



WHITECOURT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Date December 4, 2013

Policy Affiliation

Purpose To set direction for affiliating players

1. When completing affiliations the coaching staff from the higher team must tell the coaching staff from the team below who he wants to affiliate. The coaching staff below **MUST** confirm with the player(s) that they are willing to come-up to the higher team when called before the affiliation papers are completed...this is a **MUST** do process to avoid wasting affiliations on players who will not come-up when called
2. For purposes of clarification unless an affiliated player has a League, Play-off, Tournament or Provincial game, the player shall be entitled to play or practice with the team to whom they have been affiliated. In the event of practice an affiliated player may practice up to once or twice (at the coach's discretion) prior to a game in which the player will play.
3. The Coaching staff of the higher level team must call the coaching staff on the team below prior to calling up an affiliated player. The coach from the higher team can only call the player with the agreement from the affiliated players coaching staff or affiliated players coaching staff may call the player to inform them of the call up. If the affiliated players coaching staff calls he will immediately notify the coaching staff above of the players' decision. This process must be followed by both coaching staffs as to contact and allowing an affiliated player to play for the team above
4. If there are disputes between coaching staffs, the decision of the applicable Club Director is final
5. An affiliated player shall play for the team above if affiliating team has fifteen (15) or less players, available for the game. Does not apply to goaltenders.
6. An affiliated player cannot step on the ice until WMHA has signed the affiliation, the affiliation has been signed by Hockey Alberta and the affiliation has been returned to WMHA.
7. Coaches should, at every opportunity, encourage the players to play and practice at the higher level, when called upon.

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