



## NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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### **19-At-Large Affiliation Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the purpose of affiliation?**

To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.

#### **How does 19-at-large work?**

19-at-large affiliation allows each team within the NOHA to identify up to 19 players (including 2 goaltenders in 19 players are identified) to be added to a team as affiliate players.

#### **Can a player affiliate outside of their home Association?**

With the permission of the player's home Association, a player is eligible to affiliate to a higher classification/division team from another Association within the NOHA. Permission must be obtained from the player's home Association first; the affiliating team's Coach is not to reach out to the affiliating player/parent(s) directly.

#### **How do I add an affiliate player from outside my Association to a roster?**

The NOHA has created a form which requires approval from the affiliating team's Head Coach, the player's parent/guardian and from the player's home Association. Once signed, the affiliating Association requests an Affiliation transfer on the HCR and uploads the signed document to the transfer request.

The form is available here:

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/19e5e5\\_75d1e26ec6194fd9ae47a541968b451f.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/19e5e5_75d1e26ec6194fd9ae47a541968b451f.pdf)

#### **How do I add an affiliate player from my Association to a roster?**

The above-mentioned form is not required where a player is affiliating within the same Association. A player is simply added to the affiliate team's roster on the HCR.

#### **Can a non-affiliated player participate in a practice with another team in the same Association?**

The NOHA encourages shared practices and additional skill development opportunities; with the approval of the Minor Hockey Association, a non-affiliated player from the same Minor Hockey Association can participate in another team's practice.



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### **Can a non-affiliated player participate in a practice with another team in another Association?**

The process of allowing an older player who requires volunteer hours to help out a younger team in demonstrating drills is still applicable ([https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/19e5e5\\_b545889ad12f498e93e914bb2f06708c.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/19e5e5_b545889ad12f498e93e914bb2f06708c.pdf)); otherwise, a player is unable to participate in the practice of another Association.

### **How many games can a player affiliate for?**

For Teams that are eligible for OHF, Regional and National Championships, a player can affiliate to a maximum of ten (10) games. For all other divisions and categories, affiliation is unlimited.

## Initiation-Novice-Atom Affiliation

### **Can a five-year-old (Initiation) player affiliate to a Novice Team?**

A five-year-old player cannot affiliate to a Novice Team.

### **Can a six-year-old (Initiation) player affiliate to a Novice Team?**

A six-year-old player may affiliate to a Novice Team when the Novice program is participating in modified ice during the first half of the season. Additionally, these players may affiliate when the Novice team does not have nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the Novice team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.

### **Can a seven-year-old (Novice) player affiliate to an Atom Team?**

A seven-year-old player cannot affiliate to an Atom Team.

### **Can an eight-year-old (Novice) player affiliate to an Atom Team?**

An eight-year-old player may affiliate to an Atom Team when the Novice program has transitioned to full ice programming (January 15<sup>th</sup>). Additionally, these players may affiliate when the Atom team does not have nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the Atom team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.



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### **Can an approved affiliate player practice with the higher level team, regardless of the timing during the season?**

The Hockey Canada Skills curriculum does not differ much between the age divisions and encourages small area games. As such, players can practice with the higher division team, regardless of whether the higher level team is playing in full ice or half ice games.