



PLAYER MOVEMENT

- a) Player movement will be in compliance with Hockey Canada regulations as administered by British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association. Player movement will be considered if a written request is received from the parents within fourteen (14) days of the first practice. Any approved player movement is valid only for the current season, and must be applied for and approved each subsequent season.

- b) U7/U9 Player Movement
 - Players are to be placed in their respected division based on their age first, but the player's skill level will also be given consideration. Written request received by the Division Director from player coach, parent or guardian to change division will be given consideration on an individual basis.

- c) Player movement approval will be based on the following guidelines:
 - The subject player must be evaluated by a group (3 or more people with hockey knowledge, Risk Management and SOMHA Head Coach) chosen by the Board of Directors
 - Move up to a division, the subject player must be in the top 5% of the current division they are in
 - Move down to a division, the subject player must be in the bottom 5% of the current division they are in
 - Player movement up or down will only be by one division only, to a maximum of U11 Recreation Division; All U9 to U11 movement requires OMAHA representative to evaluate and approve the player movement, including AP.
 - The Division Director will coordinate with the selected group chosen by the Board of Directors to make a final decision if the subject player will be approved to move up or down based on the evaluation
 - If there is a disagreement for "Request for Movement" the SOMHA Board of Directors will have an anonymous vote "yes" or "no" to solve the dispute. That decision will be final.
 - If the subject player movement is approved, the Division Director will advise the Registrar immediately
 - Subject player will not be considered if sufficient numbers are not met for their age division to form a team as well as if it places the division above to maximum capacity for each team.

Recreation Level Teams (Ages 9 to 18)

At the Recreation level (U11 and up) all players shall be assigned to their age appropriate group, with two exceptions:

- In the case of beginner hockey players or if parents feel their child is not ready to advance, movement downwards from U18 to U15, U15 to U13 and U13 to U11, will be considered if a written request is received from the parents within 14 days of the first practice.
- The Association, at its discretion, may move players within the House divisions as necessary to provide players with the opportunity to play and or maintain teams.



No player movements after December 1. Junior hockey players may be added to U18 prior to December 25. New players wishing to join SOMHA after registration will be assigned to a team by the Head Coach and Divisional Director.

In the event that South Okanagan Minor Hockey is unable to field a team in either U11 Development, U13 Rep or U15 Rep, it is the preference of SOMHA that the displaced players (registered by the Rep player deadline for the age appropriate Rep team) continue to compete for and develop as part of SOMHA. To that end, the displaced players will be eligible to tryout, without prejudice, for the next division as underage players. Any displaced players that do not qualify as underage players will be placed on house teams at the level/division that is commensurate with their skill and development level.

If a parent wishes to apply for a Residential Waiver (formally NTIC) they must notify the SOMHA Registrar in writing and submit a completed BC Hockey Residential Waiver form.

Affiliate Players (Recreation Team to Rep or U11 Development Team)

The purpose of this section is to provide guidance on the subject of Rep team Affiliate Players. Affiliate Players are defined as movement between Recreation and Representative within a division, i.e., U13 Recreation to U13 Rep, not movement from division to division i.e. U15 Rep to U18 Rep.

Policy on movement from division to division is covered in the section called "Player Movement." SOMHA and its teams are governed by the rules of HC, BC Hockey, and OMAHA with respect to the affiliation of players. All team officials must strictly adhere to the rules/regulations surrounding the use of affiliate players due to potential severe consequences.

Rep teams are allowed to affiliate individual players to their teams; thus, they become part of their roster and may be used when required. All Rep teams are encouraged to affiliate numerous players in case their team is short of players due to various reasons. Each season, as directed by the Executive, each Rep team will be provided with an opportunity to affiliate players from within the Association.

Rep teams can only use an affiliate player when the team will not have a full roster for a game. Additionally, the team cannot use more affiliate players than required to produce a full roster for the game (as this would reduce the playing time of the regular players on the team).

All rep teams are encouraged to use their affiliate players as often as possible (e.g. during practices) as this will assist in the development of the affiliate players.

Temporary Affiliate Players

A temporary Affiliate Player is one player attending practices and playing the odd game during the season. It is understood that the player involved is still part of the recreation team at the during the affiliate period. A Rep Team Coach wishing to AP a player will contact the Coach Coordinator and request a player(s) and the reasons for doing so. The Coach Coordinator will contact the House Coach who will either agree to the AP request or provide reasons for not wishing the player to be an Affiliate Player. The Coach Coordinator will evaluate the situation and determine whether or not the AP shall take place. Only at that time shall the Rep Coach be given permission to contact the player(s) and the player's parents. Affiliate players will play for their regular team if there is a game conflict. i.e. Rec/Rep teams play at the same time unless the Recreation coach approves.



Permanent Movement

Permanent Movement is for the remainder of the playing season, and it is understood that the player involved is to remain with the rep team. A Rep Team Coach wishing to call up a player permanently will contact the Coach Coordinator and request a player(s) and the reasons for doing so. The Coach Coordinator will contact the Recreation Coach, the player (s), and the player(s) parents. After the Coach Coordinator advises the player(s) and player's parents of the implications of the call-up, and hears any objections or comments from the Recreation Coach, he shall evaluate the situation and determine whether or not the Permanent Movement shall take place. The Rep Coach shall not contact the player(s) or parents until authorized by the Coach Coordinator. No Permanent Movement shall be allowed where the Recreation team is left with fewer players than the Representative Team.