

## **House League Affiliation Policy**

What follows is the NMHA policy for affiliation within House League. This policy does not supersede any reporting requirements for affiliates as mandated by the NMHA.

The NMHA supports affiliation as a means for players to develop their skills by playing for a higher level team. However, in a recreational league, it is important to balance player development and League parity. The general rules for affiliating players are outlined in Hockey Canada Regulation E and HEO Minor Rules and Regulations, Section 8.0 and Appendix B.

The NMHA policy fits within these rules, but it has been made more restrictive to meet the needs of a large House League organization.

- Skaters will be able to affiliate “up” in age or category or both age and category. (For example, a Peewee “B” skater will be able to affiliate to a Peewee “A” team or a Peewee “B” skater may affiliate to a Bantam “A” team)
- The affiliation of House “A” skaters to higher-age House “B” teams is not permitted. (For example, a House Atom “A” skater cannot affiliate to a House Peewee “B” team).
- The number of skaters used in a game cannot exceed the number of skaters on the official team roster. (For example, a team with 15 skaters on their official roster cannot dress more than 15 skaters including affiliates)
- Goaltenders are the exception to this policy.

Failure to comply with this policy will result sanctions against the offending team, up to and including loss of points in the standings and suspension of the head coach.