



AFFILIATED PLAYER (AP) PROCESS
08/09 HOCKEY SEASON

Outlined below is Affiliated Player (AP) process that will be followed this season and going forward in future seasons. The AP process is fully supported and endorsed by Oshawa Minor Hockey (OMH).

The AP process is designed to compliment OMH's philosophy to develop players so that they can compete and move to the next level of hockey. The AP process is designed to give players as much opportunity to be called up to compete at a higher level and to assist the requesting team in fulfilling a need that has been created due to injury/illness.

Each team will be expected to AP 5 players plus a goalie at the same age group and one level below. They are also to AP 5 players plus a goalie from the Division below at the same level, refer to the examples below:

1. Minor Pee Wee AAA team is to AP five (5) players plus a goalie from Minor Pee Wee AA team. They are also to AP five (5) players plus a goalie from the Major Atom AAA team.
2. Atom A team is to AP five (5) players plus a goalie from Atom AE team. They are also to AP five (5) players plus a goalie from Minor Atom A team.

This process provides each team a minimum of 10 players plus 2 goalies to draw from when the circumstances arise.

New to the AP process this season is that the Coach of the requesting team is to e-mail/call the coach/contact and the convenor. Coaches are obligated to promote and support the AP process. The requesting coach must always have his second choice prepared if his first choice is sick, or chooses not to come. Once the arrangements have been made between the coaches, the requesting coach must e-mail the Convener with the results refer to the examples below:

1. Requested two players for practice (Burns/Smith) both players attended practice.
2. Requested Burns, coach felt that for disciplinary reasons he should not attend and offered Smith, or Black. Smith attended.

The requesting Coach /Manager must clearly identify AP's on the game sheets as the Conveners will track the number of AP's used throughout the season in both games and practice.

The cut-off dates for the 08/09 season for the teams to have AP lists submitted to Adrian VanHemmen for OMHA approval are as follows:

AAA	September 12, 2008
AA	September 17, 2008
A	September 24, 2008
AE	October 2, 2008 **Note: AE teams will be allowed to add 5 players plus a goalie once the house leagues commence**

Coaching staff failing to support the AP process endorsed by OMH may result in suspension.

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AFFILIATED PLAYER (AP) PROCESS GUIDELINES FOR COACHES

OMH asks Coaches to use an AP when their team is short one player, or more and the team the Coach is requesting from is either practicing, or off the ice. To take a player from another team that has a game must be an emergency situation only. The final decision is the player's/parent's. OMH asks the Coach making the request to consider the disruption to the team below before making the request.

AP Process Procedure Summary:

- A player may only be affiliated to one (1) team
- An AP is only to be requested when your team is short 1 player, or more. Coaches can not call up an AP to sit a player on your team for disciplinary purposes.
- Before Coaches choose AP players ask yourself the following three (3) questions:
 1. **Will the player help you?**
 2. **Is the player eligible?**
 3. **Does he want to help you?**
- **New for the 08/09 season** – The AP player and parent will sign a letter of intent which commits the player to go to the AP team when requested.
- Coaches are not to put players on their team's AP list that they have no intention of using.
- AP process is to be handled between the two (2) Coaches of the affected teams. The Coach may delegate this task to the Manager. Ensure that you have the home phone, cell phone and e-mail of the Head Coach and/or delegate. If a delegate is to be used, the delegate must be given the authority by the Head Coach to make the final decision.
- The requesting Coach, or delegate should make the call to the team they are requesting the AP player from by phone. If the Coach, or delegate is unable to reach the team contacts by phone an e-mail message is to be sent to everyone involved including your Convenor. In the event the requesting Coach is unable to get in contact with the Coach, or delegate contact your Convenor for assistance.
- The Coach of the player being requested has the **obligation to promote** this process for the benefit of the player involved.
- When ever possible 24 hours notice should be given, but notification due to illness or family emergencies prior to game days is uncontrollable, and players should not be held back.
- The only reason for denial of the requested player would be a disciplinary reason, or injury. In this situation an alternate player is to be selected by the requesting Coach.
- A player needed for a game can not be held back because his team has a practice and is preparing for playoffs, a big game or working on break outs etc.
- If both teams are practicing the Coach of the requested player is **obligated** to promote the player to practice with the team above.
- If both teams have a game, the Coach of the requested player is **obligated** to promote the player to attend the game for the team above and the coach sending the player should be requesting a player from the team below.
- If the team of the requested player has a game and the requesting Coach is practicing, the Coach is **not obligated** to send the player to the practice from the team above, however he can allow it and request an AP player from the AP list.
- Any disagreements resulting from the AP process must be referred immediately to the Mentor of Player and Coach Development. His decision will be final.
- It is the Head Coach's responsibility to ensure that AP players are listed on the game sheet accordingly.
- Convenor's for each division will track the number of AP's used by each team in games and practice.