



Semiahmoo Ravens Hockey - Affiliate Player Guidelines

Position

- Semiahmoo Ravens Hockey is responsible for player development at all levels of hockey, and strongly believes that players develop appropriately when given the opportunity to play at higher levels. Therefore, Semiahmoo Ravens believes in, and encourages the affiliation process.
- Semiahmoo Ravens believes strongly that a player affiliated to a higher-level team SHOULD NOT be unreasonably denied the opportunity to play for the higher-level team by the lower-level team coach. However, the lower-level team coach may deny permission in the event of schedule conflicts, athlete fatigue, injury concerns or other similar reasons.
- To ensure continuity in the player development pathway, it is encouraged that the final releases from the higher-level team be the highest priority Affiliate Players.
- Paperwork for the Affiliated Player must be 100% complete, including being registered as an Affiliate by the Semiahmoo Ravens Registrar before a player may be called up for a game.

Procedure

- Affiliate Players must be registered on your team's affiliate roster and communicated to the Registrar. You can have a maximum of 19 affiliates added to roster,
- Players may only affiliate to one team,
- You have some discussion with other coaches in your division before affiliating a player as they may be wanted by multiple teams,
- Prior to any Affiliated Player being brought up to the higher-level team for a game, the higher-level coach must contact the lower-level coach to confirm the availability of an Affiliated Player. Player priority is always given to the lower-level team. If both teams are playing on the same day, the Affiliated Player is expected to play for the lower-level team; if both games can be reasonably accommodated, the Affiliated Player may play both games with the permission of the lower-level team,
- In the event of a request to use an affiliate player for an entire tournament it is expected that the communication between coaches is done as far in advance as possible. If the player has conflicting events with the lower-level team, the following factors should be considered with the goal of supporting the player to play at the advanced level where practical:
 - Roster impact to lower-level team (will they have enough players),
 - Ability of lower-level team to use affiliates to replace absent player,
 - Number of games missed vs number of tournament games that could be played,
 - Any risks of injury, fatigue etc. for the player.
- As a courtesy to the lower-level coach and their team dynamics, it is expected that the lower-level coach is asked to recommend the best selection as an Affiliate Player from their team, rather than the higher-level team coach picking a player directly,
- When using Affiliate Players from the C-Division please also inform the C-Division Manager to ensure that they are aware that the player is being used,



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- Both coaches are expected to be included in the correspondence when the Affiliate Player is invited to a game or practice,
- It is the responsibility of the coach of the higher-level team to track the number of league games that an Affiliate Player plays at the higher-level, to ensure that the 10-game rule is followed,
- Affiliate Players must be designated in HiSports with “AP” beside their name,
- All player affiliations are governed by PCAHA regulations; therefore coaches are encouraged to review the PCAHA rule book to ensure that they are complying with league regulations. There are slightly modified rules for the U11 divisions.

Please refer to pages 77-80 in the [PCAHA Rule Book](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Scott Ackles:
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