



NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

MMHA OPERATIONS MANUAL

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| MOVED BY: Caryl McAteer | SECONDED BY: Brian Gaudet |
| SECTION NO: 14.A | PAGE NO: 32 |
| <p>CURRENT WORDING: <u>14 PLAYER MOVEMENT</u></p> <p>All player movement (temporary or permanent) during the season must be in accordance with HNB and the MMHA guidelines.</p> <p><u>A. AFFILIATION (temporary) GUIDELINES:</u></p> <p>Affiliation is a process which permits a player to play in a higher category (B, A, AA, AAA), or higher division (U11 to U13 etc.), as a temporary replacement for a rostered player of a team, provided the following guidelines are followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All competitive teams wishing to roster affiliates must submit a list of potential affiliates to the Vice President of Competitive Hockey for MMHA prior to December 15.• The VP of Competitive Hockey will make the final decision on affiliates available to each of the MMHA competitive teams.• There shall be no contact by coaches/managers with potential affiliate players prior to receiving notification of approval from the VP of Competitive Hockey.• All affiliate players must be rostered in the HCR with the higher category/division team prior to being used for team practices and games.• Affiliation privileges shall be applicable for all divisions of U11 and above.• Players shall be permitted to affiliate with only one (1) team. | |

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- Players affiliating to a higher division or category team must have their team coach's approval. If an affiliate player is needed, the coach of the affiliate player's team must give his consent before the player is asked to participate in a game or practice. Communication about affiliate use must take place between coaches. Affiliate use must in no way interfere with on or off ice activities of the team on which the player is rostered.
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PROPOSED WORDING:

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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

Note: Motion originated from an MMHA Member (Darrell Hanson; Seconded by Jamie Guimond).

The sentence to be struck out conflicts with the subsequent sentence, (Section 14.A, bullet 14) “An affiliate player may play for a team of a higher division or category **at any time**, with the lower category coach’s consent”. At any time implies no restriction on the times that the affiliate may be used, provided the coach consents, whereas “must in no way interfere with on or off ice activities of the team on which the player is rostered” restricts when the affiliate player may be used.

Bullets 16 and 17 indicate that the purpose of affiliation is an opportunity for development. The coach of the lower category or division team can decide which activity presents a better development opportunity for the player and his or her team, and is still required to consent to the use of the affiliate, so he or she is ‘protected’ from losing a valuable player during an important activity or game by the first sentence of bullet 14.

Furthermore, the statement “on which the player is rostered” is misleading as affiliates are rostered on both teams, only their status on the rosters differs (from player to affiliate player)

| Withdrawn | Tabled | Carried | Carried as Amended | Defeated |
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REC'D BY: Caryl McAteer

DATE: February 20, 2021

Notices of amendment shall be submitted by a member to the MMHA board of directors no later than the March monthly meeting. The member and a seconder must be present at the meeting in order to explain the motion; otherwise it will be declared invalid.