

# Hockey Calgary Affiliation Usage Policy



## Affiliation Usage Procedure ALL CATEGORIES

- Head Coach of higher-level **MUST** contact the Head Coach of the affiliate's regular team to obtain permission to use their player as an affiliate for all Practices and Games
  - The affiliate player is **NOT** to be contacted directly until permission is obtained from their Head Coach
  - In the event the Head Coach or Manager of the lower-level team cannot be reached, and the matter is time sensitive, the Association should be contacted.
- While the affiliates regular team's Head Coach must provide permission to the higher-level team, coaches **should** give permission in most cases unless there is a direct conflict with a scheduled activity with the affiliates regular team. Even in situations where there is a direct conflict, Hockey Calgary encourages coaches to give their players an opportunity to play at a higher level. In situations like this, coaches can then affiliate a player to replace their own player, giving 2 players an opportunity to play at a higher level.
- Hockey Calgary may suspend the use of affiliates should a team not comply with the above procedures.

## Community/Female Specific Affiliation Rules

- Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Seeding, League, EMHW, or Playoff game sanctioned by Hockey Calgary to return the team to its **original roster size**.
  - Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
  - Permission must be obtained by the Age Category Governor for a team to affiliate more than 5 players for any Hockey Calgary Seeding, League, EMHW, or Playoff game.
- U11-U21 Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of eighteen (18) skaters and two goaltenders, regardless of its original roster size.
- U13, U15, and U18 teams with only one (1) designated goaltender may exceed their roster size by one (1) in order to have a back-up goaltender listed on the official game report. The back-up goaltender must be an affiliated player and designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. This will not count towards the maximum of ten (10) games unless the affiliated player is called into action.

## Elite (Co-ed and Female) Specific Affiliation Rules

- Affiliated players are permitted to replace suspended Players.

## Maximums

- A player of a team of lower division or category may play a maximum of ten (10) games. If the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- An affiliated U9 player may play a maximum of five (5) games with their affiliated team in the current hockey season.
- Exhibition and Tournament games do not count in the total for the use of affiliates.