

NGHA Affiliation Policy for House League Teams

Statement of Purpose	The NGHA believes strongly in the affiliate program and desires to see affiliated players used as often as possible to foster the development of its players. All teams are strongly encouraged to play games with a full roster if there is an opportunity to affiliate from a lower level team. All team officials must respect this policy and make no effort to discourage affiliated players from participating with affiliated teams as a result of its implementation.
Affiliation within NGHA House League or from House League to Competitive Teams	<p>Within the NGHA House League program, players can only be affiliated from a NGHA House League team from the level below (e.g. a Bantam team would call up from a Peewee team, not another Bantam team). Goalies will be the exception – goalies can be from the same level house league team or the level below (e.g. a Bantam team may pick up a goalie from another Bantam HL team or any Peewee team).</p> <p>For details and procedure for affiliation from a NGHA House League team to a NGHA Competitive team, please see the NGHA Affiliation Policy for Competitive teams.</p>
Procedure for Use of Affiliated Player	<p>In all cases of intended use of affiliated players, the following procedure applies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The requesting coach (coach intending to use an affiliated player) will email the affiliate's regular head coach, cc'ing the appropriate house league convenor, to obtain agreement to approach a selected player for affiliation. Permission to affiliate must be granted by the affiliate's regular head coach unless one of the following reasons apply:<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is an issue with discipline involving the affiliated playerThe affiliated player is injuredThere is an event conflictThe affiliated player is ill <p>The house league convenors must also approve the request.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The requesting coach is strongly encouraged to discuss the needs of her/his team and the skill required with the affiliate's regular head coach to determine which player(s) to affiliate. However, it is the requesting coach who determined what player(s) are called to the affiliated team.Permission being granted, the player in question will be contacted by her regular team coach or with permission from her coach, by the requesting coach to confirm her willingness to play, with the advice that her regular team coach has approved her participation if interested, cc'ing the appropriate convenors. The requesting

coach will immediately advise the affiliate's regular head coach and appropriate convenors of the player's decision or vice versa.

- d) If the player is willing, the requesting coach will email the affiliate's regular head coach, the player and the appropriate convenor, confirming the date and time of the practice or game for which the player is being affiliated and the name of the player being replaced.

The requesting coach is responsible for ensuring that suspensions and other issues are known and respected and for notifying the affiliate's regular head coach following the game should injuries or suspensions occur.

Despite receiving permission from her regular coach to affiliate with another team, no player is obligated to play with another team. It should be recognized and respected that some players and parents feel that their loyalty and focus is with their regular team for the season.

All affiliated players must be identified on the game sheet (in which the affiliated player plays) with the initials "AP" (affiliate player) placed beside the affiliate's name.

**Pick up
Consent
Forms and
Game Sheets
for
Sanctioned
Tournaments**

Affiliation for Sanctioned Tournaments:

Anytime a player is affiliated for a sanctioned tournament, the [NGHA/OWHA Pick-Up Consent form \(for sanctioned tournaments\)](#) must be completed by the affiliate player's regular head coach, or NGHA Executive, ideally the House League Director, when the affiliate player's regular head coach is unavailable and given to the requesting coach/manager prior to the tournament. The properly signed and completed Pick Up Consent form (for sanctioned tournaments) must be submitted to the convenor of the tournament before the player's first game. Keep a copy of the fully approved form. The requesting coach is responsible for ensuring that the proper paperwork is completed.

All affiliated players must be identified on the game sheet with the letters "AP" (affiliate player). Note that for tournaments, the affiliate player may only participate with one team during the tournament and specific tournament rules may need to be followed (please ensure to check in advance of bringing an affiliate player).

The NGHA/OWHA Pick Up Consent Form (for Sanctioned Tournaments) can be found at: http://owha.pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded_documents/3323/Doc-14_PICKUP_CONSENT_FORM_for_SANCTIONED_TOURNAMENT.pdf

**Player and
Game Limits**

A team can not bring up more than three (3) affiliated players for any given game and cannot exceed the number of registered players on their team. Goalies will be the exception – house league teams who do not have a registered goalie and are in need of a goalie, are permitted to affiliate one goalie for internal NGHA house

league play and therefore exceed the number of registered players on their team by one. Suspended players can not be replaced.

No individual player, used as an affiliate player for house league play, is allowed to affiliate for more than five (5) league games during the regular and playoff season unless permission is granted by the appropriate convenors.

Event	Limit Number	Paperwork
Practice	Unlimited	None
NGHA House League regular season	5 NGHA league games during the regular season	Email consent
NGHA Playoff Season	As per NGHA playoff tournament rules	As per NGHA playoff tournament rules
House League Tournament	Unlimited	Pickup consent form (for sanctioned tournaments)

Use of Affiliated Goalies

In recognition of the shortage of goalies, teams may affiliate goalies from the same or lower level. Teams needing to bring up affiliated goalies for more than five regular house league games may request an exemption from the appropriate convenor.

Use of Affiliation Players and Goalies in Playoffs

Use of affiliated players and goalies during the NGHA playoff tournament is as per the NGHA playoff tournament rules.

Affiliation Across Association Boundaries

While OWSA rules permit affiliation of players across Association boundaries, the NGHA does not. Under Hockey Canada regulations, The NGHA operates a Club affiliation system (Regulation E) where all players on lower level teams are automatically affiliated.

Appeal Mechanism

If any disagreement arises between coaches, parents or players regarding this affiliation policy, the NGHA House League Committee has the authority to intervene to uphold the intent of this policy.

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