



# Garden City Minor Hockey Association

## **Affiliation Notes**

Affiliate players are integral in development and strength of competition. Each team will complete an Affiliate Player Roster using only GCMHA members.

## **Affiliation Protocol:**

- “AA” AP’s from A only unless approved by GCMHA. Limited # of AP’s (2) from the AA team at the age below will be allowed, only after age below has selected their AP’s.
- “A” AP’s from AE only unless approved by GCMHA. Limited # of AP’s (2) from the A team at them age below will be allowed, only after age below has selected their AP’s.
- “AE” AP’s from House League and Merritton Local League.

## **Affiliation Procedure:**

1. Contact the coach of the team you wish to affiliate from BEFORE speaking to the parents of the player to be sure the player has not been affiliated with another team and is eligible for affiliation.
2. Contact the parent(s) to make the offer of affiliation and fill out the OFFER OF AFFILIATION form.
3. When inviting an affiliate player to practice or play a game with your team, the player’s rostered coach has to be notified to be sure that the player CAN affiliate with no conflicts with his/her regular team’s schedule or discipline issues.

**Notes:** Communication with the parents and the coach of an AP player is very important. Don’t promise to AP a player if you have NO intention of using him. Also communicate to the regular coach on the player’s performance when he affiliates. A player will more likely display their areas for improvement (weaknesses) when playing for a higher category or up an age, and this information may help the regular coach.