from within the team's designated geographic sub-division, as defined and approved by the Branch.
  - c) A Junior or Senior team may have as its one (1) affiliated team, a lower category team in the Junior Division situated anywhere within its Branch.
  - d) A Junior or Senior team may have as its one affiliated team, a team from a lower Division which is situated within the geographic sub-division from which the selecting team operates.
  - e) A Senior male team may not affiliate with a Major Junior team, University team, or College team.
- 11. Notwithstanding E.10 (d), a Junior B team may affiliate with the next closest minor hockey team for which an affiliation is available, providing all the following apply:
  - a) There is no carded Juvenile or Midget team in their local Minor Hockey Association and;
  - b) That the selected Minor Hockey team outside their geographic subdivision is not affiliated with any other team of a higher division or category and there is no other affiliation available to that Minor hockey team in its own geographic subdivision.

### **SPECIALLY AFFILIATED PLAYERS**

- 12. Branches may at their discretion adopt the following affiliation system; Junior/Senior (Senior Female only) teams that are permitted to have one affiliated team under Regulation E.10 (a) may, if they wish and in lieu of one (1) affiliated team have nineteen (19) specially affiliated players of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders, from lower Division or category teams operating in the geographic sub-division in which the selecting team operates, providing that all players and teams are properly registered with the Branch.
- 13.
  - a) A Minor hockey team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the

- b) Its Secretary; and
  - c) The two (2) persons that the President and Secretary may designate as signing Officers for the purpose of release of a player.
5. All lists, declarations or other submissions made on behalf of a team shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the team involved or by the designated signing Officers as referred to in E.4 (c).
6. a) A team registered either Major Junior or Junior A in the preceding year shall annually declare itself operative in the same category of the same Division as of September 1, for the current season, in order to retain title to its players. Such declaration shall be made to the Branch Executive Director and communicated by letter to the Hockey Canada President by September 15.
- b) In the case of Senior AAA and Senior AA teams, declaration shall be made to the Branch Executive Director and communicated to the Hockey Canada President no later than October 1.
7. After September 15 for Major Junior and Junior A and October 1 for Senior AAA and Senior AA teams, the Branch shall have the right to take action to free players of a team, which, in the opinion of the Branch, has no intention of operating during the current season.
8. Membership in this Association shall imply the acceptance of the Articles, By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Playing Rules of this Association.

## **AFFILIATION**

**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.

9. Teams may use one of the following systems of affiliation.
- a) Team-to-Team Affiliation. Applicable to all divisions, Senior, (male and female) Junior, Minor and Minor Female. Please refer to Regulation E.10 - 11 for further information and procedures.
  - b) Specially Affiliated players. Applicable to Senior Female, Junior, Minor and Minor Female Divisions only. Please refer to Regulation E.12 - 19 for further information and procedures.
  - c) Club System. Applicable to Junior, Minor and Minor Female Divisions only. Please refer to Regulation E.20 - 28 for further information and procedures.