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AFFILIATIONS AND MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIVISIONS

Any player wishing to be moved to a lower division must apply in writing to the Executive at the time of registration. Overage player movement is covered in PCAHA rules and must be applied for through the PCAHA Managing Director in charge of the division the player should be in. The ultimate decision to allow the player to move to a lower division is with PCAHA.

Exceptional Players

An exceptional athlete is one that possess not only hockey skills that are so superior to players their age, but would also be superior to players two years older than them. In addition to hockey skills, the exceptional athlete must also possess a high level of physical, mental and emotional maturity. The player must be well rounded in all aspects of their development.

An exceptional athlete (through his/her parents or guardians) may apply to the 1st Vice President and DOHO to be moved up to the next division before the start of the player evaluations or tryouts. Applicants must be registered NDMHA players and must have paid the applicable Rep A Tryout Fee. The applicant must be from the U9, U11, U13, U15 or U18 divisions if a team is declared. Exceptional Player Status could be granted upon recommendation from the DOHO to the 1st Vice President and approved by the Board of Directors, based on their performance in the previous season. The decision of the Executive is final and not subject to appeals.

- **Player:** If approved by the DOHO and 1st Vice President, the player would need to be evaluated as one of the top 5 ranked skaters at the Tryout Camp for the division applied for, if not the player would be reassigned back to their division.
- **Goalie:** If approved by the DOHO and 1st Vice President, the Goalie would need to be evaluated as the number 1 ranked goalie at the Tryout Camp for the division applied for, if not the goalie would be reassigned back to their division.

Casual Players

Throughout the hockey season, coaches will request to bring players up from lower divisions in order to replace players who may be sick or away on holidays etc. The PCAHA rules clearly define player movement under Section C of their rules. PCAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada rules limit a player to a certain number of games at the higher division and if they exceed the limit, they will be deemed to be ineligible and may no longer be permitted to return to their rostered team during that season / may be required to sit out the balance of the season.

Under no circumstance will the coach of the higher division contact the player or parents of that player directly. All communication must go through the lower level Rep A1/A2 coach and/or Division Manager for Rep C. Coaches who bypass these procedures and deal directly with



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players will be automatically suspended and will be required to face a disciplinary hearing before they are allowed behind the bench again. Coaches should make both parents and players aware of these procedures.

Affiliate Player Movement

Recreation Category

Player movement will be completely managed at the discretion of the Division Managers of the involved divisions, in accordance with the PCAHA affiliate player rules for Integrated "C" Hockey. The Division Managers will maintain a list of the top 2-3 second year players from each team that are deemed eligible to play up and this will be controlled in the following manner.

The Division Manager will select the player(s) by rotation, based on position (no special request will be entertained) whoever is next on the list will be asked to go up providing the game does not interfere with the player's team schedule. As a courtesy, the coach of the player's rostered team must be notified of this selection.

Coaches will contact the Division Manager in the next lower division for player movement. The lower division manager will check with the lower division coach for conflict games and approve the request for movement. Once a request has been made, the team requesting the player movement must play the player to be called up.

Lower Division Manager will keep track of number of games played up as directed by PCAHA

The appropriate approval must be obtained from both PCAHA League Managers. This includes the League Manager of the team the player intends to play on and the PCAHA League Manager the player registered team reports to. This is the responsibility of the coach or manager of the proposed team.

Goaltender exemptions/injured goaltenders

Under certain circumstances defined in the PCAHA rules, recreation teams may be able to apply for a replacement goaltender. These must be requested from the relevant League Manager.

Rep Category

Following Rep A1/A2 team selection, the 1st Vice-President will obtain a list from each Rep Coach of what players the Rep Coach would like to affiliate to the team for the remainder of the season. A minimum of 3 players will be affiliated. The A1 affiliated players are too selected from A2. The A2 team is to select from C team of the same division. If there is no A2 team, or if the A2 is not available; then A1 may affiliate players from C division or the A1 team in the division below. The list will be supplied to the registrar.



