



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: All Minor Hockey Associations; Senior Male & Female Teams;
Junior A, B, C & Female Teams; Board of Directors; Councils

From: Kevin Macrae - Manager, Member Services

SUBJECT: Hockey Canada Regulation Amendment – E.35 a).

At their Semi-Annual Meeting, Hockey Canada approved an amendment to Affiliation Regulation E.35 a). The new wording for this Regulation, effective immediately in the 2013-2014 season is as follows:

*E.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 **affiliate to** a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, **to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.** For goaltender exceptions see Regulations B.42, E.36 (b).*

The rationale for this change was to standardize the maximum number of games an affiliate player can participate in. This change brings all affiliation into line with the guidelines currently in place for Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior affiliation under the Canadian Development Model regulations. This procedure effectively serves as a barrier to "permanent affiliations" and this adjustment eliminates confusion caused by having separate affiliation guidelines for different categories of hockey.

This Hockey Canada Regulation amendment applies to all Divisions and Categories of hockey. Please note that, as per Regulation E.35 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 Regulation E.35 a).

Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation 8.7, Senior/Junior Female Regulations 8.9 & 8.10 and Senior Male Regulations 8.7 & 8.8 are affected by this change and will be amended in the 2013-2014 Bylaws & Regulations in order to fall in line with Hockey Canada's approved amendment.

Should you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin please feel free to contact the Hockey Alberta office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Macrae".

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