

Affiliated Player (AP) Information Sheet

Affiliated Players

A “chain affiliate” is a Select team from the same member club

A “house league affiliate” is a House League team from the same member club

U7 to U10

A player may be brought up from a chain affiliate in a **lower tier** of the same age division, or

A player may be brought up from a house league affiliate of the same age division

U11 to U13

A player may be brought up from a chain affiliate in a **lower tier** of the same age division, or

A player may be brought up from a chain affiliate **One Year below** the age division, or

A player may be brought up from a house league affiliate of the same age division

U14 to U21

A player may be brought up from a chain affiliate in a **lower tier** of the same age division, or

A player may be brought up from a chain affiliate **up to Two Years below** the age division, or

A player may be brought up from a house league affiliate of the same age division

Minimum and Maximum Bench Strength

U7 to U9

Minimum Bench Strength: 13 players (including goalies)

If a team has 12 or less players available, an AP player can be called up

Maximum Bench Strength: 16 skaters and 2 goalies

U10 to U21

Minimum Bench Strength: 15 players (including goalies)

If a team has 14 or less players available, an AP player can be called up

Maximum Bench Strength: 18 skaters and 2 goalies

GOALIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE MINIMUM BENCH STRENGTH COUNT

Exceptions can be made if the team is at minimum bench strength but does not have a goalie

The minimum number of players to start a game is 6 players or 5 players and a goalie

Affiliated Player (Continued)

An AP must be distinguished as such on the electronic game sheet. Without the "AP" designation, the AP is regarded as an ineligible player.

Teams may use **a maximum of five (5) AP's in any one game**

Prior to January 15:

Team's may call up an AP regardless of their minimum bench strength, as long as they do not exceed their maximum bench strength or the maximum of five (5) AP's in any one game.

Individual AP's can be used an unlimited number of times prior to January 15.

Starting January 15:

Individual players from "**Chain Affiliation**" teams may be used a maximum five times as an AP in regular season or playoff games. The five (5) games played, may include a maximum of two (2) playoff games. Players may only play with one Affiliated team.

Individual players from "**House League Affiliation**" teams may be used a maximum of five times as an AP in regular season or playoff games. The five (5) games played, may include a maximum of two (2) playoff games. Players may only play on one Select team.

A team may **ONLY** call up an AP if the team is **below** their minimum bench strength, and may only call up enough APs to reach their appropriate minimum bench strength.

If a Chain Affiliate or House League Affiliate AP exceeds or violates these restrictions, they will be considered ineligible players.

Examples:

Scenario 1

A team in U8 Tier Three would like to call up a player from U8 Tier Two of the same chain affiliation. Is this allowed?

No. A player in the U8 age group can only call up an AP from a chain affiliate team in a **lower tier** or the house league of the same division and not from a higher tier team.

Scenario 2

Prior to January 15th, a team in U18 has 14 skaters and 2 goalies available. They would like to call up 3 AP skaters to play their next game from U16. Are they allowed?

Yes. U18 can call up from a chain affiliate up to two years below their age group and will remain below their maximum bench strength of 18 skaters and 2 goalies as well as below the 5 AP maximum for any one game.

Scenario 3

Starting January 15th, a team in U13 has 17 players rostered and 2 are away for their game next week. The team will have 15 remaining players available for the game. They would like to call up 2 AP's from the U12 of the same chain affiliation to fill their spots. Are they allowed?

No. The U13 team has 15 players available and meets their minimum bench strength requirement. They are not allowed to call up an AP in this scenario.

Scenario 4

Starting January 15th, a team in U9 Tier One will have 9 players available for their next game. They decide to call up 4 players from their chain affiliation in Tier Two. Is this allowed?

Yes. The U9's can call up AP's from a chain affiliation in a lower tier, they are within the 5 AP maximum for any one game and will not exceed the minimum bench strength of 13 for their age group.

Scenario 5

Starting January 15th, an AP from a chain affiliate plays 2 games in the Winter Season and 2 games in the playoffs. The team is requesting them again for a 3rd playoff game. Is this allowed?

No. Though an AP from a chain affiliate may play 5 games total starting January 15th, they are only allowed to play a maximum of 2 games in the playoffs.