



# THOROLD AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Affiliated Player Policy

### OMHA rules and regulations for Affiliated Players

#### What is an AP player?

- An affiliated player (AP) is a player who is eligible to play on their own registered team, plus one other team of a higher age division or category.
- A player can affiliate for no more than one other team; once they have been rostered as an AP they cannot switch to affiliate for another team in that season
- Note for local league players: Select does not count towards an AP; a player can be rostered to their own team, as an AP for a higher age division or category team, plus be rostered on a Select team

#### Who can affiliate for a given team?

- In accordance with OMHA policy, affiliated players can come from either the same age division, lower category or the same category, lower age division
- For example, from a player perspective, a U13 LL player can AP for any of U15 LL, or U13 BB.
- The TAAA policy on AP players is that a coach **MUST** ask players that tried out for their team and was release/cut.
- Once those players have been asked, the coach may then ask another player that suits the OMHA AP policy from AE or LL.
- There is a fee involved if a coach asks a player who did not try out of that given team in BB or AE hockey only. **See below.**
- A player must fulfill their obligations to their rostered team before participating as an AP

#### AP paperwork

- In order to play as an AP in a game, a player must be rostered as an AP for that team.
- An OMHA Offer of Affiliation form must be completed and signed by all of the following individuals: the coach offering the AP position, the coach of the player's registered team, the player, the player's parent and the association
- The player is then added to the affiliating team's roster for approval by the OMHA
- The deadline for rostering an AP is January 15th
- Please note: this form must be given to potential AP player -Offer of Affiliation Form. Team offering the player the AP position must fill it out.

### **Guidelines on offering AP Positions**

- AP positions provide assistance to teams to fill in for injured or absent players
- The TAAA strongly encourages the signing of APs such that it maximizes opportunities for all players, and recognizes that teams have access to different pools of players dependent upon their division
- With this goal in mind, where an AE team exists, the TAAA encourages coaches of BB teams to consider selecting APs from the AE team in the same division as a primary source.
- This approach will help to ensure that AE teams have reasonable access to local league players should they also require the assistance of APs

### **Communication before signing**

- Most players are in a position where they are eligible to sign as an AP for more than one option of team (i.e. a U13 LL player could AP for U15 LL, U13 BB)
- Before the TAAA delegate signs an offer of affiliation, he/she will ensure that the player and the player's family understands all options available to them before committing to a specific team.
- In the end, the parents and players have the right to choose to affiliate for any eligible team who gives them an offer.

### **Participation in games**

- APs are to be used to fill gaps, not to augment lineups
- The primary use of APs is to fill in for absent or injured players
- For games, LL teams will only be allowed to call up APs to match the number of players that NDLL allows (see Notes to review), BB and AE no set restrictions apply.

### **Charges for AP participation**

- When an AP participates in a game or practice for BB teams, they are assisting the team in avoiding a short bench, but they are also receiving additional ice time which is not covered by their registration fees for that reason any player who did not pay a try out fee for that rep team **must pay a fee of \$50** to cover these cost when filling the form.
- For local league teams, any decisions about ice time compensation will be decided at an association level no set fee is currently set.

### **NOTES**

#### **AFFILIATED PLAYERS LL**

A team shall consist of a MINIMUM of six (6) eligible players. In the event of a team having absent or suspended players, it may add NDLL players from teams in a LOWER division (affiliated players) to a MAXIMUM of:

(A) Eleven (11) skaters and two (2) goalies in the U9 and U11 Divisions, and the game shall be included in the standings.

(B) Thirteen (13) skaters and two (2) goalies in the U13, U15, U18 and U21 Divisions, and the game shall be included in the standings.

Affiliated players must be identified on the game sheets by showing an "AP" after their name.



# OFFER OF AFFILIATION 2021-22 SEASON

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We, the undersigned, provide this "offer of affiliation" for the designated player to register as an affiliated player with the designated team for the 2021-22 season. This form, when signed by the player and parent/guardian, will confirm the player's commitment to accepting a position as an affiliated player on the team indicated below. This form, when signed by the Coach of the player's registered team will confirm the Coach's agreement to the player accepting a position as an affiliated player on the team indicated below. The team affiliation will be created by the Association and approved by the OMHA Regional Director electronically.

Association/Division/Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach of Team Offering Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

OMHA Contact or Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

OMHA Contact/Delegate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Offered: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

We, the undersigned, confirm our acceptance of the offer of affiliation with the above noted team.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach of Player's Registered Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted at \_\_\_\_\_, Ontario this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

This form is to be used by all Associations and a copy must be kept on file by the Association and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry.

Note: Current OMHA, OHF & HC Affiliation Regulations apply.

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PRIVACY STATEMENT: The information requested on this form is required by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), and their respective executives, employees, coaches, trainers, referees and volunteers, for registration purposes and to administer the rules and regulations of the OMHA, and to provide notification of any upcoming events or other activities. In order to do so, the OMHA, its Member Associations, OHF and Hockey Canada may, if required request proof of a player's identity, address and date of birth.