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U7/U9 Affiliation Frequently Asked Questions

Can a five-year-old (U7) player affiliate to a U9 Team?

A five-year-old player cannot affiliate to a U9 Team.

Can a six-year-old (U7) player affiliate to a U9 Team?

A six-year-old player may affiliate to a U9 Team when the U9 program is participating in modified ice during the first half of the season. Additionally, these players may affiliate when the U9 team does not have nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the U9 team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.

Can a seven-year-old (U9) player affiliate to a U11 Team?

A seven-year-old player cannot affiliate to an U11 Team.

Can an eight-year-old (U9) player affiliate to a U11 Team?

A eight-year-old player may affiliate to a U11 Team when the U9 program has transitioned to full ice programming (January 15th). Additionally, these players may affiliate when the U11 team does not have nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the U11 team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.

Can an approved affiliate player practice with the higher-level Team, regardless of the timing during the season?

Players who have been approved on a team's affiliate list can practice with the higher division team, regardless of whether the higher-level team is playing in full ice or half ice games. Only approved affiliated players can participate in the higher division team, unless two teams are hosting a shared practice.

NEW – Can a Goaltender affiliate up to the higher-level/ Team, regardless of the timing during the season?

The goaltender is a crucial part for any Team. As such, should a U9 or U11 Team not have a goaltender for a game – regardless of whether the higher level team is playing in full ice or half ice games – a goaltender is permitted to affiliate up.



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Nipissing District Hockey League Pilot Project – Affiliation Frequently Asked Questions

Important Note: Associations participating in this Pilot are delivering programming for U7 and U8 together, and U9 as a separate division.

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Can a seven-year-old (U8) player affiliate to a U9 Team?

A seven-year-old player may affiliate to a U9 Team when the U9 Team has fewer than nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the U11 team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.

Can an eight-year-old (U9) player affiliate to a U11 Team?

A eight-year-old player may affiliate to a U11 Team when the U9 program has transitioned to full ice programming (November 1). Additionally, these players may affiliate when the U11 team does not have nine (9) players for a particular game. In these situations, the U11 team may affiliate player(s) to get to nine (9) players regardless of the game structure.