

**Tecumseh Shoreline Minor Hockey Association**  
**Affiliated Player Policy for House League Divisions**

**House League**

The object of house league hockey is to create a fun environment where all children have an opportunity to play the best sport in the world. Hockey provides a great opportunity for children to learn life skills like Leadership, Teamwork, making Friends, and acceptance of Diversity. We strive to create a safe, fun environment where we can develop hockey skill for all children.

The OMHA sets out AP rules that need to be followed. In addition to the OMHA rules, the board has approved guidelines which will apply to APs WITHIN the House League Program. These guidelines are intended to preserve equity in both team composition and play time.

**Excerpts from the OMHA Manual of Operations**

Affiliated Player refers to a player who is eligible to participate for his registered team and one other team of a higher division or category. There is an exception stated in 7.2.e

4.2 h) Players registered and approved on OMHA House League electronic rosters may play as per OMHA Affiliation Regulations

a) Players affiliating to a rep team, or a higher divisional House League team must be listed on the team's approved OMHA Affiliated Players List, as per current Affiliation Regulation.

b) House League players must fulfill their commitment to their House League team before playing as an affiliated player as per OMHA Affiliation Regulations.

7.2 Affiliated Player

a) A player is only permitted to participate as an affiliated player with **ONE Minor Hockey team** of a higher division or category during the playing season. Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's electronic roster filed within the Branch. Any player participating in a game as an affiliated player must be indicated on the game report by having "AP" beside his name.

b) Players will not be used or assigned as an affiliated player without the consent of the management of the team with whom he is registered.

e) Players rostered to a higher age division team in House League are allowed to Affiliate to a AA or AE team in their own age Division, provided the affiliating team is not eligible for Hockey Canada National or Regional Championships or OHF Championships. This essentially says they can AP to only the AE team as they are not eligible for these Championships.

**TSMHA House League Policy for Affiliated Players**

In addition to the rules stated in the OMHA Manual of Operations, the following rules apply to all Affiliated Players who affiliate to an eligible House League team.

**House League Team Composition**

In order to create competitive teams, all House League players are evaluated and distributed equitably across teams within their division. Significant effort is made to attempt parity and rosters are generally finalized by mid-October allowing time to rebalance teams at the beginning of the season. Care must be taken with respect to adding Affiliated Players to not intentionally upset the competitive balance.

**Player Development**

We recognize that there are some House League players that are interested in competing at a higher level of hockey. The preferred development option for those showing sufficient skill would be to become an affiliated player for an AE or AA team or participate in a rostered Select team if available. Alternatively, there are a number of clinics offered within the arena and region to improve player's skills to better prepare them for travel tryouts.

### Consequence of becoming an AP to a House League Team

For those players that are not selected as an Affiliated Player with an AE or AA team may be selected by a House League team in a higher division. It is important to note that a player can only be affiliated with ONE additional team. Therefore, by becoming an AP to a House League team the player eliminates the ability to AP for an AE or AA team later.

### Timing

House League teams are not final until after the rebalancing in mid-October and team lists are submitted to the Branch. At this point there is an official team roster in which an Affiliated Player may be added. In order to give all players enough time to have an opportunity to be selected as an AP for an AE or AA team, no player will be allowed to AP for an House League team until after November 1.

### Initiation Program and Cross-Ice Program

Players aged 6 and under participate in the Initiation (formerly known as Tyke) Program which focusses on using cross ice for games. It is likely that beginning with players born in 2011 the smaller ice surface will be mandated through the Novice division where the first time players experience full ice games is in the Atom division. Current rules restrict children from playing up a division which takes them from cross ice to full ice. For this reason AP offers will be denied when requesting to move from a cross ice division to a full ice division.

### Offer of Affiliation

A proper Offer of Affiliation form must be completed by the Coach of team offering affiliation and be signed by the Player, the Player's parent or Guardian and the Convener of the Player's current House League division. A copy of the OMHA form, amended for the Convener signature is found attached. If using a standard OMHA form, the Convener would sign where the player's coach would sign.

### AP Practice Participation

Affiliated Players are permitted to participate in team practices as long as they do not interfere with the obligations of their original rostered team. Participation in practices of a higher division will provide the AP not only more time on the ice, but a greater challenge as the drills should be more complex.

### Threshold Player Requirement

A House League team may only use an APs in a game if the number of available rostered players is less than a Threshold of 14 players (including the goaltender). 14 players allow for 9 forwards, 4 defensemen and 1 goaltender. Fewer players will require one or more forwards to play every second shift which may be too taxing for some.

Where a team does not meet the Threshold for a game, the coach is not required, but may choose to use one or more Affiliated Players to meet and not exceed the threshold.

These House League Affiliated Player rules are meant to preserve both team competitiveness as well as equitable access to ice time for the existing rostered players.



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**OFFER OF AFFILIATION**

We, the undersigned, provide this "offer of affiliation" for the designated player to register as an affiliated player with the designated team for the 2017-2018 season. This form, when signed by the player and parent/guardian, will confirm the player's commitment to accepting a position as an affiliated player on the team indicated below. This form, when signed by the Coach of the player's registered team will confirm the Coach's agreement to the player accepting a position as an affiliated player on the team indicated below. The team affiliation will be created by the Association and approved by the OMHA Regional Director electronically.

Association/Division/Team:	
Coach of team offering affiliation:	
_____	_____
Print Name	Signature
OMHA Contact or Delegate:	
_____	_____
Print Name	Signature

Date Offered: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, confirm our acceptance and/or acknowledge the offer of affiliate with the above team.

Player:	
_____	_____
Print Name	Signature
_____	
Address	
Parent/Guardian:	
_____	_____
Print Name	Signature
Convener of Player's Registered Division:	
_____	_____
Print Name	Signature

Date Accepted at \_\_\_\_\_, Ontario, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

**This form is to be used by all Associations and a copy must be kept on file by the Association and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry.**

**NOTE: Current OMHA, OHF & HC Affiliation Regulations apply.**

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The information requested on this form is required by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), and their respective executives, employees, team officials, game officials and volunteers, for registration purposes and to administer the rules and regulations of the OMHA, and to provide notification of any upcoming events or other activities. In order to do so, the OMHA, its Member Associations, OHF and Hockey Canada may, if required request proof of a player's identity, address and date of birth.

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