

Policy 8. Affiliated Players

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Current Policy

Dorchester Minor Hockey Association's primary purposes for player affiliation (AP) are to ensure that teams have sufficient available players for fair and safe play in cases of illness, injury, or other unavailability and to assist in the development of players. An affiliated player is to complement the roster of players on a team. A player may be affiliated by entering into an approved affiliation agreement for the current season, which must also be signed by the player's parents and the coaches of the affected teams and being rostered to the team as an affiliated player. All OMHA rules and regulations regarding affiliated players apply. In particular or in addition, the following apply to affiliation within DMHA:

1. Affiliation is not intended to and shall not be used as a means by which the affiliated player can play on a regular basis with the non-assigned team and/or avoid the payment of rep or related fees. An affiliated player may play no more than 33.33% of the games of the team with which he/she is affiliated unless approved by the executive;
2. In cases where a team's roster is less than 13 skaters, the coaching staff may decide to affiliate players to add to the roster and bring it up to at least 13. In such a case, paragraph 1 will not apply. This philosophy must be discussed with the team and parents at the start of the season. All other AP rules still apply.
3. The affiliated player's first obligation is to his/her primary assigned team. An affiliated player shall not miss a practice or any game with his/her primary team in order to practice or play with the team to which he/she is affiliated without express written permission obtained in advance from the coach of the player's primary team. An affiliate player may miss a practice with his/her primary team if the higher categorized team has a game and has less than the OMHA approved roster number of players available for the requested game. This will require the approval of both coaches and the applicable league representative.
4. A coach requiring the use of an affiliated player shall first obtain the approval of the primary team's head coach and then obtain the approval of the affiliated player's parents and the affiliated player.
5. Coaches should bring affiliated players to team practices prior to any affiliated game.

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| <p>6. A player may only be AP'd by one team.</p> <p>7. A player may only be AP'd up one level from the level in which he/she is registered, regardless of age, and in accordance with the OMHA rules regarding affiliation.</p> <p>8. For games, teams will only be allowed to bring up affiliate players rostered on their OMHA approved roster sheet. Any player participating in a game as an affiliated player must be indicated on the game sheet report and be noted by having "AP" beside his/her name. The appearance of the player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game, except in the case of a substitute goaltender, in which case actual participation shall be specifically noted on the game report. (See OMHA Manual of Operations re: affiliation)</p> <p>9. Any dispute among the coaches, parents and/or player regarding the application of the AP rules will be referred to the respective DMHA league representatives(s) (ie. LMLL and/or Shamrock) and OMHA representative for review and a joint decision based on this policy and the OMHA Manual of Operations.</p> <p>10. All decisions made by teams and/or the executive with respect to affiliation are valid for the current hockey season only.</p> <p>11. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the offending coach being assessed a suspension by the association.</p> | |
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