



BOW VALLEY HOCKEY SOCIETY AFFILIATION POLICY



The following policy has been developed to help our coaches and parents understand the affiliation guidelines for using their approved affiliates (named on the official team roster) for a game or practice. The following procedure must be followed and adhered to by all BVHS Coaches and Managers. The Player's priority is their registered team.

The BVHS Manager of Hockey Operations, BVHS Manager of Development and or board of directors has the right to make affiliation decisions when teams can't agree on the players to be used for affiliation purposes and or in situations where coaches don't agree on the use of affiliates.

Failure to follow these guidelines and act in good faith may result in a suspension of up to 5 games at the discretion of the BVHS Discipline Committee. Coaches who contact the player or their parents before getting permission from the lower team's coach will be brought in for a hearing with the BVHS Discipline Committee and may be suspended at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

Please note effective the 2026 - 2027 Season you can affiliate for a player who has been suspended.

Please visit the Hockey Calgary [Policies page](#) for the HC Affiliations Usage Policy.

24 Ineligible Players as Per HC Regulations Handbook (page 17)

(a) An ineligible player may be classified as, but not restricted to, the following:

1. A player who is improperly registered with Hockey Calgary. It is the Association's and individual team's responsibility, to make certain that all players are properly registered.
2. A suspended player.
3. A player who has not been properly released as per the release policy and procedures of Hockey Calgary.

(b) A Coach or Manager who plays an ineligible player will be immediately suspended until their case has been dealt with by Hockey Calgary. If any team official, executive member of a team or of an association has knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or ineligible players name to the official game report, or misrepresents a coach or trainer as being certified, they shall be suspended for a period of not less than three years from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.

(c) All games played using an ineligible player may be forfeited.

Hockey Calgary Affiliation Usage Policy

The [Hockey Calgary Affiliation usage policy](#) outlines the details as it pertains to the use of affiliates.



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As per the Hockey Calgary Playing Rules and Regulations:

7 Affiliation (HC Regulations Page 21)

Each team may have up to 19 named affiliated players (with Hockey Calgary's approval) from a lower division or age category from within the Community Hockey Association. Players can only be affiliated to one team in a specific category. A category is defined as Age Categories (U15, U18, etc.) and Category of hockey (Tiered, AA, AAA, etc.).

(a) A team having no lower division or category team to affiliate with may affiliate with a team of lower division or category in any adjacent Community Member Club providing this Community Member Club approves of the affiliation in writing.

(b) All affiliations must be filed with the Hockey Calgary office and approved prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate, in any game, with the team to which they are affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by Hockey Calgary up to and including January 15th of the current playing season. Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- i) players are added to the teams in the Hockey Canada Registry and identified as "affiliates"
- ii) the Hockey Calgary Executive Director or their designate(s) acknowledge receipt and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate player participating in any game with the hockey team to which they are affiliated
- iii) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable Member Club. Any player participating in any game as an affiliated player without the approval of Hockey Calgary shall be considered an Ineligible player and team officials shall be subject to applicable discipline.

NOTE: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

NOTE: There will be no formal affiliations allowed within the division of U7 (Timbits). There will be no affiliations allowed from U7 (Timbits) up to U9.

8 Eligibility for use of Affiliated Players (HC Regulations page 21)

(a) Affiliated players may be used in place of players registered on a team, subject to the maximum number limitations described below.

(b) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Seeding, League, EMHW, or Playoff game sanctioned by Hockey Calgary to return the team to its original roster size.

i. Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.

ii. Permission must be obtained by the Age Category Governor for a team to affiliate more than 5 players for any Hockey Calgary Seeding, League, EMHW, or Playoff game.



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(c) U11-U21 Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of eighteen (18) skaters and two goaltenders, regardless of its original roster size.

i. U13, U15, and U18 teams with only one (1) designated goaltender may exceed their roster size by one (1) in order to have a back-up goaltender listed on the official game report. The back-up goaltender must be an affiliated player and designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. This will not count towards the maximum of ten (10) games unless the affiliated player is called into action.

(d) When a higher division team uses an affiliated player, they must indicate in writing (a/p or AP) after the player's name on the official game report.

(e) When using an affiliate player, the higher team must obtain the permission of the lower team. Failure to follow the Procedure for use of Affiliated Players may result in the Head Coach of the higher team receiving a one game suspension.

9 Affiliate Player Game Maximums (HC Regulations page 22)

Games are defined for the use of affiliates as Hockey Calgary scheduled league games, the first game of Minor Hockey Week (the second and subsequent games during Minor Hockey week do not count in the total for use of affiliates), playoff games, and Provincial Playoff games. All associations will follow the Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary affiliation regulations.

(a) A player of a team of lower division or category may play a maximum of ten (10) games. If the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

(b) An affiliated U9 player may play a maximum of five (5) games with their affiliated team in the current hockey season.

(c) Exhibition and Tournament games do not count in the total for the use of affiliates.

BVHS Protocol to affiliate players or goalies up for games:

1. The head coach requesting an affiliate is to contact the head coach of the affiliating team (team via phone, text, or email to ask permission to call up the player. The two coaches will discuss the recent performance of all affiliated players. The coach of the higher-placed team has the right to choose whom they wish to call up.
2. If the coach of the lower team gives approval, the coach of the higher team will then contact the player and ask if he or she would like to play up.
(The coach of the affiliating team can deny the request if their team has a game or team function).
3. Once steps 1-2 have been completed, the coach of the higher team is required to follow up with an email to the coach of the lower team documenting the player who has been affiliated, including the date, time, and location of the game that they will be playing.
4. The head coach or manager is required to update the game sheet with the player's name and put A/P next to their name.
5. If you are wishing to call up players for every practice, we encourage you to get blanket approval for the season to save everyone time rather than having to ask permission for each practice.



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6. Coaches and Managers are responsible to read the Hockey Calgary Rules and Regulations Handbook so they are aware of all Affiliation Guidelines.

Protocol to affiliate players or goalies up for practices:

1. The head coach requesting the call-up should contact the coach and ask for permission to call up the player (s) and or goalie (s) for a practice. If a coach wants to call up a group of players/goalie for each practice, permission to do so must be given in writing.
2. Coaches can request to bring up affiliated players for practice to increase roster sizes to run efficient practices. Providing our members with additional ice times has significant benefits for our players.
3. If the coach gives approval, contact the player, and ask if he or she would like to attend that team's practice.
4. Once steps 1-2 have been completed, the coach of the higher team is required to follow up with an email to the coach of the lower team documenting the player who has been affiliated including the date, time, and location of the practices.

For teams who only have one goalie, coaches can ask approval from head coaches to use their respective goalies for practices throughout the season. We encourage coaches to set up schedules that ensure two goalies are present at each practice.

Failure to follow this protocol may result in a suspension from Hockey Calgary and/or the BVHS.