



## PLAYER AFFILIATION - FAQ



### Hockey Canada – Regulation E35

**E35. a)** 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 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 Hockey Canada Regulations B.42, E.36 (b).

**E35. b)** 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 Regulation E.35 (a).

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***How many games can a player play as an affiliated player?***

A player may play a maximum of 10 games as an affiliate player.

### ***Does this include exhibition games and tournament games?***

No, the 10 game maximum only includes regular season and playoff/provincial championship games. A player can be used as an affiliate in an unlimited number of tournament and exhibition games.

### ***What if the player is a goalie, is there any exceptions?***

Yes, there are exceptions for goalies. If a goalie is called up as an affiliate player, such game would only count towards their 10 game maximum if they play in that game. If the goalie sits on the bench for the entire game it would not count against their maximum. However, if they play any of the game then it would count as one game played.

### ***If the player plays more than the 10 games, do they stay with the higher category of team?***

No, a player is not permitted to exceed the maximum of 10 games.

### ***If no, is that possible at all?***

Yes, only when the affiliated players regular team completes their season (regular season and playoffs/provincials), then the affiliated player may exceed the 10 game maximum with the higher category team.

### ***Is there any forms that an affiliated player must sign?***

Yes, each team/player must complete an affiliate player form with all the applicable signatures. This form must be completed prior to the first game an affiliate plays. Forms can be obtained at [www.hockeypei.com](http://www.hockeypei.com)

***Can an affiliated player be signed at any time?***

All player affiliates forms must be completed and submitted to Hockey PEI prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> in the applicable season.

***How many affiliated players can a team sign?***

A team is permitted to have nineteen (19) affiliated players of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders.

***Can a player be affiliated to more than one team?***

No, a player may only be affiliated to one team. The only exception is a player 16 years of age or older may be named as an affiliate player with both a Major Junior team (CHL) and either a Junior A or B team in the same season. Such player would be permitted a maximum of 10 games per team.

***Is there any restrictions for minor hockey age players affiliating to junior hockey?***

A player 16 years of age or older may affiliate the maximum of 10 games per season with a junior team. Players 15 years of age are permitted to affiliate, however they are restricted to a maximum of 5 games and only for a Junior A or B team. (See Hockey Canada regulations for additional conditions around affiliation of minor hockey aged players to junior).

***Can a "AA" team add "AAA" affiliated players from a lower division?***

No, that is not permissible. "AAA" players cannot affiliate to "AA" in a higher division. Likewise "AA" cannot affiliate to "A" categories. They must come from the same or lower division and category. i.e. Bantam "AA" would affiliate from Bantam "A" or Pee wee "AA" and "A".

***Can an affiliated player participate in minor hockey playoff/provincial championships?***

Yes, however for a player to be eligible to participate as an affiliate with a higher category team in minor hockey playoffs or minor hockey provincial championships, that player must have played a minimum of fifty (50%) percent of the regular season games with the team of which the player is registered. The 10 game maximum still applies unless the players carded team has completed their regular season.

***Can novice players be affiliated to Atom?***

No, novice players are not permitted to be an affiliate to an Atom team. The only exception is for female novice players who are permitted to affiliate to an Atom female team. This excludes female players that are members of a male Novice AA team.

***Can a Novice "A" player affiliate to a Novice "AA" team?***

Yes, they can only affiliate players from their designated association/zone.

***Can a female novice player on a female novice team affiliate to Novice "AA"?***

Yes

***If a female player is playing on a male team, can she affiliate to a female team?***

No, players who are carded members of a female team, may only affiliate to another female team. The same applies for male players, they may only affiliate to another male team.

***Can an affiliated player be used at any time?***

Yes, however at all times, the higher category team must obtain permission from the Affiliated Player's regular carded team before using that player in any game.