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10.0 PLAYER AFFILIATION POLICY

10.1 Purpose

10.1.1 The purpose of an association-specific Player Affiliation Policy is to outline the procedures through which players are assigned to their affiliate teams, and the rights and expectations players, families and coaches have with regards to the affiliation process.

10.2 Definitions

10.2.1 Affiliation refers to the process by which players at a lower tier or division are included on the roster of a team at a higher tier or division, for those players to be called upon to replace absent, sick, injured or suspended players as required.

10.3 Principles

10.3.1 Bow View Ringette Association will adhere to the principles, guidelines and requirements outlined in [Ringette Alberta's Player Affiliation Policy \(5.0\)](#) and any future revisions thereof.

10.4 Affiliation Opt-Out

10.4.1 At registration, players will have the opportunity to select whether they would like to be excluded from the affiliations process. By selecting this option, the player will not be affiliated to any teams during the season.

10.5 Assignment of Affiliates

10.5.1 VP Athlete Development, or their designate, overseen by the President, will create the affiliations lists after the teams have been formed for the season.

10.5.2 All players in U10 to U16 will be affiliated to one of the Bow View teams at a higher tier or division.

10.5.3 Some players may be requested to affiliate to AA teams (U12-U19 players) or Open teams (U14-U19 players). Unless impacting the viability of Bow View teams, these requests will be honoured.

10.5.4 Full Time Goaltenders (FTG) can be affiliated to two teams.

10.5.5 Affiliate players are assigned in an equitable way, whenever possible, based on the player evaluations rankings.

10.5.6 Head Coaches may request up to three (3) particular affiliate players, but assignment of those is never guaranteed.



- 10.5.7 Whenever appropriate, a younger sibling will be affiliated to their older sibling's team.
- 10.5.8 Players or their families may not request to be or not be affiliated to a particular team, unless for extenuating circumstances, and approved by the BVRA Board.
- 10.5.9 Once reviewed and approved by the President, the affiliations lists are transferred to the Ringette Alberta Team Registration Form (TRF) and are provided to the team's Head Coach and Team Manager. At that time, the assignment of affiliates is considered final, and no further changes will be made.
- 10.5.10 Only players listed on the TRF may be used as affiliates, with the exception of goaltenders which can be called upon as a *Replacement Goaltender* under specific circumstances outlined in Ringette Alberta Registration Policy, Section 2.6.

10.6 Communication

- 10.6.1 Head Coach or Team Manager are responsible for reaching out to their affiliates to inform them of their assignment, and to discuss any expectations for the upcoming season.
- 10.6.2 Teams are encouraged to have open and proactive communication with the affiliates, their families and the coaches of the player's full-time team.

10.7 Use of Affiliate Players

- 10.7.1 Coaches are expected to familiarize themselves with the Ringette Alberta Player Affiliation Policy (5.0), in particular with the aspects of when affiliate players may be called upon.

As indicated in the policy, inappropriate use of affiliates may result in game results being overturned and suspensions for the Head Coach.

- 10.7.2 Teams are strongly encouraged to utilize their affiliates whenever possible, but keeping in mind the aforementioned rules.
- 10.7.3 While the opportunity to affiliate should be equitable, it is ultimately up to the coaches to decide if and when affiliates will be required, and which players will be called upon.
- 10.7.4 The needs of the player's full-time team always take precedence over those of their affiliate team. As a matter of courtesy, coaches of the player's affiliate team should confer with the coaches of their full-time team any time there is an intent to utilize a player as an affiliate.
- 10.7.5 Players and their families have the right to decline an opportunity to affiliate without any reasons given.