

**Huntsville Minor Hockey Association**  
**Affiliated Player Policy**

The Huntsville Minor Hockey Association (HMHA) recognizes that the use of Affiliated Players (APs) is an integral component of the hockey organization. APs play an essential role in ensuring that scheduled hockey games do not have to be forfeited due to a lack of available rostered players on game day due to absences. Additionally, the AP process facilitates development of players who participate in the process. If a team does not have the minimum players required to participate in a game or does not have enough to be otherwise competitive due to absences, HMHA approves the use of APs for the applicable game. The participation of an AP should not be disruptive in any manner to the AP's rostered team.

**Procedures:**

- I. AP players must first be rostered to their primary HMHA team
- II. an Offer of Affiliation form must be signed by the: Player, Parent/Guardian, Coach of the Player's Registered Team, Coach of the Team offering Affiliation, OMHA Contact for HMHA
- III. the Offer of Affiliation must be approved by HMHA
- IV. the AP must be added to the affiliating team's roster and receive approval from OMHA
- V. January 1st is the deadline to submit a completed Offer of Affiliation form to HMHA for approval

**Guidelines:**

- a) An Offer of Affiliation is only to be given to an intended AP - this is not to be given to every player released during tryouts - offer is only to be given to players the Coach intends to add to their official roster and have participate in game situations
- b) Commitment must be first and foremost with the rostered team - the use of an AP should not be disruptive to the rostered team (this is to include, but not limited to practices, games, tournaments, development) - any variation of this must receive approval from both the rostered coach and HMHA
- c) APs are to be used to replace absent players for any of the following reasons: illness, injury, suspension, personal absence

- d) APs are not to be used to replace a rostered player in attendance or add to a bench with full attendance; an AP participation should not result in there being more players on any given game sheet than those who are rostered as regular players on the official roster (with the exception of a team who has only 1 rostered goalie and who wishes to bring an affiliated goalie as a backup)
- e) APs should have attended at least one practice prior to game participation and on a more regular basis if being used more regularly (any variance must receive HMHA approval)
- f) regular participation on a team should result in the AP being rostered as a regular player

**Regulations:**

- 1) Fees: if an AP player shall i.e. participate in team events with an associated cost, contribution to team expenses, fundraising activities etc. shall be determined at the team level; if an AP is rostered as a full time player to the affiliated team part way through the season, the player will be required to pay a prorated Rep Fee to HMHA (amount to be determined by the HMHA Treasurer)
- 2) after participation in 5 games, the affiliated coach must meet with HMHA members to state their future intention of the use of the player
- 3) APs must have attended tryouts for an HMHA representative team - any variance on this must receive HMHA approval
- 4) if APs are required from a Local League Division where no players attended tryouts that season, contact the HMHA Rep Director for direction
- 5) APs can affiliate to one team in addition to their rostered team only
- 6) APs can come from a lower category of the same age division or a lower age division of the same (or lower) category
- 7) AP's commitment to their rostered team supersedes any AP commitment - head coach of the team affiliating will report to the Discipline and Ethics Committee for any attempt to circumvent this
- 8) AP privilege can be rescinded by HMHA if the player fails to demonstrate commitment to the primary team
- 9) coaches must have permission from the rostered team coach for AP participation prior to each game the player is affiliating in