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All affiliations must have tried out for rep through the rep tryout process. Exceptions can be granted by the 1st Vice President depending on the numbers of players available to affiliate (3 or less were released or position not available). If an exception is granted, a \$100.00 fee will be applied to any affiliates that did not try out for rep. The fee will be provided to the team to alleviate costs. No player may play on a rep team unless they have been affiliated and registered as such on the Hockey Canada official roster.

The registrar will contact each player to advise them of their options. Players must either agree to be affiliated to a Rep team or decline the affiliation and elect to be used as a casual player for a higher Division in Rep C. Players affiliated to a rep team cannot be used as a casual player to a higher level C team. A player, who is not affiliated to a Rep team, cannot be used as an affiliate to a Rep A team.

Once the affiliation list has been confirmed, the list of players being affiliated is provided to the Registrar to enter into the Hockey Canada System. The registrar will notify the 1st Vice President when the entries are complete and provide an official roster to the manager and coach. The registrar will notify each Division Manager the names of the players who are affiliated to a Rep team in order to ensure that no player is then used as a casual player in Rep C. Please note that playing an ineligible player may include penalties such as suspension of coaches and forfeited game points.

Affiliates cannot be used during the rep tryout process. All affiliates must play one league game with their own team prior to being used as an affiliate.

In accordance, with Hockey Canada no player will be allowed to play more than 10 games at a higher level throughout the season (excluding exhibition and tournament games).

Procedure for Requesting a Player

Rep A Player affiliated to another Rep A team:

1. Higher Level Coach or manager to contact the lower level coach with a cc to the manager requesting player X for a game. If the phone is used, please follow up in writing so the lower level team manager is aware.
2. Lower level coach will ensure there is no team conflict (i.e. game) or suspension being served. If no conflict, the lower level coach will contact the player to check their availability.



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3. Lower level coach will respond to the higher level coach in writing with a cc to the lower team manager and the 1st Vice-President. If the phone is used first, the email is required to ensure that call up can be tracked.
4. The lower level rep team manager will be responsible to track the player call up (if the player attends).

Rep C Player affiliated to another Rep A Team

1. Rep Coach or Manager to contact the lower level coach with a cc to the lower level Division manager requesting player X for a game. If the phone is used first, the email is required to ensure that call up can be tracked.
2. Lower level coach will ensure there is no team conflict (i.e. game) or suspension being served. If no conflict, the lower level coach will contact the player to check their availability.
3. Lower level coach will respond to the higher level coach in writing (if the player is attending). The email is to include a cc: to their team manager and their Division Manager. If the phone is used first, the email is required to ensure that call up can be tracked.
4. The Division manager will track the player call up (if the player attends).

If the player plays more than the maximum number of games allowed in the PCAHA Handbook, then the upper division Rep coach is subject to disciplinary action including suspension and the player may have to sit the balance of the season.

North Delta Hockey Minor Association strongly discourages the use of U13 A1 & A2 players on U15 A1 & A2 teams. The reason is that there is body checking in U15 and the U13 player would not normally be accustomed to this. Should a U15 Rep team wish to bring a U13 player up, the U15 coach must get permission from the 1st Vice President and the U13 coach.

U13 A1/A2 players given permission to participate in U15 A1/A2 games must:

- participate in a U15 practice before playing a game; and
- be given instruction, by the U15 coach, on receiving and taking body checks.

If a player was selected to represent the Association at the Rep A level and then elects not to play at that level, they will be moved to the Recreation level. The player cannot be affiliated to or practice with a Rep A1 or Rep A2 team for the remainder of the season.



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Casual Carding

See PCAHA rules under Section C for casual players.

De-Carding

De-carding of a player requires approval by the Executive.

Refusal to Grant Player Movement

Lower division coaches may only refuse to grant permission for player movement if the player has a conflict game on the same day, or is currently serving a suspension or the maximum number of games will be reached. No reasonable access to the player will be denied. Appeal may be made to the Executive.