



2021-22 USA Hockey Youth/Junior Affiliated Player Policy

(1) Domestic Affiliate Player Program

The Youth/Junior Affiliated Player Policy includes Junior Tier I and Tier II classifications (United States Hockey League [USHL] and North American Hockey League [NAHL]).

- (a) The Affiliated Player Policy is intended to allow USA Hockey-registered 16-, 17- and 18- birth year players to participate on USHL or NAHL rosters. This Policy will also allow the junior team to see a potential upcoming player in the junior environment. This opportunity can help the junior team evaluate the player's ability to play at that level and fill-out their roster in case of player shortage caused by injuries or illness on the junior team.
- (b) The junior coach must contact the player's parent(s) and current coach regarding the invitation. A properly completed **USA Hockey Player Affiliation Consent Form** must then be filed with the USA Hockey national office and League office and shall include the parents' and coach's permission, and the date(s) of games to be played. When a team uses an Affiliate Player from another junior team the coach must contact the junior coach of the Affiliate Player and get his permission prior to contacting the parents of the Affiliate Player. The proper form for this purpose is available on the USA Hockey website.
- (c) Tier I league teams shall have the ability to use a maximum of 18 affiliate players per season. Tier II league teams shall have the ability to use a maximum of 12 affiliate players per season.
- (d) These Affiliate Players will not be rostered on the official junior protected list. They will remain rostered with their current team and must be returned to that team on or before March 1. Additionally they are allowed to participate as Affiliate Players after they have completed their entire season and this would include state, district and national championship play.
- (e) Affiliate Players shall be limited to a maximum of ten junior games per season but only six games prior to March 1 with the ability to play additional games once the player's current team has completed their entire season and this would include state, district and national championship play.
- (f) A maximum of six Affiliated Players shall have the ability to continue playing an unlimited amount of junior games (Tier I Junior League) after their current team has completed its entire season. This would include league, state, district and national championship play. The earliest that a player may begin playing unlimited games is February 15.