



LANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



LMHA Affiliation Procedure

Steps

- Coach/Manager contacts lower level Division Coordinator with details (player, game, etc.)
- Coordinator contacts Player/Family
- Lower Level division Coordinator advises upper level Coach/Manager and records details and advises lower level Coach

Notes

- Timing can be an issue. Process to start ASAP. If coach/manager cannot get hold of lower level coordinator, VP of lower level team should be contacted, who will subsequently advise coordinator
- Under no circumstances does Upper Level Coach initiate first contact with player or family.
- Player can only be affiliated with one team.
- Upper level coach must choose an affiliated player from their approved affiliates.
- Arranged games with affiliated team do not count against a suspension. Suspension rules to be followed. Player cannot play for affiliated team if he is serving a suspension.
- Player's duty is always to his own team first.
- VP should be advised of any player movement from LMHA to higher level. i.e. Pee wee AAA, Bantam AAA, High School. VP will advise coordinator. Developmental teams must get written approval from LMHA coach (or designate) for EVERY instance it occurs.
- Affiliation to a higher division (Pee wee to Bantam, etc.) requires the approval of the LMHA President (or designate). This will only be considered if the higher division team has fewer than 10 skaters.
- Coaches are encouraged to utilize the affiliation process when they do not have their full team complement, as it gives the affiliated player additional opportunities to develop. Affiliated players are to be used in place of suspended, ill or injured players or players excused for educational activities only.
- Affiliation procedure must be done on a per game basis.
- The only time the Lower Level Coach can unilaterally refuse the affiliation of one of his players is if the affiliation would cause the player to miss a game of the team to which he is rostered. Any other concerns are to be addressed by the VPs.

Number of Games

A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) regular season and play-off games (Tournament & Exhibition Games do not count towards the 10 games) However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. VP looks at number of games played regularly as game suspensions occurred with the team they are affiliated with count as games played. Player can NOT hit the 10 games or will be removed from all rosters for duration of the season.

There are no limits to practices with the affiliated team. Player can only go if it does not interfere with their own team commitments.