

DDMHA AP (Affiliated Player) Guidelines

What is an Affiliated Player (AP)?

- An Affiliated Player (AP) is a player who is eligible to play on their own Primary registered Team, plus one (1) other team of a higher age division or category
- A player can affiliate for no more than one (1) other team, i.e., once an AP has been rostered as such they cannot affiliate for another team in that season

Reasoning for AP positions

- AP positions aid teams to fill in for injured or absent players, or to bolster a short-staffed roster.
- The DDMHA strongly encourages the signing of APs such that it maximizes opportunities for all players, supporting, and encouraging player development.
- Also recognizes that teams have access to different pools of players dependent upon their division

Who can affiliate for a given team?

- In accordance with **OMHA Regulation 7.0 Affiliation**, affiliated players (AP) can come from either the same age division, lower category or the same category, lower age division
- **For example: from a team perspective**
 - a U13 Rep Team can AP from U13 LL Team (same age, lower category) or from U11 Rep (lower age, same category)
- **For example: from a team perspective**
 - a U13 LL player can AP for a U15 LL or U13 Rep Team (AP for 1 team only)
- **A player must fulfill their obligations to their Primary registered team before participating as an AP with an Affiliated Team. This includes all league, playoff, and tournament games**
- A player must be eligible by residence under the terms of **OMHA Regulations 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7** to participate as an AP on a Representative team.
- Players who do not meet the "Residential Qualifications" may only participate as an AP in a Local League team in the next higher age division, provided they have been approved on both electronic rosters.

Noted Exemptions

- A Rostered Select Team may not utilize APs.
- Players of U9 or younger divisions may not be used as Aps
- U9 to U11 permitted only during the Transition Season - once U9 program has transitioned to Full-Ice (Jan. 15 or later).

AP paperwork

- To participate in the AP program, a player must first be on an approved rostered with their registered team.

- An **OMHA Offer of Affiliation form** must be completed and signed by all the following individuals:
 - the coach offering the AP position
 - the coach of the player's registered team
 - the player
 - the player's parent
 - the association OMHA Representative (Will Wall, Scott Kochany, Deven Hare)

The player is then added to the affiliating team's roster for approval by the OMHA.

- To be used as an AP in a game situation, the player must be on the approved roster of the affiliating team as an AP.
- The deadline for rostering an AP to a team is January 15th

Communication before signing

- Before the OMHA Representative signs an offer of affiliation, the coaches of the registered team and/or the affiliated team will ensure that the player and the player's family understand all options available to them before committing to a specific team
- In the end, the parents and players have the right to choose to affiliate for any eligible team who gives them an offer

Participation in games

- APs may only be permitted under the following circumstances:
 1. When a team is missing one or more players from its approved roster due to illness, injury, suspension, vacation, work or personal business.
 2. Where a team has an unusually low number of rostered players (less than 13 skaters). Note: The DDMHA Executive will determine if a team qualifies "Top Up" with APs. This will allow teams with low numbers of rostered players to use AP players up to the maximum roster size.
 3. An AP may take regular shifts with an affiliated team.
 4. An AP may see minimal or no ice time in a game they have been called up for.
 5. If there are 2 goalies rostered to a team and one of the goalies is unavailable, the affiliated goalie may be brought up, but the rostered goalie must start the game.
 6. If there is only one goalie rostered, an affiliated goalie can be called up but the rostered goalie must play the majority of game time through the season.
 7. If an AP goalie is required for an away tournament s/he must play in at least one game
 - 8. The decision of who will be an AP for any game is the discretion of the Coach of the affiliated team through consultation with the Coach of the registered team.**
 - 9. Any player participating in a game as an AP must be indicated on the game report by having "AP" beside his name.**
 - 10. To be eligible to play in OMHA Playdowns and/or League Playoffs with their registered team, a player affiliating to another team, including Junior, must have played in a minimum of 50% of the regular season League games played by the registered team**

Participation in practices

APs, at the discretion of both **Affiliated and Primary Team Coaches**, shall be allowed to practice with the affiliated team whenever possible to enable the player to become familiar with the affiliated team, and for player development.

Supporting Documentation

1. OMHA Manual of Operations - [..\OMHA-OHF-HC 2022-2023\2022-23OMHAManualofOperations-Locked.pdf](#)
2. OMHA Letter of Commitment - [OMHA - OFFER COMMITMENT 2022-23.pdf](#)
3. OMHA Offer of Affiliation Form - [OMHA - AP FORM.pdf](#)
4. U7 Addendum 2021 [..\OMHA-OHF-HC 2022-2023\OMHA_U7_ADDENDUM_Current_2021_.pdf](#)
5. U8/U9 Addendum 2022 [..\OMHA-OHF-HC 2022-2023\OMHA_U8_U9_ADDENDUM_Current_2022_.pdf](#)

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