



PORT COLBORNE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

Affiliated Player Policy

Goal:

The goal of the Affiliated Player Program is to provide extra ice time to potential Travel Team players to develop their skills in hopes of playing for a Travel Team in the future.

Objectives:

Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association has two objectives in maintaining and encouraging an Affiliated Player (AP) Policy:

- (1) **Player Development:** Players who may not be perfectly suited for playing on a Travel Team, but whom if allowed to practice with the Travel Team have potential for playing on a Travel Team in a future year, are candidates for an Affiliated Player position on the current season's Travel Team. Inviting Minor Players to the current season practices can help develop players for next year's team. When considering players for Player Development the following criteria must be met:
 - (1) **The player should have the desire to play rep hockey;** the goal of the AP program is to provide extra ice time to develop players that have hopes of playing on the travel (rep) teams,
 - (2) **Players who have turned down positions on the current season's team for undue cause** should not be considered for an AP position.
- (2) **Substituting for Missing Travel Team Players and Working with Other Teams:** Affiliated Players train with the Travel Teams so that if injury, suspension, or other problems occur, an Affiliated Player can step in and fill the spot of the missing Travel Team Player. Affiliated Players can be from the Travel Team a division below, or the House League Program of the same division.
- (3) **Emergency AP players:** Coaches are encouraged to AP additional players from the Travel Team of the division below without offering the additional ice time option. These players do not pay the AP fee and are only used in very rare occasions.

N.B.: Coaches of the team the Affiliated Player is rostered to have the final say on the movement of the Affiliated Player.

Recommendations:

Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association Executive makes the following recommendations when choosing Affiliated Players:

- (1) Coaches are allowed a maximum of 5 affiliated players from the house league/local league.
- (2) All travel teams are budgeted to include a minimum of 3 AP fees collected.
- (3) Players that are released by the Travel Team at tryouts should be considered first for the AP positions.
- (4) The Affiliated Player will not play more than 5 games in the regular season, unless serious injuries, suspensions, or other problems occur forcing the Travel Team coach to replace a player for an extended period of time. Under these circumstances, the coaches, player, parent(s), must come to an agreement, and the agreement must be approved by the Travel Team Convener, in agreement with the House League Convener if the player is a House League player.
- (5) Affiliated Players must fulfill the commitment to their rostered team first before attending any practice or game on their Affiliate Travel Team.
- (6) A.P. Goalies should only be invited out when needed or for structured instruction at no charge.
- (7) Players added to an AP list for emergency purposes, do not have rights to the Travel Team practice ice times and should not practice with the Affiliated Team.
- (8) Coaches are encouraged to carry a full AP roster, considering replacements for all positions.

Fees:

The Affiliated Player fee will be collected from all regular Affiliated Players for the season when invited to practice with the travel team, regardless of number of practices the player chooses to attend. The Executive has the right to waive the fee for any player for reasons deemed justifiable. Fees will be reviewed annually by the Budget Committee and should not exceed half the regular rep Fees paid by Travel team players.