

Affiliate Player Policy

Background

The EMFHL is a league created to host rural female hockey teams in the Eastern part of Manitoba. Participating regions include Interlake Minor Hockey, Central Plains Minor Hockey, Pembina Valley Minor Hockey, and Eastman Minor Hockey. All the participating regions have different policies in place to guide associations in the process of affiliating players, above and beyond the Hockey Manitoba Rulebook. Many of the teams participating in the EMFHL have small rosters, and to ensure that games can be played and to minimize forfeiture, this policy was put in motion.

Purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all the regions are working together in the same manner to promote equal and fair play amongst them. This policy will guide associations in the decision-making process of affiliating players for the purpose of ensuring games aren't cancelled due to not having enough players, but also to ensure all parties are following the same process.

AP rules

With regards to teams requiring an affiliate player, the following rules will apply;

1. Players are allowed to affiliate to higher divisions or categories within their Minor Hockey Association. Teams competing in the same divisions and/or categories within the Eastern Manitoba Female Hockey League (EMFHL) are not permitted to affiliate between themselves for league play.
2. Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
3. Such players remain members of the lower division/category team.
4. Affiliated players used by a higher division/category team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or roster.
5. A team of a higher division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the coach and parent with which the affiliated player is registered.
6. When centers have combined to form a team, a "home" center must be designated for registration purposes. For the purpose of affiliation, players may be used from any of the individual centers making up the combined team in next lowest age category.
7. When a minor aged player must play for a centre outside of her home centre, said player will affiliate only with higher aged teams in the centre she has usually registered, should a team exist.

8. Where a player does not have a team in an age category above her in her home association, she may be allowed to affiliate with the next closest team to her residence. Permission from the Regional Director and/or Regional Vice Director – Female of that team and the EMFHL Director is necessary.
9. When a minor hockey team does not have a team below them in a lower age category, they may apply to their Region for permission to use affiliates from their next closest center. The team must notify their respective Age Convenor and/or EMFHL Director of this application. Those players would be limited to one team. Permission from the Regional Director and/or Regional Vice Director - Female is necessary.
10. Players first priority will be to their own rostered team. Affiliate players must play a minimum of 50% of their rostered team's league games (excluding exceptions such as long-term injury) to be eligible for playoffs with their rostered team or any team in which they are eligible to affiliate.
11. A Minor hockey player participating in the EMFHL may be temporarily promoted to a higher category team. Minor teams may affiliate players up to a maximum of their original roster size or the following, whichever is lower:
 - 12 players for U-9 and U-11
 - 13 players for U-13
 - 15 players for U-15However, there must be a minimum of 6 regular players on the game sheet. A player may only affiliate up to 6 times in the regular season and 6 times during playoffs.
12. Under 7/Under 9 Rosters: Minor Hockey Associations with more than one team of Under 7 or Under 9 Rosters may affiliate freely between their teams. In addition, these teams may affiliate players from neighboring associations with permission from the EMFHL Director, Association President and Regional Director and/or Regional Vice Director – Female. The intent is to allow team formation when numbers are less than eleven
13. Where it is recognized that players may register in both the male and female programs. They may only affiliate within the programs in which they are registered. Exception: female teams may affiliate eligible female players registered on a male roster, if there is no female team in the age category below within a reasonable distance of the female team requesting the affiliation. Permission from the applicable Regional Director and/or Regional Vice Director - Female is required and all other affiliation regulations apply.
14. Affiliation requests outside these rules will be considered by the appropriate Chair of Minor Hockey.