

## **District B House League Minor Hockey Club System for affiliation**

This affiliation process means that all players within the club (Association) are automatically affiliated with higher-level teams and older age groups. There is no need to complete affiliation permission forms or produce lists of approved affiliates, as would otherwise be necessary. There is a need however, to prove to a challenge, where the affiliated player is from; Team, level and category. Therefore, the affiliating team must carry a copy of the official “approved” team list of the team where the affiliate comes from.

**As of the 2013 season**, there now is a limit on the number of games a player may play as an affiliate which applies to the complete season.

### [ODMHA manual, Appendix B, Notes](#)

A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player’s registered team **completes its regular season** and playoffs before the player’s affiliated team or teams, the player **may** thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see HC Regulations B and E.

Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in HC Regulation E.

The player is not allowed to affiliate for any team once he/she has reached ten (10) games. Should the player be used, the affiliating coach may be subject to administrative review by their respective Association executive.

### **House league affiliation to Competitive**

“B” Competitive teams may affiliate from “A” house league teams however, when this occurs, the affiliated house league player can no longer take part in the “club system” affiliation process. He is now “protected” for the competitive team and his movement is restricted.

The movement of players within the club system shall only be to a team in a higher Division/Category meaning that “A” level teams may affiliate from “B” and “C” level teams or from the lower age group. “B” level teams may affiliate from “C” level teams or from the lower division “A” or “B” category. C level teams may only affiliate from the lower age group “C” level teams; they are not authorized to affiliate “A” or “B” category players from a lower age group.

“A” and “B” category players may not affiliate to “C” category of the higher division.

The ODMHA booklet may be referred to for further information

A: [ODMHA Booklet Rules and Regulations Paragraph 8, affiliation](#)

B: [ODMHA Booklet Appendix B – Minor Affiliation](#)

**NOTE: ensure you also refer to the BMHL rules and regulations for further player restrictions**

## District B affiliation guidelines for House League teams under the “Club” system:

- Coaches and/or managers wishing to use affiliated players must:
  - Obtain permission from the player’s coach;
    - At no time shall the player be approached prior to approval having been obtained. Coaches who don't gain a player's coach approval before playing an affiliate may be subjected to administrative review by their respective MHA;
  - Any coach who plays an affiliated player more than 10 games during the current season may be subjected to administrative review by their respective MHA;
  - Affiliates should only be used to allow team(s) to remain competitive with sufficient number of players to ice a team. The Affiliation program is not meant to strengthen a team;
  - For tournaments; teams should carry a letter from the ODMHA stating their association uses the Club system (available from your Association President), as well as the appropriate documentation confirming the origin of their affiliates;
  - Teams shall also have in their possession, a copy of the affiliated player’s team list as well as their own team list. This is a requirement for every time a team uses an affiliate, especially tournaments. As a last resort, your respective Association registrar may be contacted for a copy of the team list. However, you should request a copy of the team list from the coach of the affiliated player;
  - You are reminded that an affiliated player’s commitment is to his/her home team -the affiliated player’s team “ALWAYS” come first;
  - Suspensions must be served with the registered team unless the player was affiliated for a tournament where, depending on the number of games assessed, he must serve his suspension at the tournament and serve the remainder of his suspension with his home team. (it does not matter which team the player got the suspension with). This suspension shall be reported to the appropriate District and Association officials upon return from the tournament;
  - Affiliating teams should ensure that game conflicts are avoided when affiliating a player;
  - Ideally a team that wishes to affiliate players should invite that affiliated player to regular practice to develop skill level and team chemistry.

### **Important**

- Players in a Club system can become affiliated to a higher team that uses the 19 player system BUT this player is then **no longer a part of the home associations Club system.**