

## Affiliate Player Process

All player movement during the season must be in accordance with HNSMC guidelines (Regulation 6).

Any player movements for practices or games, for any East Hants Minor Hockey team, must follow these procedures:

- First communication must be between the coaches of the affected teams.
- The higher level coach will indicate his/her requirements for affiliate players. The lower level coach will let the higher level coach know which player(s) deserves the opportunity based on various factors (including but not limited to play and attitude). This is not based on Rep team Evaluations, but rather the performance and attitude displayed throughout the current season. The higher level coach may request a certain player if he/she has seen at least half the lower level team's home games for the purpose of scouting which players could be used as an affiliate. It is still the player's team coach's decision whether to allow that player based on the play/attitude and other team factors mentioned above.
- If no agreement can be reached amongst the coaches, the Divisional Coordinator will arbitrate the situation.
- The coach of the player(s) must then contact and communicate the affiliation request to the parent of the player to gain their permission and give practice/game time and location or any other relevant information.
- No higher level coach shall contact either directly, or indirectly, any parent or player involved in a possible move unless written approval from the lower level coach (EMAIL).
- If it is an Emergency Call Up (sickness not known until game day) and the lower level coach cannot be reached, the higher level coach must contact the Team Manager of the lower level team. The manager and coach should have a discussion beforehand about which players can be allowed as affiliates in the event that the Head Coach cannot be reached in order to give permission.
- The coach of the lower level teams has every right to decline the request if his own team has a scheduled game or practice at the same time, however if it is a playoff game and the player will miss a practice (not a game) then consideration should be given.

**\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\***

Any player under suspension in their own division is not eligible to play as an affiliate. It is the higher level coach's responsibility to confirm the affiliate player is not suspended, or risk suspension themselves as well as an additional suspension to the player.



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